



OLD TESTAMENT READING: Jeremiah 33:14-16

(God promises a leader will come forth like a branch from the all-but-extinct line of David. The leader will be righteous and bring justice. This promised leader would later be known in Judaism as “Messiah,” whose reign would establish “the messianic age.”)

- <sup>14</sup> The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah.
- <sup>15</sup> In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land.
- <sup>16</sup> In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: "The Lord is our righteousness."

**The Word of God for the people of God**