

August 13, 2023



FLORENCE BOULEVARD CHURCH OF CHRIST

HOPE: The Fulfillment of God's Promises in Isaiah

Isaiah 42:8, *"the former things have come to pass, and new things I now declare..."*

God had previously made three promises to Israel. He actually made many more, but three of these promises I will discuss. The three promises were:

1. A future king of David's lineage. (2 Samuel 7:11-17)
2. A covenant for Israel to be obedient through. (Exodus 19:5-6)
3. A gift to bless the world (nations). (Genesis 12:1-2)

There is to be a Future King of David's Lineage. (Isaiah 11:1-5)

¹"A shoot will come up from the stump of Jesse; from his roots a Branch will bear fruit."

A Covenant for Israel to be Obedient through. (Isaiah 42:6-7)

⁶"I, the Lord, have called you in righteousness, I will take hold of your hand. I will keep you and will make you be a covenant for the people and a light for the Gentiles, ⁷to open eyes that are blind, to free captives from prison and to release from the dungeon those who sit in darkness." (God's future servant, Jesus, will be the covenant for the people to obey and follow)

God's Blessing to the World. (Isaiah 56:6-8)

⁶And foreigners who bind themselves to the Lord to minister to him, to love the name of the Lord, and to be his servants, all who keep the Sabbath without desecrating it and who hold fast to my covenant—⁷ these I will bring to my holy mountain and give them joy in my house of prayer. Their burnt offerings and sacrifices will be accepted on my altar; for my house will be called a house of prayer for all nations."

⁸The Sovereign Lord declares— he who gathers the exiles of Israel: "I will gather still others to them besides those already gathered."

Here is what I observe from how God made and kept His promises:

1. His promises have a now and then component. They affect my current life situation but also have an impact on eternity. God cares for my life today and for forever.
2. His promises have a personal and worldwide component. They touch me individually, but are made to affect the world. God can care for the individual and then entire world simultaneously.
3. His promises have an understood and a not understood component. I understand the promises of God in that I know how to be obedient to them. I do not understand the promises of God in that I cannot fathom why our Eternal Father would take such interest in an unworthy people. But I guess that why He is Father, His love for His children is beyond our capability of grasping fully. So we thank God for His eternal love in Jesus Christ our Lord!

Austin Johnson

Elders

Steve Clark
Jake VanDyke
Ken Vanhorn
Mark Willingham

Deacons

Greg Allen
Justin Beckman
Kevin Clemons
Jeffrey Cox
Mike Davidson
Kyle Dickson
Gregg Elrod
Nate Fulmer
AJ Gooch
David Gooch
Lee Handley
Will Hodge
Brian McManus
Jamey Medley
Ronnie Putnam
Dave Schmidt
Mark Vanhorn

Minister

Austin Johnson

Youth Minister

John Birdwell

Secretary

Sonya Cox

2502 FLORENCE BOULEVARD

www.florenceblvd.org

PHONE (256) 766-3617

email: office@florenceblvd.org

FAX (256) 766-3546

Worship: Sunday 9:00 am & 5:00 pm; Bible Class 10:15 am; Wednesday: 6:30 pm

