

Advent: Isaiah 11.1-11 – The Root and Shoot of Jesse

The Context of Isaiah 11

1. Year: Approximately 733 BC
2. Assyria Rules The Known World: King Sennacherib Reigns
 - a. Arrogant, Threatening to Judah
3. King Ahaz rules Judah
4. Judah is Sinful – Idolatrous, Immoral
 - a. God Promises Judgment
 - b. The People were Proud – Did not Need God
 - c. God Responds (**Isaiah 9.18-19**)
5. Trees are Metaphors for Kings and Dynasties – God would use an axe and fire to bring the forest down
6. God would bring judgment on Assyria for their Hostility (**Isaiah 10.33-34**)
7. A Remnant Would Be Saved Through Judgment (**Isaiah 10.17-19**)
8. Two Forests: Assyria and Judah
 - a. Assyria would cease to Exist
 - b. Out of Judah – Hope Is Born from the Ashes

The Heritage of the Messiah King (Verse 1)

1. A Shoot from Jesse
 - a. 1 Samuel 16.1-13
 - b. All OT Kings were the Son of David – Here is one who is the Son of Jesse, as David
 - c. David = A Type of One Who Would Come
 - d. The One to Come would be Better (**Mark 12.35-37**)
 - e. Jesse's Line Would Continue
2. A Branch – Hebrew *Natsar* (Nazarene)
 - a. A branch that would bear fruit
 - b. King Jesus is the Branch (**Revelation 22.16**)

The Heart of the Messiah King (Verses 2-5)

1. The Spirit will Rest Upon Him (**Isaiah 61.1-2 & Luke 4.16-21**)

- a. Christ Places this Text On Himself
 - b. Trinitarian
2. Wisdom and Understanding to Provide Perfect Counsel
3. Mighty and Powerful to Accomplish All of His Plans
4. Spirit of Knowledge – Knows God Perfectly
5. Fear of God which He Delights In – Delight in God!
6. Fear of God → Ability to Judge Perfectly
 1. Not by Appearances (**See John 7.23-24**)
 2. Not by What He Hears
 3. No Human Opinion, Approval or Disapproval
 4. Why? Completely Satisfied in the Father
7. He will be Righteous and Just, Committed to the Truth – The Innocent will Have Nothing To Fear

The Habitation of the Messiah King (Verses 4, 6-9)

1. We do NOT See this Now – We live in between the first and second advents of Jesus
2. The Wicked Will Perish (**See 2 Thessalonians 2.8**)
3. Paradise Will Be Restored – Eden Reestablished
4. A Radical Change in Nature – Reversal of the Fall
 - a. Intensity grows in Description of Predator to Prey in Verses 6-8
 - b. Carnivore Becomes Herbivore
 - c. Infants Will Play With Snakes (**Genesis 3**)
 - d. Verse 10 = Summary of 6-9
5. The Holy Mountain of God
 - a. Old Testament: Mount Zion; God's Dwelling Place (Tabernacle and Temple)
 - b. New Heavens and Earth: God's Holy Mountain is the Whole Earth

The Inhabitants of the Messianic Kingdom (Verses 10-11)

Jesus will be a Sign (Banner, Signal) To All Peoples From Every Tribe, Tongue, And Nation - All Will Be Drawn