

## A Trek Through Isaiah 11 - 11:6 - 12:6

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The coming kingdom. 11:6-9

Description of the kingdom 11:6-8

Isaiah 11:6-9 (LSB)

6And the wolf will dwell with the lamb, And the leopard will lie down with the young goat, And the calf and the young lion and the fatling together; And a young boy will lead them.

7Also the cow and the bear will graze, Their young will lie down together, And the lion will eat straw like the ox.

8And the nursing baby will play by the hole of the cobra, And the weaned child will put his hand on the viper's den.

- V6 Predator and prey coexist peacefully.
- V6 Man leads gently, not oppressively. Animals accept his dominion.
- V7 Animals transformed; all herbivores.
- V8 No enmity between man and reptile.
- Curse reversed. As Ro 8:21 ...the creation itself also will be delivered from the bondage of corruption...

Summary and explanation 11:9

Isaiah 11:9 (LSB)

9They will do no evil nor act corruptly in all My holy mountain, For the earth will be full of the knowledge of Yahweh As the waters cover the sea.

- V9
  - Summary: the whole world will become God's holy mountain. No sin.
  - Explanation: all men have intimate knowledge of God.
- When? New heavens and earth.

The King gathers His people 11:10-16

- Two gatherings: the nations (Gentiles) and the remnant of His people (Israel)

Signal for all nations 11:10

Then it will be in that day, That the nations will seek the root of Jesse, Who will stand as a standard for the peoples; And His resting place will be glorious.

- In that day. In the end times.
- the nations will seek the root of Jesse
  - Nations. Gentiles. All nations will come.
  - Root of Jesse. Messiah.
  - How can the root of Jesse (his beginning) be the same as the shoot from the stem of Jesse (v1)? Because of the Incarnation: Eternal God became a man.
- Stand as a standard
  - No longer hidden in the stump.
  - As Jesus in Jn 12:32 And I, if I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all peoples to Myself.
    - The cross was the means to redeem all men and is the standard for them to come to.
  - Contrast w Is 5:26 He will lift up a banner to the nations. Then to punish Israel; now to bring her home.
- For the peoples. All the nations will come to Him. He will welcome them in.
- Resting place will be glorious.
  - Where He comes to rest. Jerusalem.
  - Lit glory. It will be glory.

## Gathering of Israel 11:11-12

Isaiah 11:11–12 (LSB)

11Then it will be in that day, that the Lord Will again acquire the second time with His hand The remnant of His people, who will remain, From Assyria, Egypt, Pathros, Ethiopia, Elam, Shinar, Hamath, And from the coastlands of the sea.

12And He will lift up a standard for the nations And assemble the banished ones of Israel, And will gather the scattered of Judah From the four corners of the earth.

- V11
- In that day. In the end times.
- The remnant of His people. Believing remnant of Israel.
- Second time. The first time was the Exodus.
- Assyria...Egypt. Superpowers, but no power can prevent the gathering.
- V12
- Banished...scattered. Not just to Babylon.
- From the four corners.
  - From all over the known world
  - South: Pathros (south Egypt) & Ethiopia (south of Egypt)
  - East: Elam and Shinar (Babylon)
  - North: Hamath.
  - West: coastlands of the sea

## A transformed people 11:13-14

Isaiah 11:13–14 (LSB)

13Then the jealousy of Ephraim will depart, And those who assail Judah will be cut off; Ephraim will not be jealous of Judah, And Judah will not assail Ephraim.

14And they will swoop down on the slopes of the Philistines on the west; Together they will plunder the sons of the east; They will stretch out their hands over Edom and Moab, And the sons of Ammon will obey them.

- V13
- God's people truly united. No jealousy or harassment on either side.
- V14
- They will swoop down. Take the initiative. Victorious over those who had been victorious over them.
- Will obey them. Head of the nations rather than being influenced by them. Contrast Is 2:6a ...the house of Jacob...full of things from the east and of fortune-tellers like the Philistines,

## Highways for God's people 11:15-16

Isaiah 11:15–16 (LSB)

15And Yahweh will devote to destruction The tongue of the Sea of Egypt; And He will wave His hand over the River With His scorching wind; And He will strike it into seven streams And make men walk over dry-shod.

16And there will be a highway from Assyria For the remnant of His people who will remain, Just as there was for Israel In the day that they came up out of the land of Egypt.

- V15
- Obstacles removed
  - Devote to destruction the tongue of the Sea of Egypt. As in the Exodus
  - Wave His hand over the River. The Euphrates reduced to small streams.
  - Highway. All obstacles removed.
- V16
- The remnant of His people who will remain. Believing remnant of Israel.
- Just as there was for Israel In the day that they came up out of the land of Egypt.
  - All Israel brought out
  - All done by Yahweh.

## Application

- 11:10 says the nations will seek the root of Jesse, Who will stand as a standard for the peoples
  - Standard: signal.
  - In Isaiah's day, in a battle, each side raised their standard. Standard-bearer next to the king.
  - What was the purpose of the standard?
    - Shows where the King is
    - Shows where his soldiers rally to.
    - While it is standing: a challenge to the enemy; encouragement to his people
    - If it advances, He is winning. If it retreats, we are losing. If it falls, we are defeated.
  - In the world there is the standard of the ruler of this world. (One person holds up the black flag). The whole world is under his rule. All men are born into his kingdom. All of us once were his slaves.
  - But Isaiah says that a new standard will appear, the standard of the root of Jesse <the Messiah>, and the nations will seek it. (Another person holds up the white flag) A new combatant stands to challenge the ruler of the world.. This is now happening: the root of Jesse is Jesus, and people from all nations are seeking Him.
  - What does it mean that He will stand?
    - He wins.
    - Satan will be defeated.
  - How should we respond?
    - Leave the ruler of the world.
    - Go to Jesus.
    - Recognize Him as Savior and King.
    - Fight for Him against the powers of darkness.
    - Bring others to Him
  - How do we fight for Him?
    - Acknowledge Him as our Lord
    - Walk in the Spirit; put to death the flesh
    - Work the works of God. As John 8:29 (LSB) I <Jesus> always do the things that are pleasing to Him."
    - Go and make disciples.
    - Remember that our enemy is not flesh and blood.
  - Can we fight against Him? How?
    - Don't love Him
    - Don't love others
    - Do nothing. Cannot be neutral.

## Individual and Community Salvation, Praise, and Thanks 12:1-6

- An inclusio with 6:1-13
  - 6:1-13 Isaiah's conviction and salvation
  - 7:1 - 9:7 Address to Judah 9:8 - 11:16 Address to Israel
    - Sin and judgment
    - Believing remnant
    - Coming King
  - 12:1-6 Fruits of the royal work
    - Believing individuals in a believing community
    - Praise and thanks
- Individual and community
  - V1-2 first-person singular
  - V3-6 second-person plural

## Individual praise 12:1-2

### Isaiah 12:1–2 (LSB)

1Then you will say in that day, "I will give thanks to You, O Yahweh; For although You were angry with me, Your anger is turned away, And You comfort me.

2"Behold, God is my salvation, I will trust and not dread; For Yah—Yahweh Himself—is my strength and song, And He has become my salvation."

- V1
- You...I
  - Singular. Individual praise.
- In that day.
  - End times
  - Not a day of judgment but a day of rejoicing and praise
- V2
- salvation
  - For. The reason for thanksgiving:
    - God's wrath is turned away.
    - His comfort comes
  - But Yahweh is just; sin must be punished. There must be a substitute.
- the saved life
  - Trust. Exercising faith.
  - No fear
    - "I will trust and not fear" is what Isaiah was trying to get Ahaz to say.
  - Strength from God. To endure and obey.
  - Song. Celebration of God.
  - Quotes Ex 15:2 Yah is my strength and song, and He has become my salvation... But note the emphasis: "Yahweh Himself" has done this.

Community praise 12:3-6

Isaiah 12:3–6 (LSB)

3Therefore you will joyously draw water From the springs of salvation.

4And in that day you will say, “Give thanks to Yahweh, call on His name. Make known His deeds among the peoples; Make them remember that His name is exalted.”

5Praise Yahweh in song, for He has done majestic things; Let this be known throughout the earth.

6Cry aloud and shout for joy, O inhabitant of Zion, For great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.

- You. Plural.
  - Enjoying salvation is done in community.
- Supplied with grace
  - Water...springs
    - Receiving an unending supply of refreshment
    - As Jesus speaking to the Samaritan woman in Jn 4:14 ...but the water that I will give him will become in him a well of water springing up to eternal life.”
- Responding with thanks and growth and witness.
  - Give thanks to Yahweh. For what He has done for them.
  - Call upon His name. Grow in the knowledge of His character as revealed in His deeds
    - As Paul prayed for the Ephesians in Eph 1:17-19 that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give to you the Spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the full knowledge of Him, so that you—the eyes of your heart having been enlightened—will know what is the hope of His calling, what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints, and what is the surpassing greatness of His power toward us who believe ...
  - Make known His deeds among the peoples
    - The result of growing in knowledge of Yahweh
    - Proclaim two things
      - His name is exalted
      - His deeds are majestic
    - throughout the earth.
      - Israel’s mission: to witness to the world.
      - Failed as a nation
      - Fulfilled in Christ.
- Cry aloud, and shout for joy, O inhabitant of Zion
  - Feminine. Maybe the women responding
    - As Ex 15:20-21 Miriam leading the women in song after Israel was delivered at the Red Sea.
    - Contrast Is 3:16 - 4:1 haughty daughters of Zion
    - With v1 (masculine) = the whole community.

- In your midst.
  - God's people were estranged from Him. (Is 1:4)
  - Then He will be back among them. As Is 4:5 ...then Yahweh will create over the whole area of Mount Zion and over her convocation a cloud by day, even smoke, and the brightness of a flaming fire by night; for over all the glory will be a canopy.
- The Holy One of Israel
  - Who is holy, holy, holy
  - Who is faithful to His people
  - Who is their only real security

#### Application

- In ch 7-11 Isaiah wrote about Judah and about Israel. Both turned away from Yahweh and will undergo judgment, but a remnant will be preserved. This will be done through the Messiah. Now in ch 12 he describes the remnant of Israel giving thanks and praising Yahweh for what He has done. We are not Jews but Gentiles. How do we apply ch 12?
- Ro 15:4 For whatever was written in earlier times was written for our instruction, so that through the perseverance and the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope.
  - To both Jews and Gentiles
  - Written for our instruction
  - Perseverance and encouragement of the Scriptures
  - Brings hope
- What do we see in ch 12 that applies to us and can provide perseverance and encouragement?
- What responses to what Yahweh has done does Isaiah describe? Do we have these responses?
- Ch 12 describes the believing remnant. How can we know that we are in the remnant?



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