

The Coming of Christ

Lesson 3

Isaiah 11:1-12

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Christ: The Hope of Peace

INTRODUCTION

We all go through times in life of feeling sad, lost, or not knowing what to do in a variety of circumstances. Sometimes life seems too hard, and depression or anxiety starts to take over. How can we, as Christians, find hope and peace when there appears to be none?

In this passage, Isaiah, one of five major prophets, prophesies about the “stump of Jesse” and a new Kingdom that results from the roots of the stump. This Kingdom first appears as a Shoot growing out of the stump. You will discover what or who the stump and Shoot represent. You will also learn what grows from the Shoot and how this impacts our lives.

God told Isaiah that there will be a time of peace that follows a period of exile and captivity. The long-awaited peace will be glorious! Isaiah 11:1-12 is a passage of Hope and Peace.

Memory verse: “A Shoot will come up from the stump of Jesse; from his roots a Branch will bear fruit.”—Isaiah 11:1

Pray, and read Isaiah 11:1-12. What questions or observations do you have about this passage?

OBSERVATION: What does the passage say?

1. What does Isaiah say will come from the stump of Jesse? From his roots, what will the Branch bear? (Isaiah 11:1)
2. What will rest on Him? (Isaiah 11:2)
3. How will He, and how will He not judge the needy? How will He strike the earth? (Isaiah 11:3-4)
4. What does Isaiah tell us about His righteousness and faithfulness? (Isaiah 11:5)
5. Isaiah prophesies a time of peace. How does he describe it? (Isaiah 11:6-9)

4. After the fall of Judah in 586 BC and a period of captivity, God would establish a new Kingdom. Describe what this Kingdom looks like, and write one word that characterizes it.
(Ezekiel 34:25-28; Isaiah 11:12-13, 65:25)

APPLICATION: How do the passages apply to your life?

1. David's Kingdom was cut down and divided leaving a stump which would have appeared dead. Yet life was growing within it. A Shoot grew from the root of the stump to live and bring hope of peace. Was there a time when all seemed hopeless, and you had no idea what to do next? How did God work in your life during this challenging time? Did you pray for guidance? What was the outcome?

