

VVBC Bible Study

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Chapter 11 *continues* the prophetic message Isaiah began in chapter 9, verse 8 (9:8). Chapter 11 begins with a contrast between verse 1 (11:1) and the last two verses of chapter 10 (10:33,34). The previous chapter, chapter 10, ends with a note of devastating judgment. The LORD judges the Godless arrogance of Assyria. In contrast to divine judgment on Assyria, chapter 11 begins with a glimmer of hope for Israel. For new life springs from the fallen stump of Jesse, the father of David. A striking contrast and reminder that the lineage of David lineage and His throne will live on! God always fulfills His promises.

Isaiah likens both Assyria and Israel to majestic trees now fallen by the mighty axe of God (10:33 – 11:1). The might of the Assyrian, however, ends in ruin, while God preserves a remnant in Israel and secures the Davidic throne. The Messianic hope is NOT dead. By the power of God and *comfort* of God, Israel's root and shoot live on.

The shoot of Jesse will become the "Branch" of verse 4:2; it will be both fruitful and beautiful. No human power can accomplish this. Rather as 11:2 foretells, it will be a mighty work of the Almighty Spirit of God (v. 2). Messiah's rule will restore perfect justice and perfect peace on earth, extending even to the animal kingdom (vv.3-10).

(Note: Compare Messiah's just and righteous rule from Zion (or, Jerusalem) in 2:2-4).

- 1) Who is Jesse in verse 1. Why is he important? (see, 1 Samuel 16:5-11)
- 2) According to v.2, in what 6 ways will the Spirit of the LORD empower the Messiah?
(2)
- 3) How will Jesus judge? (3,4)
- 4) According to verse 5, what are 2 qualities that will characterize the "Branch" of the LORD? (5)
- 5) In verse 6, what 3 pairs of animals will dwell together? (6)

6) In verse 7, what will be the lions diet? (7)

7) What unusual conditions are pictured in verse 8? (8)

8) According to verse 9, how widely will the knowledge of the LORD be on earth during the reign of Messiah Jesus? (9)

9) The word “Mountain” in verse 9 can refer either to “Mount” Zion (i.e., Jerusalem; 2:2,3) or it can refer to the entire ‘kingdom’ of Messiah (see, Daniel 2:35). Both are true. According to verse 9, it will be what kind of mountain? (9)

10) The shoot and branch of Jesse in verse 1, now in verse 10 become the “root” of Jesse. How does this compare to Jesus’ words in Rev. 22:16b? (10)

11) In the book of Isaiah, and in the OT prophets, the phrase “*In that day*” frequently refers to the events of the Day of the Lord, that is, it has application to “end-time” events. Both verses 10 and 11 begin with this phrase, so both verses look to the far future when Messiah reigns for 1000-years in the millennial kingdom (cf. Rev. 20:1-6)

Verse 10 speaks of “in that day” all will rally around King Jesus! He will be the focus and center of it all! Then, in the rest v.10 and in vv.11,12, what else will occur when our Lord reigns? (10,11,12)

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12) In verse 13, Ephraim is a reference to the Northern Kingdom and Judah is a reference to the Southern Kingdom. What does verse 13 foretell will take place at this this later day? (13)

13) In that day, God will judge the enemies of Israel. He will initially use Israel to do so (v.14), but also God Himself will bring divine judgment (v.15; cf. the Trumpet & Bowl judgments of Rev. 8-16). A “highway” of the righteous will come from where? (16)