

ISAIAH – Chapter 11

The Rise of God's Empire

Vs. 1 God will cut down the existing forest (Isa. 10:33-34) and replace it with a new one; one coming up from the stump of Jesse, David's father. Rev. 22:16 (God's choosing of David, Jesse's youngest son, 1 Sam 16:1-13.) God had promised David "a shoot would come forth from him." – 2 Sam 7:16 This branch will bear fruit (unlike so many of the other branches) Jer. 23:5-8; Isa. 11:10

Vs. 2 The 7-fold Spirit will rest upon this shoot of Jesse. Rev. 3:1

1) The Spirit of the Lord will rest on Him. Matt. 3:16-17; Isa. 42:1; 61:1

2) The Spirit of wisdom – Ex. 28:2-3

3) The Spirit of understanding – Eph. 1:9-10; 1 Cor. 2:10-16

4) The Spirit of counsel

5) The Spirit of strength

6) The Spirit of knowledge – Eph. 1:15-17

7) The Spirit of fear of the Lord

Note: The Holy Spirit is mentioned more in the book of Isaiah than in any other O.T. book – Isa. 11:2; 30:1; 32:15; 34:16; 40:13; 42:1; 44:3; 48:16; 59:21; 61:1; 63:10-11, 14

Vs. 3 He will delight in the fear of the Lord (Prov. 9:10). To fear God is to respond to Him in awe, trust, obedience and worship.

He will not judge the world by the typical human approach (superficial) swayed by what He hears and sees.

Vs. 4 But in contrast to verse 3; He will judge with righteousness and fairness in contrast to the present leaders of Israel. Isa. 10:1-2

The poor and the afflicted of the earth will be the beneficiaries of His justice, and the wicked will be slain!

Note: This being a description of the reign of Christ during the millennium – death will continue for the lost during the 1,000 years; the second advent of Christ brings to an end the death of any of the saved. Rev. 20:5-6

Vs. 5 He will wear:

- 1) Righteousness – Isa. 16:5
- 2) Faithfulness

Vs. 6-9 Conditions of the planet during the 1,000 years.

The curse will be lifted – Rom. 8:20-25; peace and harmony describe life in this period; and wild animals will again be tame.

The wolf, leopard, lion and bear will dwell safely with farm animals – lamb, goat, calf, cow and ox.

A little child will be safe with lions, bears, cobras, and vipers – Isa. 65:25

Vs. 9 God's Holy Mountain. Isa. 27:13; 56:6-8; 66:20; Ezk. 40:1-46:24

The earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea!
Jer. 31:31-34 (Hab.2:14)

Vs. 10 In that day – millennium – the nations will also resort to the Messiah of Israel –
Zech 14:9; Lk. 13:25-30. Gen 12:3 will find its complete fulfillment.

Jesus reigning from Jerusalem will stand as a signal.

His resting place will be glorious.

Vs. 11 Then it will happen...on that day – Matt. 24:29-31; Rom. 11:25-29; Ezk. 28:25-26; 34:11-31

Vs. 12 Deut. 30:1-6 – from the four corners of the earth, speaks to the extent that He has first scattered Israel.

Vs. 13 In that day of re-gathering Ephraim (Northern Kingdom) will not be jealous of Judah (Southern Kingdom) and Judah will feel no hostility toward the ten tribes.

Vs. 14 Israel's traditional enemies will no longer hurt them:

- 1) Philistines
- 2) Northern Arabia (sons of the east)
- 3) Edom
- 4) Moab
- 5) Ammonites

Vs. 15-16 When Israel returns to her land, God will prepare the way for her.

- 1) The Gulf of Suez will be dried up to enable her people to return from Egypt and Cush (Isa. 11:11).
- 2) The Euphrates river will be broken up into shallow streams so that the people can return to Israel from the east.
- 3) The return from Assyria (Isa. 10:20-23) will be like Israel's exit from Egypt. The nations of the earth will be talking about it for 1,000 years!