

Believers Together – Discovering the Word of God

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Consolation of Immanuel during the Assyrian Oppressions—Ch. 7–12

The Branch from Jesse—Isaiah 11:1–12:6

Open It

1. What visual image do you associate with the concept of peace?
2. If you were a judge in a court of law, what information would you want to have in order to be 100 percent sure of your judgments?

Isaiah 11:1–12:6 (ESV)

¹There shall come forth a shoot from the stump of Jesse, and a branch from his roots shall bear fruit.

²And 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 the fear of the LORD.

³And his delight shall be in the fear of the LORD. He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide disputes by what his ears hear,

⁴but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; and he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked.

⁵Righteousness shall be the belt of his waist, and faithfulness the belt of his loins.

⁶The wolf shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the young goat, and the calf and the lion and the fattened calf together; and a little child shall lead them.

⁷The cow and the bear shall graze; their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox.

⁸The nursing child shall play over the hole of the cobra, and the weaned child shall put his hand on the adder's den.

⁹They shall not hurt or destroy in all my holy mountain; for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the LORD as the waters cover the sea.

¹⁰In that day the root of Jesse, who shall stand as a signal for the peoples—of him shall the nations inquire, and his resting place shall be glorious.

¹¹In that day the Lord will extend his hand yet a second time to recover the remnant that remains of his people, from Assyria, from Egypt, from Pathros, from Cush, from Elam, from Shinar, from Hamath, and from the coastlands of the sea.

¹²He will raise a signal for the nations and will assemble the banished of Israel, and gather the dispersed of Judah from the four corners of the earth.

¹³The jealousy of Ephraim shall depart, and those who harass Judah shall be cut off; Ephraim shall not be jealous of Judah, and Judah shall not harass Ephraim.

¹⁴But they shall swoop down on the shoulder of the Philistines in the west, and together they shall plunder the people of the east. They shall put out their hand against Edom and Moab, and the Ammonites shall obey them.

¹⁵And the LORD will utterly destroy the tongue of the Sea of Egypt, and will wave his hand over the River with his scorching breath, and strike it into seven channels, and he will lead people across in sandals.

¹⁶And there will be a highway from Assyria for the remnant that remains of his people, as there was for Israel when they came up from the land of Egypt.

¹You will say in that day: “I will give thanks to you, O LORD, for though you were angry with me, your anger turned away, that you might comfort me.

²Behold, God is my salvation; I will trust, and will not be afraid; for the LORD GOD is my strength and my song, and he has become my salvation.”

³With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation.

⁴And you will say in that day: “Give thanks to the LORD, call upon his name, make known his deeds among the peoples, proclaim that his name is exalted.

⁵“Sing praises to the LORD, for he has done gloriously; let this be made known in all the earth.

⁶Shout, and sing for joy, O inhabitant of Zion, for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.”

Explore It

3. Using the image of a tree cut down to a stump, what did Isaiah predict for Judah? (11:1)
4. What qualities did Isaiah ascribe to the Branch of Jesse? (11:2–5)
5. What unlikely scenarios from nature were used by Isaiah to illustrate God’s peace? (11:6–
6. What image is used to describe the earth? When? (11:9)
7. What honors did Isaiah bestow upon the Root of Jesse? (11:10)
8. What did God promise to do for His people a second time? (11:11)
9. From where will the exiles be gathered? (11:12)
10. What long-standing hostility will be abolished when God reclaims His remnant? (11:13)
11. Over what traditional enemies would the reunited Hebrews triumph? (11:14)
12. In what miraculous way did God promise to intervene in order for the people to return to their land? (11:15–16)
13. What very personal expression of a delivered exile is included in Isaiah’s prophecy? (12:1–3)
14. What did Isaiah joyfully command as a means of praise to God? (12:4–6)

Get It

15. In what ways do you think Isaiah’s description of Messiah impressed the people to whom he was speaking?
16. What does it mean to delight in the fear of the Lord?

Apply It

17. What relationship can you ask God to restore according to His will?