

The Kingdom of God

ISAIAH 11

The Ancestry and Endowments of God's King

ISAIAH 11:1-2

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 - The tree of David had become as a dead stump
 - It would be revived by this shoot/branch, which is the Christ – Mt. 22:45
- He rules through seven *endowments* – 11:2
 - God's Spirit would rest on Him – Mt. 3:16-17
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He possesses what
it takes to rule!

The Rule of God's King

ISAIAH 11:3-5

The Excellence of His Rule

- His delight is in *the fear of the Lord* and His judgements are not be swayed by deception – 11:3
- His judgments – 11:4-5
 - Applied with righteousness and equity to the poor and meek
 - Judgment comes to the earth by the “rod of His mouth” – Eph. 6:17
 - Righteousness and faithfulness are worn as a belt about His waist – Psa. 89:14
- Being characteristics of Christ’s rule, they should be ours as well – Jn. 7:24

The Subjects of God's Kingdom

ISAIAH 11:6-9

Extraordinary Change of Life

- A supernatural peace reigns—the prey dwelling harmoniously with the predator – 11: 6-8
- Not a literal description of animal behavior, but describes the amazing change God brings to the lives of His subjects.
 - Enemies live together in harmonious peace!
 - This peace comes from the “Prince of Peace” whose “increase of His government and *peace* there will be no end” – Isa. 9:6-7; Eph. 2:14, 17-18

Extraordinary Peace...In God's Mountain/Church

- Many deny the kingdom exists because nations still war
- This peace is based on knowing God's will and obeying it – 11:9; 2:3
- As the saved in Christ, we are transformed in to wonderfully different people—people of peace!
 - A different view of the world and others – Isa. 2:4
 - A different view of life – 2 Cor. 5:17
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The Worldwide Scope of God's Kingdom

ISAIAH 11:10-16

A Universal Kingdom

- *In that day* the Root of Jesse, Jesus, is a banner to draw the peoples and nations, Jew and Gentile, to him – 11:10; Rom. 15:12
- *In that day* God would again recover a remnant of those from Judah and Israel, and the nations – 11:11-16
 - The remnant/outcasts would come from all parts of the world – 11:12-13; Acts 2:5; Rom. 11:5
 - Peace will come when long-time enemies are defeated by the gospel/Prince of peace and join the kingdom – 11:14
 - All barriers to the remnant's return from captivity in sin will be removed – 11:15-16