“But a shoot shall sprout from the stump of Jesse, and from his roots a bud shall blossom.”

ISAIAH 11:1

After the Babylonian Exile, only a remnant of the House of David remained. From David, the son of Jesse, according to the promise, God raised up for Israel a Savior — Christ the messianic King.

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