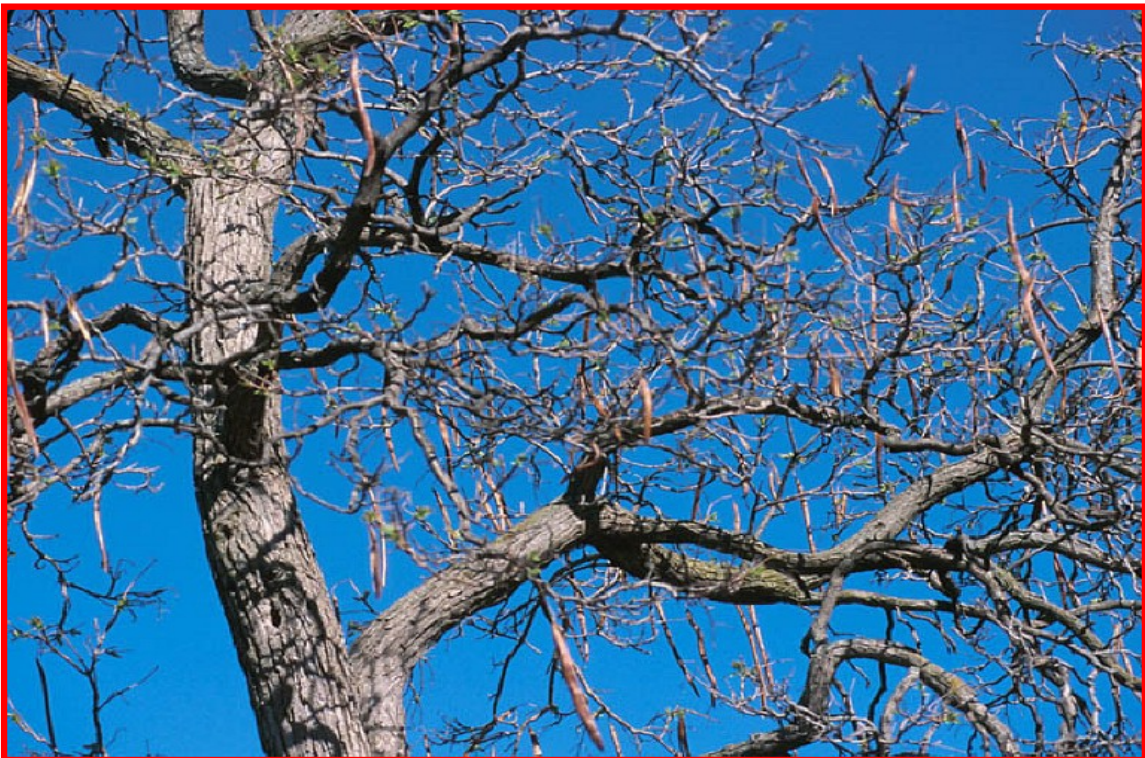


Lesson 10

Pictures of Jesus

The Branch of the Lord



Isaiah 11:1 | “A shoot will come up from the stump of Jesse;
from his roots a Branch will bear fruit.

Isaiah 4:2 | “In that day the Branch of the Lord will
be beautiful and glorious.”

When God's chosen people, the Israelites, turned away from God, He punished them. Israel was taken captive by other nations. Many of the Israelites never returned to their land again.

Even though God was punishing the Israelites, He made them a promise. At some time in the future God would send a Savior to the people. God used the picture of a branch growing out of the stump of a tree to show the people what He was going to do. The nation of Israel was like a tree that was cut down. Out of the stump of that tree a new branch would grow and bear fruit. That Branch was Jesus.

Jesus would come from the family of David whose father was Jesse. Jesus would be born in Israel. As a branch grows and spreads and bears fruit, so it would be with Jesus. His message would grow and spread to all people. The fruit of this Branch is faith in Jesus which leads to salvation.

Like a giant tree, the Branch of the Lord would spread out and give shade and peace to the whole world. Everyone who believes in Jesus as their Savior can sit under this beautiful tree and feel peace. This is not a real tree; it is an

example using a picture of a tree that God draws to teach us about heavenly things. God uses pictures of things to teach us about real things. God wants us to understand the things He is talking about.

PRAYER TIME

Thank you Lord for giving us this nice picture of what Jesus is like. It helps us to understand things better and makes us love You more.
Amen