

November 29, 2020 Responsive reading

Pastor: For the time is coming; says the Lord, when I will place a righteous Branch upon King David's throne.

Congregation: He shall be a King who shall rule with wisdom and justice and cause righteousness to prevail everywhere throughout the earth. And this is His name: The Lord, our Righteousness.

Pastor: For unto us a Child is born; unto us a Son is given; and the government shall be upon His shoulder.

Congregation: These will be His royal titles: Wonderful, Counselor, The Mighty God, The Everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.

Pastor: His ever-expanding, peaceful government will never end. He will rule with perfect fairness and justice from the throne of His father, David.

Congregation: He will bring true justice and peace to all the nations of the world. This is going to happen because the Lord of Heaven has dedicated Himself to do it!

Pastor: The royal line of David will be cut off, chopped down like a tree; but from the stump will grow a Shoot – yes, a new Branch from the old root.

Congregation: And the Spirit of the Lord shall rest upon Him, the Spirit of wisdom, understanding, counsel and might; the Spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the Lord.

Pastor: His delight will be obedience to the Lord. He will not judge by appearance, false evidence, or hearsay, but will defend the poor and the exploited.

Congregation: He will rule against the wicked who oppress them. For He will be clothed with fairness and truth.

Pastor: And Christ became a human being and lived here on Earth among us and was full of loving faithfulness and truth.

Congregation: And some of us have seen His glory – the glory of the only Son of the heavenly Father.