

Condition-Promise Verse (pg. 15)

John 20:31

“but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.”

Lesson One:

Jesus, God Who Cares for People

- Showing how the prophets spoke of the Redeemer to come who pays the price to bring people back to God. Jesus, the Redeemer could do this because He is without sin and He is the almighty God who fully cares for people. He proved it by paying the ultimate price, His life. Then He took it up again to be our living Redeemer.

Jesus is the Almighty God who cares for people. Therefore, He is able to be the Redeemer.

Colossians 1:15-17 “He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. ¹⁶ For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him. ¹⁷ And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together.”

Genesis 3:15 I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and her offspring; he shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise his heel.”

Micah 5:2 - But you, O Bethlehem Ephrathah, who are too little to be among the clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to be ruler in Israel, whose coming forth is from of old, from ancient days.

Isaiah 53:6 All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned—every one—to his own way; and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

Isaiah 9:7 Of the increase of his government and of peace there will be no end, on the throne of David and over his kingdom, to establish it and to uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time forth and forevermore. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.

Zechariah 9:9 Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem! Behold, your king is coming to you; righteous and having salvation is he, humble and mounted on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

Galatians 4:4-5 ⁴But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons.

Matthew 1:21 She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.”

Additional references for the Redeemer:

Luke 1:68, Galatians 3:13 and 4:5, Titus 2:14, I Peter 1:18

Explain: God said that Satan would be an enemy to Eve and all her children and their children. But one day, the Redeemer would be born. Even though Satan would strike at the Redeemer’s heel, the Redeemer would crush his head. This was/is an important promise.

Condensed: But you, O Bethlehem...from you shall come forth for me one who is to be ruler in Israel... Micah 5:2

Explain: The Redeemer would take on Himself all of our sin and the punishment for it. This is the sin of going away from God, each to his own way.

Explain: The Redeemer will rule with peace, justice and righteousness forever.

Explain: The Redeemer will be welcomed with great celebration as the righteous, saving King. This happened right before the first Easter when Jesus rode on a donkey as the tradition of Kings entering Jerusalem. He was praised by everyone, including children.

Explain: Redeem means to buy back. God, through His Son, Jesus, paid the price by dying on the cross to buy back each person from the bondage or slavery to sin. By raising from the dead, He showed that He has power over death. His plan is to adopt us into His family by forgiving us of our sins.

Explain: What the prophets wrote about in the Old Testament came true. Jesus, the Redeemer and Almighty God was born and He does save all those who turn to Him for forgiveness of their sin.