

Great Prophecies of the Bible

4. The topography of the Red Sea, Euphrates River, and possibly the Nile will be altered to allow easy passage for Jews returning to Israel (15, c/f Rev. 16:12).
 5. There will be a highway, similar to the path through the Red Sea, upon which Jews will return unimpeded from every nation in the world (16).
- IV. The Hymn of Those Redeemed by the Branch (12:1-6)
- A. The Jewish people will praise the Lord for their salvation, both politically and spiritually (1-3).
 - A. God will save His people from dispersion and persecution.
 - B. God will save His people from their sins—with personal redemption (Zech. 12:10-13:1).
 - B. The Lord will be universally known and praised (4-6).
 - A. His people Israel will declare His wonderful works.
 - B. The Holy One of Israel will dwell in their “midst,” indicating the personal presence of Jesus Christ as God and King (6).

The Kingdom Age will usher in a New Covenant between God and His chosen people, Israel (Jer. 31:33-37). Israel will come to know the Lord as New Testament Christians know Him (Ezek. 36:24-27).

God is not finished with His people, the Jews. He will yet visit them with salvation (Rom. 11:26), and they will experience the literal fulfillment of every promise God ever made to them. The church, the Gentile bride, will participate in the blessings of the kingdom age, and—together with believing Jews—will comprise the people of God, redeemed by the Savior’s blood.

The Glories of Israel’s Future King and Kingdom—Isaiah 11, 12



Introduction: Isaiah presents many detailed descriptions of Israel's future king and kingdom in his prophecy. In fact, predictions of Israel's dispersion, return, restoration, and future glory make up a significant portion of the book. While divine judgment is a primary theme, it is always tempered by reassurance of God's faithfulness to His promises.

I. Prediction of Jesse's Branch (11:1, 2)

- A. The Babylonian captivity *appeared* to end the reign of Davidic kings in Judah. However, the captivity was an *interruption*, not a termination of David's line.
 - 1. Remember, the with the Mosaic covenant in full force, Israel would be punished for violations (Deut. 28:63-68). Captivity was the ultimate penalty.
 - 2. The Davidic covenant did NOT promise an unbroken succession of kings reigning in Jerusalem. Rather, God promised "I *will* [future tense] stablish the throne of his [David's] kingdom forever" (II Sam. 7:13).
 - 3. Though no king would reign during the captivity—and at many other times in Israel's history—David's line will ultimately rule the Jewish kingdom forever. At times the "throne" will know no earthly occupant, but ultimately the throne will be permanently occupied by a Descendent of David, Jesus Christ
- B. The absence of earthly king was in appearance only. David's line had not been wiped out.
 - 1. Isaiah predicted that a "rod" would grow from the "stem of Jesse" and a "Branch shall grow out of his roots. Jesse, of course, is David's father.
 - 2. The title "Branch" is Messianic, an Old Testament title for Christ (c/f Isaiah 4:2).
 - 3. Though the tree [Davidic monarchy] had been cut down by Babylon, the stump—though appearing dead—would send forth a green shoot, a Branch, who would be the ultimate fulfillment of both Isaiah's prophecy and the Davidic Covenant. Obviously, the Branch appeared when Jesus Christ was born.

II. The Description of Jesse's Branch (11:2-5)

- A. Anointed by the Holy Spirit (2)
 - 1. Visibly conferred upon Christ at His Baptism
 - 2. Demonstrated by Christ in His ministry—*wisdom, understanding, counsel, might, knowledge, the fear of the Lord.*
- B. Equitable in Judgment (3-4a)
- C. Fierce but Fair in Wrath (4b-5)

III. The Description of the Kingdom of the Branch

- A. Unparalleled Peace in the Animal Kingdom (6-9)
 - 1. Carnivorous animals will become herbivores (6, 7)
 - 2. Wild animals will be miraculously domesticated, making them tame enough to be led by children (6).
 - 3. Formerly venomous animals will be rendered harmless pets for children (8).
 - 4. The animal kingdom will return to a condition of perfect peace and harmony—similar to early creation.
- B. Universal Acceptance of Jesus as King (10)
 - 1. Jesus will stand as an ensign—a standard or banner—drawing both Jew and Gentile to Himself.
 - 2. Jesus promised, "...if I be lifted up from the earth, [I] will draw all men unto me" (Jn. 12:32).
 - There's a royal banner given for display*
 - To the soldiers of the King.*
 - As an ensign fair we lift it up today,*
 - While as ransomed ones we sing...*
 - Neath the banner of the cross.*
- C. Unfettered Re-gathering of His People, Israel (11-16)
 - 1. The Lord will gather His people a "second time"—the first time being out of Egypt, the second being at the end of the tribulation period (11).
 - 2. Jews will be gathered "from the four corners of the earth," indicating a Diaspora more extensive than the Babylonian captivity (12).
 - 3. Israel and Judah, formerly divided, will reunite into one kingdom, and will become the dominant political force (13, 14).