

BOOK OF ISAIAH

Outline

Chapters 11-13

D. L. Moody said, "I prayed for Faith, and thought that some day Faith would come down and strike me like lightning. But Faith did not seem to come...One day I read in the tenth chapter of Romans, 'Now Faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the Word of God.' I had closed my Bible, and prayed for Faith. I now OPENED my Bible, and began to study, and FAITH HAS BEEN GROWING EVER SINCE."

1. CHAPTER 11

Verse 1: After predicting the Assyrians would NOT take Jerusalem (because God had drawn a red line), Isaiah begins to prophesy about the coming Messiah and His future reign. Jesus is the "rod out of the stem of Jesse," and Jesus is the "Branch" that "shall grow out of his roots." Jesse, the father of King David, is referenced to reinforce the lineage of the Eternal King as coming through the Davidic lineage. (Very specific prophecy!) **QUESTION: WHY IS JESUS CALLED THE ROD?** The **ROD** is associated with the **High Priesthood**. Remember High Priest Aaron's ROD that was laid up before the Ark of the Covenant in the Tabernacle with the other challengers to the High Priesthood? God caused Aaron's rod to BUD, BLOSSOM, and bring forth FRUIT (ALMONDS) **OVERNIGHT**. Isaiah defines the rod: Jesus is the **ETERNAL HIGH PRIEST** Who brings forth fruit and is acceptable before God. Likewise, the **SUDDENNESS** of the Fruit-Bearing foreshadows another Old Testament scripture which prophesies, "Shall a nation be born in a DAY?" The answer is, **YES**. Not only was physical Israel reborn **SUDDENLY**, but **SPIRITUAL ISRAEL, THE CHURCH OF THE FIRST-BORN--THE REDEEMED, WAS "BORN AGAIN" IN A DAY: THE DAY THAT JESUS ROSE FROM THE DEAD AND REPENTANCE/FORGIVENESS WAS GIVEN TO ALL NATIONS!** This scripture also alludes to the **Incarnation**, for **Jesus is the ROD from the STEM** and, yet, also the **BRANCH from the ROOTS**--much like the description of the incarnation in the Book of Revelation (22:16): **Jesus is BOTH the ROOT and OFFSPRING--a PHYSICAL IMPOSSIBILITY!!!** No human can make such a claim, for we cannot be the **BEGINNING** of our parentage and also be our parents' offspring! **Jesus is the Beginning as God Almighty (which He plainly declares of Himself in Revelation 1:8) BUT, as the Son of Man and our Perfect Sacrifice, He became fully human as David's OFFSPRING.** No one else can make such a claim and it be true. As the **ROD**, Jesus was foreshadowed in Moses' ROD, superior **OVER ALL THE SERPENTS** of Pharaoh's magicians! (He gives us "power over all the power of the enemy...we tread upon serpents and scorpions in His Name.) Moses' ROD was commissioned by the **GREAT I AM** on Mt. Sinai to be used repeatedly in **LOOSING** God's people from the enemy! Moses' ROD parted the **RED SEA!** Jesus is the **ROD** who parts **DEATH'S WATERS** for us to have **ETERNAL LIFE** and

DELIVERANCE from the HOLD of the enemy! In Psalm 23, Jesus is the "ROD and thy STAFF," which comforts us. As the Good Shepherd, He, as our Rod, is our DEFENDER from the WOLVES and also the Rod Who prods us along on our paths of righteousness in this life. Regarding Jesus' title as BRANCH, Isaiah first states this in chapter 4:2. We are first introduced to the term "**BRANCH**" in the creation of the **Golden Candlestick** (Lampstand or Menorah) of the Tabernacle of Moses. (Exodus 25:31) The Golden Candlestick stood about 5' tall and had a **CENTRAL BRANCH** with **3 branches** on each side. In other words, a central BRANCH with 6 branches for a **total of 7** (God's number of **Perfection or Completion**.) The Golden Candlestick had 7 lamps, **not** candles. It was specified by God to be made of HAMMERED GOLD. It was also specified that it was to be designed with BUDS ready to BLOSSOM and the BOWLS containing the OLIVE OIL were to be shaped like ALMONDS. (Does this sound familiar?) Jesus Christ is the Central BRANCH. He is IN OUR MIDST at ALL times! Hallelujah! He is PURE GOLD (KINGLY), but was HAMMERED (i.e., STRUCK, SMITTEN BY GOD) at Calvary. **Six** represents the **NUMBER OF MAN**. The **6 BRANCHES** signify the **CHURCH**, who, like Jesus, is the LIGHT OF THE WORLD. The Golden Candlestick was a PERPETUAL LIGHT and the ONLY LIGHT in the HOLY PLACE. It represents the ETERNAL COVENANT and physically demonstrates that the only way we can SEE inside the HOLY PLACE (that is, the only way we see spiritually) is through the LIGHT that Jesus gives us. This light was lit with a **LIVE COAL** from off the BRAZEN ALTAR OF BURNT OFFERING. The Lampstand contained BEATEN, PURE OLIVE OIL (beaten until it is **white in color**...Isaiah said let us reason...though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be **WHITE as snow**.) Jesus was BEATEN for us. He gives us HIS DIVINE PURITY. He gives us HIS HOLY SPIRIT, whereby we can spiritually see! No coincidence that JESUS went to Gethsemane to pray prior to the crucifixion which would release HIS OIL to all nations. Gethsemane was the place of olive trees, the Mount of Olives. Its name means "**OIL PRESS**." There, in the darkness of that 2nd garden, His soul was PRESSED--PRESSED to the point of near death as He sweated DROPS OF BLOOD--The first DIVINE blood given to redeem us from the curse. It fell to the cursed ground. As the Bible progressively reveals the typology of The Branch, Isaiah states in chapter 60:21 that, like the 6 branches on the Lampstand, God's chosen people, the redeemed would be "the BRANCH of my planting..." Many years after Isaiah, the prophet Jeremiah amplifies the typology of The Branch as being the Savior. Jeremiah 23:5: "Behold, the days come, saith the Lord, that I will raise unto David a **righteous BRANCH**, and a KING shall reign and prosper, and shall execute judgment and justice in the earth." Again, Jeremiah repeats in Chapter 33:15, "In those days, and at that time, will I cause the BRANCH OF RIGHTEOUSNESS to grow up unto David..." Zechariah was also given prophetic insight into THE BRANCH: "...for, behold, I will bring forth my servant the BRANCH." (3:8) and also in Zechariah 6:12, "...Thus speaketh the Lord of Hosts, saying, Behold the MAN whose name is THE BRANCH; and he shall grow up out of his place, and he shall build the

temple of the Lord." Jesus Christ, the carpenter's son, began building the SPIRITUAL TEMPLE upon His resurrection--that's US, His BODY, His Church, His Redeemed!

Verse 2: The "spirits" upon this ROD of Jesse, the BRANCH: (1) Spirit of the Lord resting upon Him, (2) Spirit of wisdom, (3) Spirit of understanding (4) Spirit of counsel (5) Spirit of might (6) Spirit of knowledge (7) Spirit of the fear of the Lord. The 7 "spirits" upon the Branch, Jesus, signify the Perfection or Completeness of the Holy Spirit. The prophet Isaiah is giving us insight into the Book of Revelation, 1:4: "...from Him which is, and which was, and which is to come; and from the SEVEN SPIRITS which are before His throne."

Verses 6-9 Isaiah sees a NEW DAY coming: The restoration of the EDENIC state. "The wolf dwells with the lamb, the leopard lies down with the kid... They shall not hurt nor destroy in all my HOLY MOUNTAIN; for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord, as the waters cover the sea." The HOLY MOUNTAIN is the Stone cut without hands which the prophet Daniel saw as it fell from Heaven and struck the statue representing the major kingdoms of the earth. Daniel said that STONE (Jesus is the CORNERSTONE) became a mountain that filled the earth. This mountain is the KINGDOM OF GOD, the KINGDOM OF HIS GOSPEL.

Verse 10 The ROOT of Jesse which the GENTILES will seek. Isaiah clearly sees salvation given to all nations. It states the REST which this ROOT will give will be GLORIOUS. Jesus said in the New Testament to come to Him and He would give us REST. In Jesus, we have our REST. We rest from our own futile efforts to be righteous, for He imparts His righteousness to us. This rest, as Isaiah said, is GLORIOUS because it is GOD'S GLORY IN US!

Verse 12 This Messiah is an ENSIGN or STANDARD for the nations! He will gather HIS CHOSEN from the FOUR corners of the EARTH--ALL DIRECTIONS as indicated by the 4 corners of the BRAZEN ALTAR of MOSES' TABERNACLE and the 4 "CORNERS" of Calvary's Cross, the TRUE BRAZEN ALTAR.

Verse 16 Jesus is THE ONLY HIGHWAY for the remnant, His chosen people, to be delivered from the world's captivity.

CHAPTER 12 Isaiah's song of praise for seeing the future of God's people: A future of VICTORY and PEACE--even the animals of the earth.

Verse 3 A familiar verse: "With JOY shall ye draw water out of the wells of salvation." Remember Jesus used the terminology of LIVING WATER and spoke with the woman at the well about drawing out that kind of water.

CHAPTER 13

Verse 1 Note the word "burden." Many times the word of the Lord that came to prophets was of such a nature that it was weighty, burdensome, a heavy load to bear. Isaiah is seeing a nation, Babylon, 100 years into the future, how it will be God's instrument of justice/judgment upon Jerusalem and how God will

ultimately destroy the Babylonian Empire. **VERY IMPORTANT TO REMEMBER BABYLON AS YOU READ THE BOOK OF REVELATION.** It is the SYMBOL of the FALLEN WORLD'S SYSTEM which God will eventually and ultimately DESTROY when the "Kingdoms of this world become the Kingdoms of our God and His Christ."

Verse 11 In the context of BABYLON, God says He will "punish the world for their evil." REMEMBER, God began the COVENANT with His people through ABRAHAM, whom He called OUT OF UR of the Chaldees, the area of future Babylonia. It is present day IRAQ and is just north of the area north of the PERSIAN GULF where the Garden of EDEN was located! The tower of Babel was in the area, hence the name Babylon. At the tower of Babel, God DISPERSED the nations with many languages.

Verse 13 God says in His judgment He will "shake the heavens and the earth shall remove out of her place..."

Verse 19-20 God will overthrow BABYLON and "it shall never be inhabited." Ancient Babylon was completely overthrown by Cyrus, King of Persia, and never rose to world empire status again. Currently, Iraq occupies ancient Babylon and is inhabited. Some scholars think IRAQ will ultimately be non-inhabitable, while others think ancient Babylon is a symbol of the world's fallen system being ultimately judged by God and no longer allowed to function--that is, the New Heavens and the New Earth to replace the current system.