

# Isaiah

## “The Evangelical Prophet”

### I. God’s Denunciation of Judah (1:1-12:6)

- A. The Condemnation of Judah (1:1-2:1-4)
- B. The Cleansing Judgments to Come (2:5-5:30)
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- 1. Isaiah’s *Ministry* to Ahaz (7:1-25)
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- 3. Isaiah’s *Judgments* against Israel (N. Kingdom) and Assyria (9:8-10:34)

### 4. Isaiah’s *Prophecy* of the Character and Rule of the Messiah (11:1-12:6)

- a. His *Descent* from Jesse (David) (11:1)

<sup>11</sup> Then a shoot will **spring** from the *stem of Jesse*,  
and a branch from his *roots* will **bear fruit**.

- b. His *Endowment* with the Spirit of the LORD (11:2)

<sup>2</sup> The Spirit of the LORD will **rest** on Him,

the spirit of *wisdom* and *understanding*,

the spirit of *counsel* and *strength*,

the spirit of *knowledge* and the *fear* of the LORD.

- c. His *Rule* of Righteousness (11:3-5)

<sup>3</sup> And He will **delight** in the fear of the LORD,  
and He will **not judge** by what His eyes see,  
nor make a **decision** by what His ears hear,

<sup>4</sup> But with righteousness He will **judge** the poor,  
and **decide** with fairness for the afflicted of the earth;

and He will **strike** the earth with the rod of His mouth,  
and with the breath of His lips He will **slay** the wicked.

<sup>5</sup> Also **righteousness** will be the **belt** about **His loins**,  
and **faithfulness** the **belt** about **His waist**.

d. **His Restoration of Harmony and Peace (11:6-9)**

<sup>6</sup> And the **wolf** will  **dwell** with the **lamb**,  
and the **leopard** will  **lie down** with the **young goat**,  
and the **calf** and the **young lion** and the **fatling** together;  
and a **little boy** will  **lead them** .

<sup>7</sup> Also the **cow** and the **bear** will  **graze** , their **young** will  **lie down** together,  
and the **lion** will  **eat straw** like the **ox**.

<sup>8</sup> The **nursing child** will  **play** by the **hole** of the **cobra**,  
and the **weaned child** will put his  **hand** on the **viper's den**.

<sup>9</sup> They will  **not hurt** or  **destroy** in all **My holy mountain**,  
for the **earth** will be  **full** of the  **knowledge** of the **LORD**  
as the **waters**  **cover** the **sea**.

e. **His Regathering of the Remnant of Israel (11:10-12)**

<sup>10</sup> Then in  **that day** the **nations** will  **resort** to the **root of Jesse**,  
**Who** will  **stand** as a  **signal** for the **peoples**;  
and **His resting place** will be  **glorious** .

<sup>11</sup> Then it will happen on  **that day** that **the Lord**  
will again  **recover** the  **second** time with **His hand**  
the  **remnant** of **His people**, who will  **remain** ,

From **Assyria**, **Egypt**, **Pathros**, **Cush**, **Elam**, **Shinar**, **Hamath**,  
and from the **islands** of the **sea**.

<sup>12</sup> And He will lift up a  **standard** for the **nations** and assemble the **banished ones** of **Israel**, and will gather the **dispersed of Judah**  
from the  **four corners** of the **earth**.

f. **His Reconciliation of Judah and Israel (11:13-16)**

- 1)  **removing** the  **hostility** and  **jealousy** between  **them** (11:13)
- 2)  **reuniting** them  **against** their  **enemies** (11:14-15a)
- 3)  **restructuring** a  **“highway”** for the  **return** of the  **remnant** from  **Assyria** (11:15b-16)

<sup>13</sup> Then the  **jealousy** of **Ephraim** will  **depart** , and **those** who  **harass Judah** will be  **cut off** ; **Ephraim** will  **not** be  **jealous** of **Judah**,  
and **Judah** will  **not**  **harass** **Ephraim**.

<sup>14</sup> They will **swoop down** on the slopes of the **Philistines** on the **west**;  
together they will **plunder** the **sons** of the **east**;

They will **possess Edom** and **Moab**, and the **sons of Ammon**  
will be **subject to them**.<sup>15</sup> And the **LORD** will **utterly destroy**  
the **tongue** of the **Sea of Egypt**

and **He (God)** will **wave His hand** over the **River**  
with **His scorching wind**; and **He** will **strike it** into  
**seven streams** and make **men walk over dry-shod**.

<sup>16</sup> And there will be a **highway** from **Assyria**  
for the **remnant** of **His people** who will be **left**,  
just as there was for **Israel**  
in the **day** that they **came up out** of the **land of Egypt**.

## Message Summary **Isaiah's Portrait of the Messiah**

- A. **Chapter 10** of **Isaiah** closes by **proclaiming** that the **Lord** would **judge Assyria** and **“cut down”** the **thick “forest”** of her **army** as it threatened **Jerusalem** (10:34). **Isaiah** then continues in **chapter 11** by declaring:

“Then a **shoot (twig)** will **spring** from the **stem (stump)** of **Jesse**,  
and a **branch** from **his roots** will **bear fruit**. (11:1).”

Many **Jewish sages** interpreted **Isaiah 11:1-5** as speaking of the **Messiah**, but did **not** stick to a **literal interpretation** of the **text**. According to this verse (11:1), the **“stump”** belonged to **Jesse, David's father**. **Isaiah** declared that a time would come when the **glorious House of David** would be **reduced to nothing** but the **“stump”** of a **felled tree**. The **Davidic dynasty**, during **this** time will have **lost** all its **power** and **glory**. And it's at **this time** “a **shoot** will **spring** from the **stem (stump)** of **Jesse**.”

So **Messiah**, descending from the **royal line** of **David** (9:7) (Matthew 1:1, 6), would **appear** at a time when the **House of David** would be greatly **reduced** to essentially what it was during the **days of Jesse**. **Messiah** would come from **poverty**, and **lowly origins** at the time of **His birth**—from a **“stump” low to the ground**. But this **“branch”** from **his roots** would **bear fruit**. (11:1b) (Fruchtenbaum)

- B. The **Messiah** would be **endowed** with the **fullness** of the **Spirit of the LORD**. In **His life** and **ministry**, **He** would **manifest** the **sevenfold** attributes of the **Spirit**.

“The **Spirit** of the **LORD** will **rest on Him**,  
the **spirit of wisdom** and **understanding**,  
the **spirit of counsel** and **strength**,  
the **spirit of knowledge** and the **fear of the LORD**.” (11:2)

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→ After being **baptized**, **Jesus** came up immediately from the **water**;  
and behold, the **heavens were opened**, and **he saw** the **Spirit of God**  
**descending** as a **dove** *and lighting on Him*,

and behold, a **voice** out of the **heavens** said,  
“This is **My beloved Son**, in whom **I am well-pleased**.” (Matthew 3:16-17)

→ “For **He** whom **God has sent** *speaks the words of God*;  
for **He gives** the **Spirit without measure**.” (John 3:34)

C. The *Messiah* will “**delight** in the **fear of the LORD**,” (11:3a)

→And **He** who **sent Me** is **with Me**; **He has not left Me alone**,  
for **I always do the things** that are **pleasing to Him**.” (John 8:29)

D. The *Messiah* will make *judgments* according to “**righteousness**...and  
**decide** with **fairness** for the **afflicted** of the **earth**.” (11:3b-4a)

→And **He (Messiah)** sat down opposite the **treasury**, and *began* observing  
how the **people** were putting **money** into the **treasury**;  
and many **rich people** were putting in **large sums**.

A **poor widow** came and put in **two small copper coins**, which amount  
to a **cent**. Calling **His disciples** to **Him**, He said to them,

“**Truly** I say to you, this **poor widow** put in **more**  
than **all the contributors** to the **treasury**;  
for they all put in out of their **surplus**, but **she**, out of her **poverty**,  
put in **all she owned**, **all she had to live on**.”(Mark 12:41-44)

→“**Do not judge** according to **appearance**,  
but **judge** with **righteous judgment**.”(John 7:24)

E. The *Messiah* will one day bring **judgment**, “and **He** will **strike** the **earth** with  
the **rod** of **His mouth**, and with the **breath** of **His lips**  
**He will slay the wicked**.(11:4b)

→ And I saw **heaven opened**, and behold, a **white horse**,  
and **He** who sat on it *is* called **Faithful** and **True**,  
and in **righteousness** **He judges** and **wages war**...

From **His mouth** comes a **sharp sword**, so that with it  
**He may strike down** the **nations**,  
and **He will rule them** with a **rod** of **iron**; and **He treads** the  
**wine press** of the **fierce wrath** of **God, the Almighty**. (Revelation 19:11, 15)