

6.2.B(43). **Fruitful House:** Fruitful **House of Prayer**
for the Kingdom. Mark 11:12-19

Read Mark 11:12-19.

Moreover, the Lord declares to you that the Lord will make you a house. ¹² When your days are fulfilled and you lie down with your fathers, I will raise up your offspring after you, who shall come from your body, ^[c] and I will establish his kingdom. ¹³ He shall build a house for my name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever. 2 Samuel 7:11b-13.

¹⁷ And he was teaching them and saying to them, “Is it not written, ‘My house shall be called a **house of prayer for all**

the nations’? But you have made it a **den of robbers.**” Mark 11:17

Background:

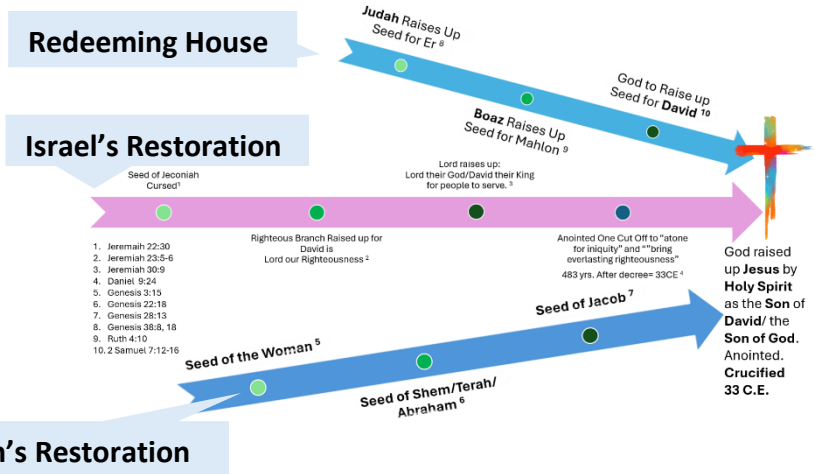
As a *household shepherd*, it is your responsibility to ingrain or restore *God’s Kingdom Purpose* for your Household! Remember, the durable and scalable *building block* of the Kingdom is the household, for all households *constitute* the eternal House of God.

For, in this second foundational aspect of Kingdom households, their God-given ***purpose***, households can become either the *perfection* of God’s plan to establish the Kingdom of God to displace the *dark works of the enemy*. Or, they become idolatrous, selfish expressions of the flesh.

As a household shepherd, whether sent to *shepherd* a single, modest household or as a

prophet to shepherd the entire House of Israel, remember that God *blesses* each house as recipients of his promises to the fathers. And, God's promises are not without purpose but fulfill his original plan for humanity, the *sons of Adam* and their generations.

Self-Defined or Purposeful House:



The Lord God's great purpose is to honor his Firstborn Son, Jesus Mashiach, as the Head of all

creation as his Heir. Exalting Jesus as Head over all things, the Lord's purpose is first to make him the Head and Redeemer of an eternal "House" whose "generations" inherit the "heavens and the earth" (Genesis 2:4). Thus, all God's promises are made to this Heir, the Firstborn Heir of God and Man, so that in him are fulfilled all God's promises of blessing. Apart from this Honored Son, there is no blessing.

To make the promised Seed/ Son the Redeemer of his House, God raises up the line of "Man," whose fall into sin enslaved them to the dark Serpent's rule. So, the emerging promise that the promised Zera (Seed) would one day "crush" the Serpent's head and restore God's blessing to all the families of the earth would be fulfilled in the "Seed" of Abraham.

And, this Seed of Abraham would come from the House of David, for God would "raise up" the Seed of David to redeem his people to establish a

new House for God and David, a house “sown” with both Jew and Gentile, the seed of “man and beast” (Jeremiah



31:27), which would establish the “throne” of Mashiach’s eternal “kingdom.”

This is the great purpose for every “household,” to be redeemed by Jesus Mashiach to be included in his Kingdom Household.

And, this is the great purpose for Israel, for it plays an instrumental role and will be the seat of Jesus Mashiach’s throne and Kingdom forever. For, Israel’s own history, as do the histories of both “humanity” and the “house of David,” lead to the *raising up* of Jesus Mashiach as the Son of David and the Son of God.

As the Firstborn of all Houses, including the Houses of Abraham and David, Jesus Mashiach enlists his people in this great path of Redemption,

building up the Kingdom of God by rescuing captives from Satan's Kingdom of Darkness. All households, but especially the House of Israel, were called to join this great purpose. As a Shepherd of your Household, make this the guiding purpose of your family.

For, as we have seen with the House of Israel, rejecting Jesus Mashiach as their Redeemer, they have sought to define their purpose before God. Seeing all of history leading not to the Son's proper coronation but Israel's supremacy. Robbing the Son of his glory, Israel exalts itself as God's "chosen" people. But, as we saw in the promises to Abraham and to David, God "chose" Israel as the House of His promised Mashiach. Without Mashiach, Israel has no purpose, much less to be exalted in his place!

For, even Israel's own history most recently ends with the *cursing* of Jeconiah's Seed but the promise of David's Seed "raised up" to restore

God's blessing to Israel. Without Mashiach, the House of Israel remains under Jeconiah's curse—cut off from the blessing of God in a barren desolation.

Focus:

2. **Fruitful House:** Fruitful **House of Prayer:** the Gospel of the Kingdom.

1. **Satisfying Fruit:** purpose of House.

Barren House is denounced/ cast aside.

11:12-14.

2. **Self-Enriching House:** Temple becomes marketplace. 11:15-16.

3. **Purpose of House:** House of prayer for the nations. 11:17-19

Consider:

Question:

Further Discovery: