

Resistant or a retimist? Which are you? Also, a grasp of spiritual truth + understanding of God's plan. Helplessness poor Israel a broken stump. The Assyrian (world power) broken cut like a forest.

STEM GROWING

ISAIAH 11

INTRODUCTION:

We now consider one of the visions of the Prophet. Chapter 9:6 - A Son is promised. Ref. to the Messiah.

Chapter 10 - Assyria the enemy is cut down like a forest. World Power.

Chapter 11 - Blessed hope of the Messiah is revived and a forecast of his Kingdom rule is outlined.

Turn with me in your Bible to Isaiah 11. A verse by verse analysis opens some prophecy which is yet to be fulfilled. Some of Chapter 11 was fulfilled at Christ's coming.

Dark days were upon the Land.

I. Springing Up Of A Rod - Verse 1

Verse 1 - Messiah here represented as a slender twig. Shooting up from the root of an old withered plant.

He would come out of the house of David. The stock of Jesse seems to have been cut down, blasted and ruined and hidden from sight. (David, Solomon Died) suddenly put forth a sprout - a young green sapling, tender, yet vigorous, weak seemingly, yet full of life.

(Contrast) to the strong world power. Assyria - cut down. A rod out of the stem of Jesse. From him sprang David, Solomon, Hezekiah, long line of Kings. But lapsing into obscurity.

Poor Israel a broken stump. Royal family had fallen into insignificance.

Jesse's root is not dead - a feeble, lovely sprout appears. At first a humble branch. Matt. 2:23.

Just a twig. A sprig - small, obscure, compared to the strong enemies.

The church seems often a small tender twig in contrast to world powers.

The house of David had been reduced and brought very low at the birth of Jesus.

Consider the poverty and obscurity of Joseph and Mary. There is no doubt this verse refers to Jesus.

II. Spirit Resting Upon The Rod - Verse 2-5

Verse 2 - Ref. to the Holy Spirit.

Noah sent a dove out from the Ark. The dove sought in vain a resting place and returned.

Spirit must have a living resting place. Matt. 3:16. "And Jesus, when he was baptized, went up straightway out of the water: and, lo, the Heavens were opened unto him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove, and lighting upon him."

John 1:32-33 "And John bare record, saying, I saw the Spirit descending from Heaven like a dove and it abode upon him....."

Shall rest upon him = Like a well filled with water. Received abundantly.

Not by measure but without measure. Col. 1:10. He began preaching with this Luke 4:18. The Spirit of the Lord is upon me.

Most enlightening thing - what influence does the Spirit have over Jesus? Did he react in some special way? Did the Holy Ghost bring noise or demonstrations?

Check the Scripture.

First - Wisdom and Understanding.

Does this sound strange? Some folks usually think of the power of the Holy Spirit as being strictly emotional experiences for man.

Isaiah says the Spirit first would do something for the intellect - wisdom and discernment!

Jesus said the Spirit would guide men into all truth. John 16:13.

Pentecost the Spirit brought knowledge and power of expression. Acts 2:4.

Deacons - The seven Deacons were chosen because they were full of the Holy Spirit and of wisdom.

Stephen - overcame his adversaries through "the wisdom and the Spirit by which he spake." Acts. 6:10.

Paul - said that the wisdom of the Spirit far exceeded any wisdom of man.
I Cor. 2:13.

Isaiah - Jesus would have wisdom. Penetrate the heart of things.

Matt. 13:54 "Whence hath this man this wisdom, and these mighty works?"

I Cor. 1:24. "Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God."

How can we possess these qualities of wisdom? 2 Tim. 3:15. Study the Scriptures, which are able to make thee wise.

James 1:5 "If any lack wisdom let him ask of God."

Made way for the Spirit to rest upon you!

Second-Counsel and Might.

Ability to plan. Advise - Power to execute. Unerring intelligence.

He knew all men. John 2:24

He knew all things. John 16:30

Might - courage to carry through! Many men have convictions but lack courage to follow through.

Third-Knowledge and Fear.

This is knowledge of the true will of God. The power to know what your relation to God should be.

Fear - never taking one step that was not ordered by God's word.

"Wist ye not what I must be about my Father's business?" Luke 2:49.

Fear - Reverence towards God.

Verse 3 - Fourth, Spirit is the secret of his Government.

His fear of the Father will cause him to look at everything in the light of the Father's will!

Judgments:

A. Not by outward appearances. Eyes. It may look plausible - as the Kiss of a false Disciple.

B. Not by common report. Ears. It may sound fragrant or smelling with delight.

He has great knowledge to Judge the hidden man of the heart.

Verse 4 - C. Absolute righteous judgment. The Messiah's rule - not Judge by hearsay but by truth. He will be a protector of the poor defenseless soul. Not every one that says Lord - Lord.

Smite / Slay the wicked.

Earth - ruler - beast of the sea and with one breath destroying the other hostile chief, the "Wicked One". 2 Thes. 2:8. Man of sin - son of perdition - Dan. 11:36.

Verse 5 - Faithful in judging on behalf of the meek of the earth.

No part of the clothing of greater significance in the Scripture than the girdle. Loose flowing robes worn in the East. The girdle kept the clothing in place - support to the person.

John 13:4 - He takes a towel and girds himself.

Rev. 1:14 - A girdle of Gold.

Verse 5 - in setting up his government he must rule with diligence - communicates strength - dealing with oppressors.

III. Safety in the Kingdom - Verse 6-9

Verse 6 - Great peace and security under his reign. Wolf with the lamb dwelling. Leopard with the goat. Lion with the calf.

Verse 7 - Bear with the cow - pasture. Cubs with the calves - playing. Lion with the ox - eating.

Verse 8 - Asp with the infant child - playing. Viper with the weaned child - toy. Cockatrice - deadly serpent.

Reduction of fierceness of the wild animals. Tameness, a little child may lead them. Play among them.

Wonderful picture. Prophet telling of changed conditions. Alice in Wonderland wished to enter a room but was too big to get through the door, so she had to eat a piece of mushroom until she got small enough to pass through it. Only as we humble

Return of Christ - Harmony in Eden - Last Adam nullified Sin

ourselves can we enter God's wonderland.

Gospel does this for all who embrace it. Changes their nature. Paul from persecuting the saints to joining them.

God's people are going to be delivered not only from evil but from the fear of it.

Verse 9 - Kingdom will be like the King. Perfect unbroken everlasting joy. His knowledge will cover all over the earth. Rev. 20:8-9.

Why do Christian nations make war against others? Why do churches have fierce contentions?

One answer - Christian only in name. Only partial knowledge of the Lord.

In the infant class in Christ's great school - as they learn of Christ rivalries and hatreds will pass away.

Shut the Bible and our outlook on the world and its future is dark and sad.

Open the Bible and let its light shine and encouragement and hope comes.

Think how much needs to be done. Your street, your town, your country. How different if filled with knowledge of the Lord. Are you working with him. Giving your money -- your time. His plans are vast and glorious.

A mightier force than that of the ocean is moving on to victory to fill the earth with the blessing and Heaven with gladness.

Discouraged: New Eng. Town - criticized for beliefs - sense of failure - climbed to steeple room of the church. unconverted man discouraged might have attempted suicide. But Washington Estabden Royal & wrote "O Master let Me Walk With Thee

IV. Sign of the Kingdom - Verse 10

Verse 10 - Enlargement of the Kingdom will be marked by an Ensign. Banner.

*in lowly talks of service free
Tell me thy secret, help me bear
The strain of toil, the fret of care.*

Standard around which the people could rally.

Rev. 21:23-24. The whole earth shall share the joy of Him who is both the root and off spring of David. I Peter 5:13. Gentiles shall share in that joy.

V. Security of the Kingdom - Verse 11-16

Verse 11 - A dispersion of the Israelites through distant lands. Time - some day - set by God's time table. Recover the remnant from the various countries.

First deliverance - from Egypt - on casts. Gathered up and brought home.

There can be but one answer to this first gathering of the scattered.

With his hand He brought them out and this was used and made a pattern for a second and future one when His hand shall again be active.

The next time it will be from every country of the earth - even the final gathering of the Christian church.

What of the Zionist movement resulting in a large number of Jews going to Palestine -- would that fulfill.

No - The Prophecy says God will gather them unto blessing - this may be a partial fulfillment as in a providential way. They are now returning in unbelief and are going back far from an everlasting blessing.

7 Different Geographical Places mentioned - None of Gods People would be lost!

Verse 12 - Here is the rallying center - the Ensign. As they come back to this land of the rejection and crucifixion of the Lord. They will find joy in God's beloved son - true Messiah.

Calvary - He was crucified - lifted up from the earth. Here is the ensign. Beacon, John 12:32. Standard bearer - banner of love.

The Zionest are not being drawn by this center.

Isaiah says this movement will sweep all the earth for His people and establish this Kingdom. North, South, East and West.

Verse 13 - Envy removed between Ephraim and Judah. Judah had the privilege of the Temple and Priesthood.

This may not take place until the literal personal resurrection.

Verse 14 - Speaks of the day of our Lord and the government of the earth is in view.

Stricking victory east and west. 3 Peoples. When Israel entered the land they were charged not to attack. Edom - Moab - Ammon. Deut. 2:5,9,19. Dan. 11:41.

Gal. 4:27.

Edom - significance - identical with Adam. Adam and all the race have been taken from the ground. "Of earth, made of dust". I Cor. 15:47. This is the Body.

Moab and Ammon - paralleled by soul and spirit. Same Father - off spring of the one breath.

Gen. 2:7. Moab and Ammon were half-brothers. Having the same father and so have the spirit and some of man.

Verse 15 - Dried up the Red Sea. Walk over with shoes on. Everything that might hinder him shall be taken out of the way.

Jews - Gentiles are to be brought together in the Gospel church.

This is an absolute truth - he repeated the Miracle -- the Red Sea and the River Jordan.

Final deliverance there shall be nothing to impede their return. Rev. 16.

Verse 16 - Highway for the remnant - no controversy about this. When God's time comes for the deliverance of his people. Let us not despair, when the interest of the church be brought low, God can soon turn gloomy days into glorious days.

When he gets ready to bring the nations home to himself. Grace will be victorious over all opposition.

The Lord's coming is near. Although no one can say how near.

We greatly err if we do not accept this prophecy as a solemn call to us, individually to be ready and put away all inconsistent things.

Small Norwegian Vessel lay in an English port for several days. One of those days happened to be a Good Friday and the Chief Officer carelessly said to the Captain "Shall I hoist the flag at half mast today?"

Why? said the Captain

Well, replied the officers "My say Jesus died today."

The Captain - a Christian - "Jesus, who is my Saviour, is a living Saviour, not a dead one; and if you put out the flag at all, you must hoist it right at the top of the mast."

Death of one in Nation - Hindust - King - 1/2

Jesus is a risen Saviour. The stone which sealed the tomb has been rolled away forever - The grave is empty - Jesus is risen - a mighty, triumphant Victor - Death could not keep its prey. He tore the bands away, Jesus my soul.

Isaiah's World

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Resource Kit for Isaiah: God Is My Salvation

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