

## A Trek Through Isaiah 18 - Is 11:1 - 12:6

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Prayer

### Introduction

For today

- Message to Israel 4: The Coming King 11:1-16
- Individual and Community Salvation, Praise, and Thanks 12:1-6

**(9:35)**

### **The righteous shall live by faith.**

Ro 1:17 ...“The righteous shall live by faith.”

Heb 11:6 And without faith it is impossible to please him, for whoever would draw near to God must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him.

He exists: **He has decreed all things.**

- Is 46:8-10 Remember this and stand firm, recall it to mind, you transgressors, 9 remember the former things of old; for I am God, and there is no other; I am God, and there is none like me, 10 declaring the end from the beginning and from ancient times things not yet done, saying, ‘My counsel shall stand, and I will accomplish all my purpose,’
  - Counsel and purpose are singular. Not many decrees but one decree made in eternity. Seen by us in time as many.
  - The end from the beginning. All things.
  - From ancient times. His decrees are eternal.
  - My counsel. His decrees are free.
  - Shall stand. His decrees are wise.
  - I will accomplish. His decrees are absolute.
  - You transgressors. Man is responsible.
- What does this say about His word?
  - Completely consistent. Revelation of a complete and perfect decree.
  - Completely dependable. Revelation of an absolute decree. Cannot fail.
  - Does not change. Revelation of an unchanging decree made in eternity. No bug fixes. No v2.0.
- No other book like this book. Do we believe this?

**(9:42)**

## The Coming King 11:1-16

### Context

- 11:1-16 a parallel section to 9:1-7.
  - Both speak of the coming King.
  - There the coming King was presented against the backdrop of the present darkness.
  - Here the coming of the King is preceded by the destruction of the world's kingdoms.
    - As Ps 2:2-5 The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, against the Lord and against his Anointed, ... 4 He who sits in the heavens laughs; the Lord holds them in derision. 5 Then he will speak to them in his wrath, and terrify them in his fury

### Structure

- Two parts. Each begins w the root of Jesse.
  - V1-9 The King and His kingdom.
  - V10-16 The King gathers His people.

11:1-5 The coming King.

V1 Heritage of the King

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

- Of Jesse. Referring specifically to David, who was a type of the greater King to come.
- Stump.
  - Isaiah could see the results of Ahaz' apostasy: the Davidic monarchy would appear to be dead. But from the stump of David will come the Branch (Messiah).
  - Contrast the Assyrian stump (Is 10:33-34) which is truly dead.
- Fruit. Not material blessing but the knowledge and the fear of the LORD. Fulfilling what was intended for the house of David.

V2 The endowment of the King.

(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 the fear of the LORD.

- Given in seven attributes. 1 plus 3 pairs.
- the Spirit of the Lord
  - identifies His anointing as of the LORD.
  - As Is 61:1-2a The Spirit of the Lord God is upon me, because the Lord has anointed me to bring good news to the poor; he has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to those who are bound; to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor...
    - Applied by Jesus to Himself in the synagogue at Nazareth (Lk 4:18-19)
- The Spirit of wisdom and understanding
  - Ruling attributes
  - Wisdom: Having knowledge. Able to rightly appraise and rightly judge.
  - understanding. Able to perceive the truth, especially of the human heart.
- the Spirit of counsel and might
  - Practical attributes
  - Counsel: Able to devise a tight course of action
  - Might: Able to carry it out.
- the Spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord.
  - Spiritual attributes
  - Knowledge: Having a relationship with God.
  - Fear of the Lord: the beginning of wisdom.

### V3-5 The motivation and behavior of The King

(3) And 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, (4) but 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. (5) Righteousness shall be the belt of his waist, and faithfulness the belt of his loins.

- Delight in the fear of the LORD.
  - As David in Ps 40:8 I delight to do your will, O my God; your law is within my heart.”
- Judgment with righteousness and equity.
- Not by eyes and ears. Indicating divine knowledge.
- Diligence to destroy the wicked.
  - By the rod of His mouth. As Rev 1:16b ...from his mouth came a sharp two-edged sword
  - kill the wicked. As 2 Th 1:8 ...And then the lawless one will be revealed, whom the Lord Jesus will kill with the breath of his mouth
- Belt of His waist.
  - Girded for battle. Belt held clothing in place.
  - Alternately may refer to mid-eastern belt-wrestling. Combatants girded themselves with a belt, then each attempted to take the other’s belt.
- righteousness...faithfulness.
  - As Rev 19:11 Then I saw heaven opened, and behold, a white horse! The one sitting on it is called Faithful and True, and in righteousness he judges and makes war.

11:6-9 The coming kingdom.

6 The 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. 7 The cow and the bear shall graze; their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. 8 The nursing child shall play over the hole of the cobra, and the weaned child shall put his hand on the adder's den. 9 They 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.

- The rule of the King produces a new world order of peace.
- Animals coexist peacefully.
- Man leads gently, not oppressively.
- Man and reptile are reconciled.
- No danger for children.
- They shall not hurt or destroy. True peace based on the knowledge of the LORD.

11:10-16 The King gathers His people

V10 Signal for all nations

In 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.

- In that day. In the end times.
- Root.
  - How can the root of Jesse (his ancestry) be the same as the shoot from the stump of Jesse (v1)? Answer: the Incarnation: Eternal God became a man.
- Stand as a signal. No longer hidden in the stump.
- Inquire. All the nations will come to Him. He will welcome them in.
- Resting place. He is at home in the divine glory.

### V11-12 Gathering of Israel

11 In 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. 12 He 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.

- In that day. In the end times.
- Recover the remnant. Left from the destruction.
- Second time. The first time was the Exodus.
- Assyria...Egypt. Superpowers, but no power can prevent the gathering.
- Banished...dispersed. Not just to Babylon.
- Four corners.
  - North: Hamath.
  - South: Pathros (south Egypt) & Cush (south of Egypt)
  - East: Elam and Shinar (Babylon)
  - West: coastlands of the sea

### V13-14 A transformed people

The 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. 14 But 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.

- God's people truly united.
- No jealousy or harassment on either side.
- Swoop down. Take the initiative.
- Victorious over those who had been victorious over them.
- Contrast Is 2:6a ...the house of Jacob...full of things from the east and of fortune-tellers like the Philistines,

### V15-16 Highways for God's people

15 And 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. 16 And 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.

- As in the Exodus.
- River...channels. The Euphrates will become an intermittent stream.
- The remnant that remains. After the Assyrian destruction, Babylon captivity, Nazi holocaust, etc.

**(9:54)**

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

### Structure

- 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
- Individuals and community
  - V1-2 first-person singular
  - V3-6 second-person plural

### V1-2 Individual praise

You 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. 2 "Behold, 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."

- You.
  - Second-person singular.
  - Others in unison with Isaiah.
- V1 is the gospel.
  - God's wrath against the sinner.
  - His wrath turned away. Not just forgotten but propitiated was by a Savior.
  - Adoption as His child
- V2 is the saved life
  - Trust. Exercising faith.
  - No fear
  - Strength from God. To endure and obey.
  - Song. Celebration of God.
  - As Ex 15:2 The Lord is my strength and my song, and he has become my salvation...

### V3-6 Community praise

With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation. 4 And 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. 6 Shout, and sing 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.
- Water...wells
  - An unending supply.
  - As Israel in the wilderness.
  - As Jesus speaking to the Samaritan woman in Jn 4:14 ...The water that I will give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life."
- V4-6 gives the response of the community.
  - Internal
    - Give thanks.
    - Call upon the name of the LORD.
  - External
    - Make known His deeds.
    - Proclaim His name
    - Sing praises
    - Shout and sing for joy.
- In all the earth.
  - Witness to the world.
- Shout, and sing for joy, O inhabitant of Zion
  - Feminine.
  - As Ex 15:20-21 Miriam leading the women in song.
  - 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 4:5-6.

**(10:00)**



## Discussion

We will break into three groups to discuss today's passage. Here are the topics:

1. **11:2 the Spirit of the Lord**
  - a. **Wisdom and understanding**
  - b. **Counsel and might**
  - c. **Knowledge and the fear of the Lord.**
- 1Jn 4:13 ...he has given us of his Spirit.
2. **11:10 ...a signal for the peoples**
  - a. **Root of Jesse**
  - b. **Inquiring**
  - c. **A glorious resting place**
3. **12:1-6 Response to the gospel**
  - a. **By the individual**
  - b. **In the community**

Join the group with the topic that seems most significant. Must be at least three people in each group. Select one person to scribe. Each group will report to the class what they found.

In your group, discuss

- **See:** Something about God that you see in the passage
- **Know:** The effect that this view of God has upon you.
- **Respond:** A way to respond to what you have seen and come to know.

Caution: Please focus on personal effects and responses.

- 2Co 13:5 Examine yourselves, to see whether you are in the faith. Test yourselves....

For next week: Overview 13 - 27

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