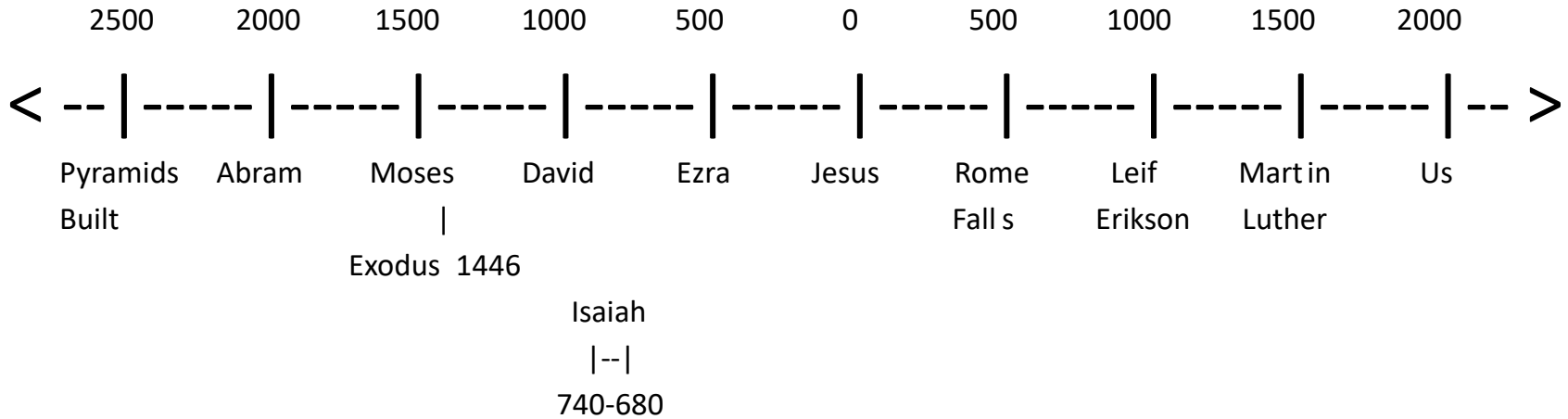
A woman with long brown hair, wearing a white robe, is shown from the chest up. Her hands are held out in front of her, palms up, in a gesture of offering or prayer. The background is a soft, out-of-focus light. On the left side, there are decorative, light-colored scrollwork patterns. The text "finding Jesus in" is written in a simple, brown, sans-serif font, and "Isaiah" is written in a large, black, cursive script font, both centered over the image.

finding Jesus in

Isaiah

Time Line



Finding Jesus in Isaiah

- Jesus is the Judge and Savior
- Jesus is the One Who Comforts
- Jesus is the Warrior King

Jesus is the Judge and Savior

JESUS:



Jesus is the Cornerstone

Isaiah 11

A shoot will come up from the stump of Jesse;
from his roots a Branch will bear fruit.

² The Spirit of the LORD will rest on him—
the Spirit of wisdom and of understanding,
the Spirit of counsel and of might,
the Spirit of the knowledge and fear of the LORD—

³ and he will delight in the fear of the LORD.

He will not judge by what he sees with his eyes,
or decide by what he hears with his ears;

⁴ but with righteousness he will judge the needy,
with justice he will give decisions for the poor of the earth.
He will strike the earth with the rod of his mouth;
with the breath of his lips he will slay the wicked.

⁵ Righteousness will be his belt
and faithfulness the sash around his waist.

Jesus is the Judge and Savior

How do we know this passage is talking about Jesus?

In the book of John, Jesus said “the Father judges no one but has given all judgment to the Son”. What other person, a descendant of Jesse, has the Spirit of the Lord resting on Him with wisdom, understanding, counsel, might and knowledge? Solomon? Not so faithful.

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Jesus is the Judge and Savior

Proclamation

- What was proclaimed about the Messiah?
 - David's kingdom will go on forever through a shoot that comes from the stump. He will be both the perfect Judge and Savior.
- Who was proclaiming it?
 - God through Isaiah
- To whom was it proclaimed?
 - The prophet Isaiah primarily addressed the people of **Judah and Jerusalem**, specifically during the reigns of kings Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz, and Hezekiah. His messages were directed towards the Jewish leaders and citizens, warning them of impending judgment and offering hope for future restoration.
- Was the proclamation received in visions or dreams?
 - Isaiah 1:1 The vision concerning Judah and Jerusalem that Isaiah son of Amoz saw during the reigns of Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz and Hezekiah, kings of Judah.
- How did the proclamation also apply to something occurring at that time?
 - Don't despair. The promise to David will be fulfilled. Not in their lifetime.
- Was the proclamation a message of hope or warning or both?
 - Definitely a message of Hope!
- In what ways could this proclamation be misapplied for the time it was written?
 - Each generation after the exile may have been hoping and praying this promise would be fulfilled in their lifetime and even today Jews are looking forward to this promise being fulfilled. Sad!!!

Jesus is the Judge and Savior

Isaiah 11 Context

Stump of Jesse – God tells Nathan to tell David...

2 Sam 7 “The LORD declares to you that the LORD himself will establish a house for you:

¹² When your days are over and you rest with your ancestors, I will raise up your offspring to succeed you, your own flesh and blood, and I will establish his kingdom.

¹³ He is the one who will build a house for my Name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever.

Jesus is the Judge and Savior

Isaiah 11 Context

After the exile there was no king. This promise seemed to be empty. The line of David seemed like a stump, a tree cut off and dead, with no shoots coming out of it.

But from this humbled stump, the nation of Israel with no king or kingdom for more than 500 years, will come a shoot...

^{IS 53:2} He sprouted up like a twig before God, like a root out of parched soil; he had no stately form or majesty that might catch our attention, no special appearance that we should want to follow him.

Jesus is the Judge and Savior

Reflection

Jesus was anointed by God to be King. Christ means the “anointed one” or the “chosen one”.

- Saul and David were anointed with oil and the Holy Spirit came upon each of them but each failed miserably to obey God completely and perfectly.
- Jesus was anointed with the Holy Spirit and would become the perfect and righteous King who would reign forever.
- We are also anointed with the Holy Spirit (^{1 Cor 1:21} He anointed us, ²² set his seal of ownership on us, and put his Spirit in our hearts as a deposit, guaranteeing what is to come.)

Notice the number 7 which symbolizes completion or perfection. Jesus is anointed with the 7 attributes of the Holy Spirit.

New International

1. Spirit of the Lord will rest on Him
2. Spirit of Wisdom
3. Spirit of Understanding
4. Spirit of Counsel
5. Spirit of Might
6. Spirit of Knowledge
7. Spirit of Fear of the Lord

New English Translation

- The Lord's Spirit will rest on Him
- Spirit that gives extraordinary wisdom
- Spirit that provides the ability to execute plans
- Spirit that produces absolute loyalty to the Lord
- He will take delight in obeying the Lord

Jesus is the Judge and Savior

Reflection

- Jesus judges perfectly, not with His 5 senses but by reading people's hearts by the standard of absolute truth.
- By this wisdom and power He will judge the poor righteously and slay the wicked powerfully with merely a command from His lips.
- In Christ's Kingdom, righteousness will be perfect and crime gone forever.
- Gospel writers and Paul say all people will stand before Christ to be judged, some to eternal destruction and some to eternal life, making him the Judge and Savior!

Jesus is the Judge and Savior

Application

How do we respond to Jesus being both Judge and Savior?

1. Recognize His authority over our lives.
2. Live with a sense of reverence and accountability knowing one day we will stand before Him.
3. This should give us the attitude of gratitude knowing He died for us to forgive us.
4. He calls us to repentance, confession of sins and faith.
5. Our Hope is in Jesus who makes all things right.
6. Accordingly, we can extend grace to others.

Jesus is the One Who Comforts



“I, I Am He
Who
Comforts
You...”

Isaiah 51:12

Jesus is the One Who Comforts

Isaiah 40

¹“Comfort, comfort my people,” says your God.

²“Speak kindly to Jerusalem and tell her
that her time of warfare is over,
that her punishment is completed.
For the LORD has made her pay double for all her sins.”

Jesus is the One Who Comforts

How do we know this passage is talking about Jesus?

The next three verses talk about John the Baptist preparing the way of the Good Shepherd mentioned in verse 11.

³ A voice cries out, "In the wilderness clear a way for the LORD; build a level road through the rift valley for our God.

⁴ Every valley must be elevated, and every mountain and hill leveled. The rough terrain will become a level plain, the rugged landscape a wide valley.

⁵ The splendor of the LORD will be revealed, and all people will see it at the same time. For the LORD has decreed it."

¹¹ Like a shepherd he tends his flock; he gathers up the lambs with his arm; he carries them close to his heart; he leads the ewes along.

Jesus is the One Who Comforts

Proclamation

- What was proclaimed about the Messiah?
 - God wants to comfort Jerusalem after their severe punishment and by extension Jesus came to comfort the needy.
- Who was proclaiming it?
 - God through Isaiah
- To whom was it proclaimed?
 - To the Jews especially after the exile.
- Was the proclamation received in visions or dreams?
 - Isaiah 1:1 - vision
- How did the proclamation also apply to something occurring at that time?
 - Could interpret it as God comforting them after the exile
- Was the proclamation a message of hope or warning or both?
 - Hope – God has always wanted to comfort His people and Jesus would gather his people as a hen gathers her chicks to protect and comfort them. But, people have to be willing to seek and accept comfort.
- In what ways could this proclamation be misapplied for the time it was written?
 - The Jews may take it as only applying to the returned exiles and miss the prophecy of the coming Messiah.

Jesus is the One Who Comforts

Reflection

- “For the LORD has made her pay **double** for all her sins.”
 - Jer 16:18 | will repay them double for their wickedness and their sin, because they have defiled my land with the lifeless forms of their vile images and have filled my inheritance with their detestable idols.”
 - Rev 18:6 Repay her the same way she repaid others; pay her back double corresponding to her deeds. In the cup she mixed, mix double the amount for her.

Jesus is the One Who Comforts

Reflection

- Notice the association of comfort with the forgiveness of sins. How powerfully comforting is it to know that our sins have been forgiven?
- Comfort is rooted in God's character. He longs to comfort His people. And Jesus, the coming Messiah, executes God's plan to comfort His people perfectly. He came to bring peace, to heal the broken hearted, and to proclaim freedom to those in captivity.
 - 1 Cor 1:3 Blessed is the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort, ⁴ who comforts us in all our troubles so that we may be able to comfort those experiencing any trouble with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God
- Jesus offers comfort deeper and more lasting than any comfort the world can provide. He knows our sorrows and carries our burdens. He has overcome the ultimate sources of our suffering – sin and death.

Jesus is the One Who Comforts

Application

- How do we experience Jesus as the One Who Comforts?
 - Bring all of our pain, worries and troubles to Him
 - **Matt 11:28** Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest.
 - Are all our troubles instantly removed? Or does He mostly sustain us through them?
 - Experience His comfort through the Word and the Holy Spirit (Comforter)
 - Let the Holy Spirit work within us to bring peace and hope in the darkest times
 - Pass it on – be compassionate and encouraging to others
 - Earthly comforts or discomforts are temporary but God's comfort is eternal

Jesus is the Warrior King



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Isaiah 63

- ¹Who is this who comes from Edom
dressed in bright red, coming from Bozrah?
Who is this one wearing royal attire,
who marches confidently because of his great strength?
“It is I, the one who announces vindication,
and who is able to deliver!”
- ²Why are your clothes red?
Why do you look like someone who has stomped on grapes in a vat?
- ³“I have stomped grapes in the winepress all by myself;
no one from the nations joined me.
I stomped on them in my anger;
I trampled them down in my rage.
Their juice splashed on my garments,
and stained all my clothes.
- ⁴For I looked forward to the day of vengeance,
and then payback time arrived.
- ⁵I looked, but there was no one to help;
I was shocked because there was no one offering support.
So my right arm accomplished deliverance;
my raging anger drove me on.
- ⁶I trampled nations in my anger;
I made them drunk in my rage;
I splashed their blood on the ground.”

Jesus is the Warrior King

How do we know this passage is talking about Jesus?

This same picture of the coming warrior King is given in Rev 19:11-21 when the Son of God goes to war.

Rev 19:16 He has a name written on his clothing and on his thigh: "King of kings and Lord of lords."

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Jesus is the Warrior King

Proclamation

- What was proclaimed about the Messiah?
 - The Messiah is coming as a mighty warrior bringing God's divine judgment but also deliverance.
- Who was proclaiming it?
 - God through Isaiah
- To whom was it proclaimed?
 - To the Jews
- Was the proclamation received in visions or dreams?
 - Isaiah 1:1 - vision
- How did the proclamation also apply to something occurring at that time?
 - God's judgment is coming upon Ephraim and Jerusalem but deliverance as well.
- Was the proclamation a message of hope or warning or both?
 - Both warning and hope
- In what ways could this proclamation be misapplied for the time it was written?
 - Maybe some thought God was only coming to bring justice to Assyria but not them. In Hezekiah's time that was true when God killed 185,000 Assyrian warriors.

Jesus is the Warrior King

Isaiah 63 Context

- The Lord is strikingly depicted as a mighty warrior
- He is returning from battle with robes stained by the blood of His enemies
- The Lord intervenes to bring divine judgment to establish righteousness but also to deliver the oppressed

Jesus is the Warrior King

Reflection

- This depiction is mirrored in Rev 19 and is somewhat unsettling but it reveals God's character: commitment to justice, righteousness and the defeat of evil
- The Lord does not tolerate oppression or wickedness and will ultimately triumph over His enemies
- Jesus ultimately fulfills this prophecy as the Warrior King and reigns forever

⁴For I looked forward to the day of vengeance,
and then payback time arrived.

- “Payback time arrived” is sometimes translated here “my redemption,” which means “deliver, buy back.”
 - A “kinsman-redeemer” was responsible for protecting the extended family's interests, often by redeeming property that had been sold outside the family.
 - He was also responsible for avenging the shed blood of a family member (see [Num 35:19-27](#); [Deut 19:6-12](#)). In [Isa 63:4](#), where vengeance is a prominent theme.
 - The Lord pictures himself as a blood avenger who waits for the day of vengeance to arrive and then springs into action.

Jesus is the Warrior King

Application

- How do we understand and embrace Jesus as the Warrior King?
 - Recognize it was central to His mission to defeat sin, death and evil
 - He is not only our Savior but victorious King
 - He is powerful to save and help us with the battles we face
 - Trust Him to make all things right in this world of injustice, violence and suffering
 - We are challenged to join Him in His battle against sin and evil
 - We are instructed to put on the full armor of God and be engaged in this battle (Eph 6)
 - Our battle is not against flesh and blood but against spiritual forces
 - Be assured the outcome is secure, Jesus our Warrior King has already won

In Two Weeks

- Jesus is the Healer of the Nations
- Jesus is the Glorious King
- Jesus is the Restorer of All Things