

“The Shoot From The Stump”

Isaiah 11

In Chapter 10 Isaiah pronounces judgment on Judah at the hands of the Assyrians. Nothing will stop them because they are the tool of God. Once Judah’s judgment is complete God will then turn to judge Assyria. Chapter 11 is a continuation of the same poem but with a different focus. Not only will a remnant remain but God will rule and reign in a perfect kingdom with perfect righteousness, perfect peace, and with his chosen people.

The Descendent of Jesse V. 1-9

“The stump of Jesse” V. 1– Jesse is used rather than David to signify a new beginning and in order to draw a distinction between the current corrupt regime and the new more faithful regime. ***1 Samuel 16:1-5***

The messiah will rule with Godly character V. 2-5 – These character traits can only be fulfilled in the messiah. “The fear of the Lord” means obeying, pleasing and glorifying God. He will judge in perfect righteousness, truth, fairness and faithfulness. The very core of His being is righteousness and faithfulness. ***Psalms 72***

The result of Godly rule V.6-9 – The result will be an Edenic atmosphere in which no hostility or aggression exists. All creation will live in harmony and peace with each other knowing fully God. ***Hosea 2:16-20***

The Banner V. 10-16

“Banner” – The flag or signet of the army, tribe or nation. It identified under whose authority and where the allegiances lay. Messiah under His rule will unite the world and have authority over the entire world, the furthest lands East, West, North and South. “Second time” – A uniting physically. The first time was a uniting spiritual through the gift of Salvation.

One Rule V. 10-16 – The world will be under one rule in utter peace. No more war or conflicts and there will be no obstacles that will hinder the Messiah’s rule as in the Exodus. ***Micah 4:1-5***

Application

Discussion Questions

What Godly character trait is the most meaningful to you?

How can you nurture that trait within your own life?

How can you better submit to His rule in your life?

Homework

Read *Isaiah 12*

Answer the following questions:

1. What does God's Word say? List the facts.
2. What does God's Word mean? Learn the lessons.
3. What does God's Word mean to me? Listen to His voice.
4. How will I respond to God's Word today? Live it out.

Focus on the one Godly Character trait that means the most to you, and find one way every day to exhibit that trait.