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Isaiah 11:1-9

LESSON: THE KINGDOM OF PEACE — September 4, 2016

INTRODUCTION:

Isaiah 10:20-34 The prophet Isaiah makes a prediction that was to come true within his own lifetime (Chp.37-38). Judah is encouraged to place their trust in God and His Word with the assurance that better days are ahead. It shall come to pass in that day the remnant of Israel shall escape the house of Jacob and no longer fear the Assyrians. Once the Assyrian army was destroyed, a small remnant of people of Israel would stop fearing Assyria, and start trusting God, the Holy One of Israel in truth; even the remnant of Jacob will return unto the Mighty God. Though the people of Israel, be as the sand of the sea, the remnant of the northern tribes were not totally lost in their dispersion by Assyria, but they would return. The key to being a part of the remnant was faith. The destruction is decreed overflowing with justice and righteousness (**10: 20-23**).

Isaiah reminds the people that they should not worry about the Assyrian who oppressed them as the Egyptians did long ago because in a little while God' indignation against them shall be accomplished and his anger will destroy them. ¹In spite of their early success the invading Assyrians were miraculously stopped by divine intervention. An account of this is given where the angel of the Lord slays the invading army. With this God lifted the Assyrian burden and yoke from Judah as decreed. (**10: 24-27**).

The route the Assyrian invaders took in trying to defeat Judah was from the north. They crossed over the northern boundary at Aiath, about eight miles north of Jerusalem, passing through lesser towns as they marched toward Jerusalem, finally coming south to Nob, about two miles from Jerusalem where they stopped to seemingly shake their fist at Jerusalem. The last two verses are displayed as the enemy being a forest that the Lord, the Lord of Hosts will hew down and the haughty shall be humbled. And He the Mighty One shall cut down the enemy as a woodsman's axe cuts down the forest trees in Lebanon (**10:28-34**).

LESSON:

1. THE PERFECT KING ISAIAH 11:1-5

11:1 And there shall come forth a rod out of the stem of Jesse, and a Branch shall grow out of his roots:—

²Isaiah predicts that the "tree" of the line of David will be cut down and that a shoot must grow out of the root stock of Jesse before the tree can flourish again. The imagery of the prophet is that of a felled tree—Assyria would be like a tree cut down at the height of its power (10:33-34), never to rise again. But, Judah (the royal line of David) would be like a tree chopped down to a stump. But from that stump a new shoot would grow—the Messiah. He would be greater than the original tree and would bear much fruit. Isaiah's point is to show that the kingdom has sunk so low to where the Davidic line will apparently be cut down, and yet somehow will spring forth again in the person of the Messiah. The prophet predicts that a "rod" (*shoot or*

¹ <http://www.family-times.net/commentary/the-returning-remnant-of-israel/>

² The KJV Parallel Bible Commentary

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sprout) shall come forth out of the "stem" (*root stock or stomp*) of Jesse (*David's father and the forefather of the Davidic line*) and from there a Branch will grow out of the roots.

11:2 And the spirit of the Lord shall rest upon him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the Lord;—The Spirit of the Lord had come upon David when he was anointed king (1 Sam.16:13; Ps.51:11), so the Spirit of the Lord rests upon the direct line of David, who is Christ, and He will fulfill God's promises in the Davidic Covenant, who will rule the world. The Messiah is more richly endowed with a threefold fullness of the Spirit:

1. *Wisdom and Understanding for wise leadership,*
2. *Counsel and Might to carry out with power His wise plan.*
3. *Knowledge and of the Fear of the Lord for knowing His holy submissive, honor unto the Father.*

11:3 And shall make him of quick understanding in the fear of the Lord: and he shall not judge after the sight of his eyes, neither reprove after the hearing of his ears:—The Spirit of the Lord fills Christ with quick understanding, suggesting a keen insight and smell and fragrance in the fear and reverence of the Lord enabling His judgments not by human eyesight and neither reprove (settle) matters after human hearsay. These are ordinary avenues for a king to obtain information needed to govern, but the future King will have supernatural perception; true spiritual vision beyond the usual sources.

11:4 But with righteousness shall he judge the poor, and reprove with equity for the meek of the earth: and he shall smite the earth: with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips shall he slay the wicked. When Jesus sits on the throne, He will be the first king in history to have the advantage of knowing **all** men's hearts. This is the kind of king the earth will have in the Millennium. Christ with quick understanding will judge with righteousness them who are poor, and "*reprove*" (decide fairly; set right) with "*equity*" (to administer justice) on behalf of the humble of the earth. The Messiah will reverse Israel's earlier dealings with the underprivileged. Thus, He shall rule the earth with the "*rod (shebet), scepter*) of His mouth", indicating that the rule of the Messiah shall be by the power of His spoken Word striking the earth, even to the extent that He shall slay the wicked with "*His breath*" (Rev.19:15) by the operation of the Holy Spirit. The mere words of Jesus have the power to judge the wicked. He only has to announce a judgment and it is done. His rule over the nations will be forceful.

11:5 And righteousness shall be the girdle of his loins, and faithfulness the girdle of his reins. It is His righteousness that shall be the "*girdle*" (*belt*) that holds together the spiritual greatness of His kingdom on earth.³ He will always exhibit Himself as a just and faithful king. "*The girdle of his loins*" refers to the "*cincture*", or "*band*", with which the ancients girded themselves. A part of their dress consisted of an outward, loose, flowing robe. This robe was necessary to gird up or to confine close to the body in active labor, or in running; and the meaning of the figure used here is, probably, that the virtues of righteousness and justice would adhere to Him as closely and inseparably as the garment does to the body to which it was bound. The girdle

³ <http://www.bibletools.org/index.cfm/fuseaction/Bible.show/sVerseID/17890/eVerseID/17890/RTD/Barnes>
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secures firmly the rest of the garments (1 Pt.1:13). So "truth" gives firm consistency to the whole character (Eph.5:14). "Righteousness and faithfulness" shall make Him active, ready, and strong in executing the great work which he shall undertake and girdle about Him.

2. THE PEACEFUL KINGDOM ISAIAH 11:6-9

11:6 The wolf also shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the kid; and the calf and the young lion and the fatling together; and a little child shall lead them. Isaiah describes what the Messiah's kingdom will be like. The Messiah's kingdom reign will be one of complete peace and harmony. As the Spirit of Lord rests upon Him, the dangerous predator animals like the wolf—leopard—lion—bear— are shown in deliberate contrast against the tamer defenseless animals. The predators will began to live in peace and harmony with the defenseless animals—the wolf will dwell with the lamb; the leopard lying down with the kid; the calf and the young lion and the "fatling" (fat cattle) together. It will be so safe that a little child can lead them. A child is already gentle and trusting; and thereby, the animals will be also. That's the glorious day God is leading us to.

11:7 And the cow and the bear shall feed; their young ones shall lie down together: and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. The cow will graze among the bears as their young ones (cubs and calves) lie down together. And now, what you've never seen before, the lion eating straw like the ox indicating a change of diet from carnivorous to vegetarian. This kind of change is good!

11:8 And the sucking child shall play on the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put his hand on the cockatrice' den. Babies or infant (sucking child) will crawl and play safely among the poisonous snakes. A small child not nursing (weaned child) will be able to put their hand on the den of venomous serpents (cockatrice) and pull it off unharmed.

11:9 They shall not hurt nor destroy in all my holy mountain: for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord, as the waters cover the sea. This will be a time when the earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea. Natural enemies will no longer be enemies. The food chain will become unchained. As it was in Eden, so it will be again. In the Millennium, animals are no longer carnivores. Bears and lions will be eating vegetation, snakes won't be biting people, and predators will not be hunting other animals anymore. This unparalleled time of spiritual and natural peace will result from the fact that the earth shall be "full of knowledge of the Lord"—referring here to recognition of the Lord's sovereignty, his reign, his Creation, his holiness, His Peace, His Messiahship witnessed, which will results in a willingness to submit to His authority. Not only will there be a remnant spared in Judah, but the day is coming when this Divine Messiah shall rule the entire world, and nothing by any means shall hurt or destroy in all Christ's Holy Mountain. The holy mountain refers to His dwelling place; the seat of His reign or Jerusalem.

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The Messiah's kingdom reign will be one of complete **peace and harmony**. The dangerous predator animals will not devour the weaker animals, but, will begin to live in peace. It will be so safe that a little child can lead them **(11:6)**. Cattle and the bear will graze together as their young ones lie down together. And the lion will eat straw like the ox **(11:7)**. A baby and a small child will be safe from harm while in the mist of venomous snakes and serpents **(11:8)**. No hurt or destruction will come in all of God's holy mountain for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord, as the waters cover the seas **(11:9)**.