

## The Gospel According to Isaiah: The Righteous Branch

**Text:** Isaiah 11:1-16

**Context** - During the ministry of the prophet Isaiah, the Evil King Ahaz is ruling the Southern Kingdom of Judah. The Assyrian king will cut the “forest of Israel” down to the stumps (Isaiah 10:17-19), but God has planned for a “branch to grow from the stump of Jesse.”

**Main Idea** - No matter what unfolds in our world - God’s plan to redeem a people from every tribe, tongue, and nation through Jesus will always come to pass.

### As you study the Promised Messiah....

#### 1. \_\_\_\_\_ the righteous one (vs. 1-5)

- A. Jesse was the father of King David. Even though things looked rough for Israel with the Babylonian captivity, God was promising a messiah who would come through the lineage of David (2 Samuel 7:12-13).
- B. This “Righteous Branch” would possess the fullness of God’s Spirit, be endowed with wisdom, strength, and the Fear of the Lord, rule in perfect justice and righteousness, and deliver the oppressed and slay the wicked.

#### 2. \_\_\_\_\_ at His impact on Creation (vs. 6-9)

- A. Some interpreters view the animals in this passage as symbolic of the nations no longer harming the people of God. Others view it more literally as a future time when sin will be removed from the animal kingdom, transforming it into a peaceful coexistence with humans.
- B. Sin has affected all of creation, and Jesus will one day remove the curse of sin from this world. **Romans 8:19** (ESV) - For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the sons of God.

#### 3. \_\_\_\_\_ with the international procession (vs. 10-16)

- A. “The Nations will seek Him” in verse 10b can also be translated, “The Gentiles will seek Him.”
- B. Paul saw himself as helping fulfill this prophecy when he became the Apostle to the Gentiles. (He quotes this passage in Romans 15:12)
- C. Isaiah 11:10-16 describes God bringing back all of Israel into its land (vs. 12-16) along with Gentiles from all of the nations (vs. 11).