

ISAIAH 11

All Poetry

(The preceding chapters (9 & 10) spoke about Israel as trees being destroyed/burning – now in this chapter the Lord speaks a parable about a special branch or remnant left after the destruction of the trees.)

Verse 1 (And) There shall come forth a rod (branch) out of the stem of Jesse,
(and) A branch shall grow out of his roots.

(Jesse is the father of David - Personifies the restoration of Joseph out of Egypt uniting his brothers & David uniting Israel as one nation again - D&C 113, Ezek. 37 - Messianic Figures – Joseph, David – Of course this also represents Jesus as Savior to all.)

Verse 2 (And) A The spirit of the Lord shall rest upon him,
B The spirit of wisdom and understanding.

B The spirit of counsel and might,
A The spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the Lord.

Verse 3 (And) **This shall make him of quick understanding in the fear of
the Lord:** (His intuition will be guided by the fear of the Lord)

(and) A He shall not judge after the sight of his eyes,
B Neither reprove after the hearing of his ears.

Verse 4 (But) A With righteousness shall he judge the poor,
(and) B He shall reprove with equity for the meek of the earth,

(and) He shall smite the earth with the **rod** (instrument) of his **mouth**,
(and) With the **breath** of his **lips** shall he slay the wicked.

(The Rod and The Mouth are often symbols of the King of Assyria when the Lord is using him to punish Israel – But here, it seems that Isaiah is speaking of the Lord and the power he has in his word alone to make things happen – These are parallel ideas – rod/breath and mouth/lips.)

Verse 5 (And) Righteousness shall be the girdle of his loins,
(and) Faithfulness the girdle of his reins.

Verse 6 (Then shall:)

(and) The wolf dwell with the lamb,
The leopard lie down with the kid.

(and) The calf and the young lion and the fatling (will feed) together,
(and) A little child shall lead them (to pasture).

- Verse 7 (And) The cow and the bear shall feed; their young ones shall (rest) together,
(and) The lion shall eat straw like the ox.
- Verse 8 (and) The sucking child (infant) shall play on the hole (den) of the asp(adder),
(and) The weaned child (toddler) shall put his hand on the cockatrice's den
(viper's nest).
- Verse 9 They shall not hurt nor destroy in all My Holy Mountain,
For the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord, as
the waters cover the sea.
- Verse 10 (And) **In that day:**

There shall be a root (sprig - tender phase) of Jesse,
(Who) shall stand for an ensign of the people,

To it (him) shall the Gentiles seek,
(and) His rest (place of residence) shall be glorious.
- Verse 11 (And) **It shall come to pass in that day:**

(that) **A** The Lord shall set his hand (His Servant) again the second time
to recover the remnant of his people,
B His people which shall be left, from Assyria, and from Egypt,
and from Pathros, and from Cush, and from Elam, and
from Shinar, and from Hamath, and from the islands of
the sea.
- Verse 12 (And) **A** He shall set up an ensign for the nations, (Ensign - Hand - Servant)
(and) **B** He shall assemble the outcasts of Israel, (10 Tribes) and
he shall gather together the dispersed of Judah from the
four corners of the earth.
- Verse 13 (and) The envy of Ephraim shall depart,
The adversaries of Judah shall be cut off.

(and) Ephraim shall not envy Judah,
Judah shall not vex Ephraim.

(The Lord's Servant/Ensign or Messiah will once again, like David, unite Israel - Envy/discord will end - like the Prodigal Son story (see Luke 15:11) - Professor Gileadi said this story had reference to the divisions of Judah and Israel.)

Verse 14 (But) **A** They shall fly upon the shoulders of the Philistines toward the west, (They will swoop on the Philistine flank toward the west.)
B They shall spoil them of the east together.

A They shall lay their hand upon Edom and Moab, (They will take Edom and Moab at hand's reach)
 (and) **B** The children of Ammon shall obey them.

(The Hand/Ensign will subject and conquer the surrounding peoples once he has united Israel.)

Verse 15 (And) The Lord shall utterly destroy (dry up) the tongue of the Egyptian Sea, (Gulf of Suez? – Some controversy over this)
 (and) With his mighty wind shall the Lord shake his hand over the river and he shall smite the river into seven (innumerable) streams. (Euphrates River? – Some controversy over this)

(and) He shall make men go over (The Gulf of Suez) dryshod. (with shoes on)
 Verse 16 (And) There shall be an highway for the remnant of his (The Lord's) people (Out of The Euphrates River area).

(which) It (the pathway/highway) shall be left from (out of) Assyria, Like as it was to Israel in the day that he came up out of the land of Egypt.

(Like with the captivity in Egypt and the Red Sea – Now the Gulf of Suez will be dried up in areas so the Lord's people can cross over from Egypt and return to Zion, and the Euphrates River will be made into crossable small streams out of the Assyrian kingdom so those captured of Assyria may return to Zion, or the Lord's residence see vs. 10 – Maps Below)

