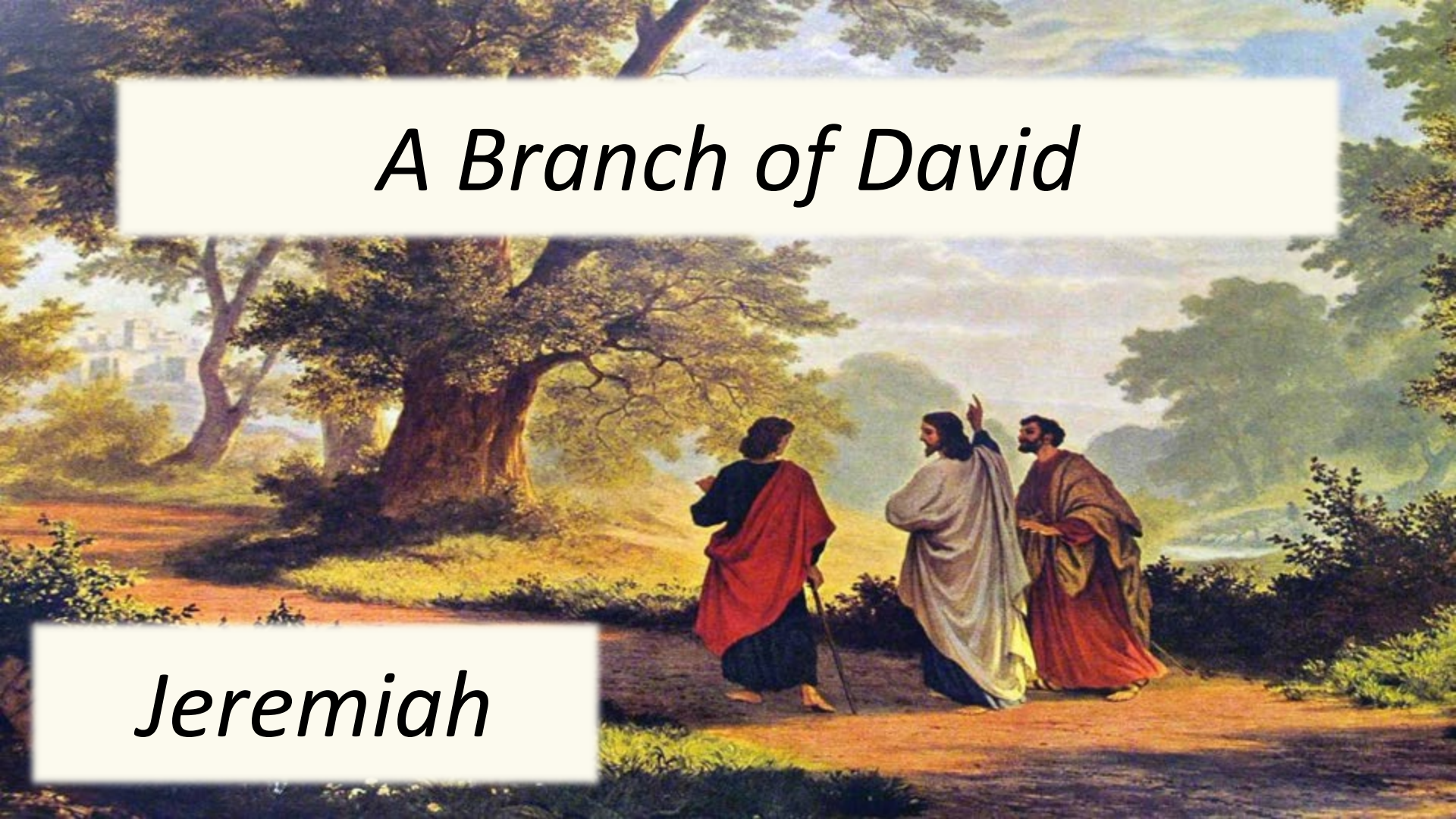


Then beginning with Moses and with all the prophets, He explained to them the things concerning Himself in all the Scriptures. (Luke 24:27)

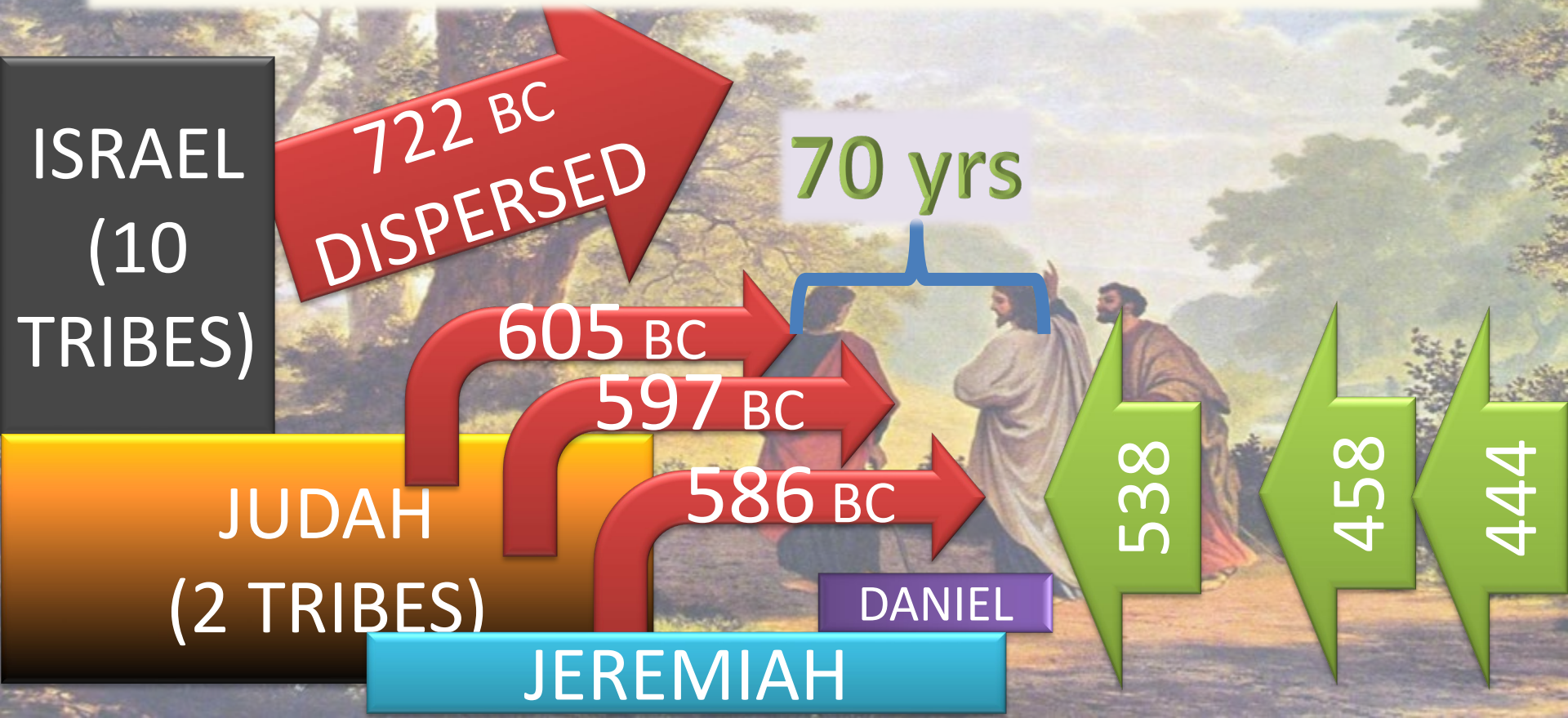


A painting depicting three men in a lush, sunlit landscape. The man on the left, wearing a red shawl over a dark tunic, is seen from the back, holding a staff. The man in the center, with long hair and a beard, wears a light-colored robe and points his right hand towards the sky. The man on the right, also with a beard and wearing a brown and red robe, looks towards the central figure. They are standing on a dirt path. In the background, a large, ancient tree with a thick trunk stands prominently. Beyond the trees, a distant city with domes and minarets is visible under a hazy sky. The overall style is that of a classical or religious painting.

A Branch of David

Jeremiah

A Brief Timeline



In Jeremiah's Day

- *Chaos*: spiritual, political, social, moral (see 2 Kings 23-25)
- (Post-Josiah) corrupt leaders, blatant idolatry, immorality, injustice
- Empty religion, false prophecy, disregard for God's word

Jeremiah's Message

- Repent! (4:1-4)
- Babylon is coming! (4:5-9)
 - Punishment for our sin (4:10-22:30)
 - The temple will be destroyed and the land made desolate (7:1-34)
- Yet God will bring us back (23:3)

A Righteous Branch (23:5-6)

- *For David – God’s covenant (cf. 2 Sam. 7:8-16; 1 Kings 2:1-4; Ps. 89)*
 - Cf. Isa. 9:6-7; 11:1-5; Rev. 5:5
 - “The record of the genealogy of Jesus the Messiah, the son of David...” (Matt. 1:1)

A Righteous Branch (23:5-6)

- *He will reign as king and act wisely, unlike many of David's descendants*
- *[He will] do justice and righteousness like David (2 Sam. 8:15), in contrast to King Zedekiah (2 Kings 24:19)*

A Righteous Branch (23:5-6)

- *In His days Judah will be saved, And Israel will dwell securely -> brought back, reunited, and established in the promised land (see 30:1-3; cf. Ezek. 37:19)*

A Righteous Branch (23:5-6)

- *The LORD our righteousness*
 - Zedekiah = “the LORD is my righteousness” [ironic]
 - The Branch is “the LORD our righteousness” -> He is God, who is righteous (Deut. 32:4)

A Righteous Branch (23:5-6)

- *Behold, the days are coming*
 - Used 15x -> Messiah / end times (peace, security, righteousness)
 - In contrast to the turmoil they were facing at that time
 - Yet to be ultimately fulfilled

David Their King (30:1-9)

- Not reincarnation!
- *David* came to symbolize the ideal King (cf. Ezek. 34:23; 37:24-28)
 - Deliverance from enemies, just judgement on oppressors
 - Israel will serve Him

David Their King (30:1-9)

- *On that day ... what day? See v. 7*
 - *Birth pangs & Jacob's distress -> the Day of the Lord (cf. Matt. 24; Zeph. 1:14-18)*
 - Will fulfill Deut. 30:1-10

David Their King (30:1-9)

- Hos. 3:4 For the sons of Israel will remain for many days **without king or prince**, without sacrifice or sacred pillar and without ephod or household idols.

David Their King (30:1-9)

- Hos. 3:5 Afterward the sons of Israel will return and seek **the LORD their God and David their king**; and they will come trembling to the LORD and to His goodness in the last days.

David Their King (30:1-9)

- *Their leader ... their ruler (30:21)*
 - *Shall be one of them* – as opposed to a foreign king/subjugator, e.g.- from Babylon (cf. Deut. 17:15)
 - Everyone who sat on the throne in Jerusalem was from David's line

David Their King (30:1-9)

- *Their leader ... their ruler (30:21)*
 - *Near, approach* -> priestly function (cf. Num. 16)
 - *For who would dare...* -> no one chooses the priesthood for himself (cf. Num. 17; Heb. 5:1-4)

Righteous Branch of David (33:14-26)

- From the house of David
- *He shall execute justice and righteousness on the earth -> worldwide rule / influence*
- *Jerusalem will dwell in safety -> peace and security in Jerusalem(?!)*

Righteous Branch of David (33:14-26)

- *the Levitical priests*
 - Cf. Phineas (Num. 25:10-13)
 - Restoration of the sacrificial system
 - Worship and fellowship offerings
 - The temple must be rebuilt (cf. Eze. 40-44; Rev. 11:1-2)

Righteous Branch of David (33:14-26)

- *...I will fulfill...* -> reiterating God's steadfastness to keep His promises
– Look to God's *covenant with day and night and the fixed patterns of heaven and earth* for confirmation (cf. Rom. 11)

So What?

- Today, *chaos!* (cf. Matt. 24:3-8)
- God has NOT promised our nation *a hope and a future* (Cf. Jer. 29)
- But He has promised us He will take His people *home* (1 Thess. 4:13-18)
- “Come, Lord Jesus.” (Rev. 22:20)

It Is Well With My Soul

*And Lord haste the day when my faith
shall be sight*

The clouds be rolled back as a scroll

*The trumpet shall resound and the Lord
shall descend*

Even so it is well with my soul

So What?

- In the mean time:
 - Trust God!
 - Continue in God's Word (2 Tim. 3:1-4:5)
 - Pray for the peace of Jerusalem (Ps. 122)