

The Coming King

Isa 32:1-2 *Behold, a king will reign in righteousness, and princes will rule with justice. A man will be as a hiding place from the wind, and a cover from the tempest, as rivers of water in a dry place, as the shadow of a great rock in a weary land.*

In the previous chapter, Isaiah has warned those who looked to Egypt for their deliverance. We know that God had promised a coming judgment upon Judah for their idolatry. Time and time again God had warned by His prophets of a coming captivity in the land of Babylon. The earthly throne of David was soon to come to a disgraceful end. Yet Isaiah had also spoken of a remnant, on one occasion referred to as a stump of Jesse out of which a stem would come forth. Thus, there was that hope of a coming King, a king who would be different from all previous kings. He would be of the lineage of David as has been promised, but He and His kingdom would be fully different from the earthly kingdom of David. Once again in this passage we hear this promise, behold, a king will reign in righteousness. He shall be a place of protection and provision for His people.

A. A King will reign in righteousness - *Behold, a king will reign in righteousness*

1. This will be a king who will be different from all the previous kings of Israel
 - a. David as king had committed serious sins
 - b. Solomon had let his many wives turn his heart from the Lord
 - c. Many kings had ruled with oppression and without justice or mercy
 - d. Many had given themselves over to idolatry
2. Isaiah is not talking about a government that is partly righteous
 - a. It is clear that he speaks of a ruler who is completely righteous
 - b. Totally different from the actual governments of Isaiah's day
 - c. This is why I am convince that this speaks of the Messiah and His kingdom
3. This kingdom will come about as a result of the judgment of God against the rebellious state of the earthly kingdoms of Israel and Judah
 - a. Remind you again that with every threat of coming judgment there has been a promise of a remnant
 - b. With every threat of coming judgment there has been a promise of a coming King who would reign in righteousness
 - c. Since the carrying away into captivity there was never again a king in Israel until Jesus was born King of the Jews
4. It will be a kingdom of perfect righteousness
 - a. Jesus alone is that King who was perfectly righteous in that He was without sin

*Heb 4:15 For we do not have a High Priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but was in all points tempted as we are, **yet without sin.***

- b. Born a King yet He humbled Himself and became obedient to the Father

Phil 2:8 And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death, even the death of the cross.

- c. It is written that He delighted to do the will of the Father – in His very inward being He was righteous
- d. And it is by His obedience He has provided a perfect righteousness for all the citizens of His Kingdom

Rom 5:19 For as by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so also by one Man's obedience many will be made righteous.

B. He shall be a place of protection and provision for His people - *A man will be as a hiding place from the wind, and a cover from the tempest, as rivers of water in a dry place, as the shadow of a great rock in a weary land*

1. He – a man shall reign upon this throne
 - a. A man – the Word became flesh and dwelt among us
 - b. Jesus was born of the seed of David according to the flesh – Rom 1:3
 - c. Declared to be the Son of God with power – Rom 1:4
 - d. Jesus Christ, truly God and truly man
 - e. Truly man – *For unto us a Child is born, unto us a Son is given*
 - f. Truly God – And His name will be called "The Mighty God"
2. He, the King Himself shall be our hiding place and our cover from the wrath of God - *as a hiding place from the wind, and a cover from the tempest*
 - a. The wind and tempest here speaks of the coming judgment of God

Isa 26:20-21 Come, my people, enter your chambers, and shut your doors behind you; hide yourself, as it were, for a little moment, until the indignation is past. For behold, the Lord comes out of His place to punish the inhabitants of the earth for their iniquity

- b. It is from that day of wrath that we need a hiding place
- c. It is in our King that we find that hiding place
- d. The one on the throne will be that very protection.
- e. Christ has become our refuge and our hope having tasted death in our place

*Heb 2:9 But we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels, for the suffering of death crowned with glory and honor, that He, by the grace of God, **might taste death for everyone.***

- f. Rejoice Christian the King Himself is your refuge from the wrath of God

*Heb 6:17-18 God . . . confirmed it by an oath, that by two immutable things, in which it is impossible for God to lie, we might have strong consolation, who **have fled for refuge** to lay hold of the hope set before us.*

Psa 91:1-2 He who dwells in the secret place of the Most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty. I will say of the Lord, "He is my refuge and my fortress; My God, in Him I will trust."

- g. He Himself has provided a covering for our sin - *And He Himself is the propitiation for our sins.* 1 Jn 2:1

*Rom 3:24-25 We have been – "Justified freely by His grace through the redemption **that is in Christ Jesus**, whom God set forth as a propitiation by His blood, through faith, to **demonstrate His righteousness.**"*

- h. He is the good Shepherd who gave His life for the sheep, provided safety and protection for His sheep

3. A shade from the heat of the sun - *as the shadow of a great rock in a weary land*

- a. We will not be as those whose seed fell amongst the rocky soil
- b. Come unto me all you that labor and are heavy laden and I will give you rest

Matt 11:28-30 Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For My yoke is easy and My burden is light."

- i. For our King did not come to condemn us rather he came to redeem us from our sins

John 3:17-18 For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved. He who believes in Him is not condemned.

4. He shall be as water in a dry land - *as rivers of water in a dry place*

- a. He alone is the water of life
- b. As He spoke to the woman at the well

*John 4:13-14 Jesus answered and said to her, "Whoever drinks of this water will thirst again, but whoever drinks of the water that I shall give him will never thirst. But the water that I shall give him will become in him a fountain of water springing up **into everlasting life.**"*

- c. Once again we see that our Lord Jesus Christ is that promised King for all who believe in Him will never thirst.

*John 6:35 And Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life. He who comes to Me shall never hunger, and **he who believes in Me shall never thirst***

CONCLUSION:

All the promises of this King are fulfilled in Christ

All the comfort promised in this King have been fulfilled in Christ

He alone is our refuge and our strength

A very present help in time of trouble

And this Kingdom of refuge and protection will be ours for all eternity

*Rev 7:14-17 So he said to me, "These are the ones who come out of the great tribulation, and washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. Therefore they are before the throne of God, and serve Him day and night in His temple. And He who sits on the throne will dwell among them. They shall **neither hunger anymore nor thirst anymore; the sun shall not strike them, nor any heat;** for **the Lamb who is in the midst of the throne will shepherd them and lead them to living fountains of waters.** And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."*

Indeed how will one escape if they neglect so great a salvation?