

Holy Trinity Bible Study - Isaiah Lesson

#11a Study Guide

Primary Sources:

Webb - The Message of Isaiah, Barry G. Webb

Motyer – The Prophecy of ISAIAH, J. Alec Motyer

Isaiah 11:1-9

The Righteous Reign of the Branch

¹There shall come forth a shoot from the stump of Jesse,
and a branch from his roots shall bear fruit.

²And the Spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him,
the Spirit of wisdom and understanding,
the Spirit of counsel and might,
the Spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD.

³And his delight shall be in the fear of the LORD.

He shall not judge by what his eyes see,
or decide disputes by what his ears hear,

⁴but with righteousness he shall judge the poor,
and decide with equity for the meek of the earth;
and he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth,
and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked.

⁵Righteousness shall be the belt of his waist,
and faithfulness the belt of his loins.

⁶The wolf shall dwell with the lamb,
and the leopard shall lie down with the young goat,
and the calf and the lion and the fattened calf together;
and a little child shall lead them.

⁷The cow and the bear shall graze;
their young shall lie down together;
and the lion shall eat straw like the ox.

⁸The nursing child shall play over the hole of the cobra,
and the weaned child shall put his hand on the adder's den.

⁹They shall not hurt or destroy
in all my holy mountain;
for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the LORD
as the waters cover the sea.

Reading: The Message of Isaiah pages 74-76

Questions to Consider

1. What is the contrast between the remnant of Assyria and the remnant of Judah?
2. How is the transition from judgement to salvation described?
3. In what sense had every king of Judah, from Saul onwards, been the messiah?
4. What has changed about the expectations of the future Messiah?
5. In these verses, what are the characteristics Isaiah give us about His character and reign?
6. What will be the impact of His rule?
7. What are the differences between Isaiah's description of the Messiah here and what he gave in 9:6-7?
8. When will all this be fulfilled?