

The Branch From Jesse

¹ A shoot will come up from the stump of Jesse; from his roots a Branch will bear fruit.

² The Spirit of the Lord will rest on him— the Spirit of wisdom and of understanding,
the Spirit of counsel and of might,
the Spirit of the knowledge and fear of the Lord—

³ and he will delight in the fear of the Lord. He will not judge by what he sees with his eyes, or decide by what he hears with his ears;

⁴ but with righteousness he will judge the needy, with justice he will give decisions for the poor of the earth.

He will strike the earth with the rod of his mouth; with the breath of his lips he will slay the wicked.

⁵ Righteousness will be his belt and faithfulness the sash around his waist.

⁶ The wolf will live with the lamb, the leopard will lie down with the goat, the calf and the lion and the yearling together; and a little child will lead them.

⁷ The cow will feed with the bear, their young will lie down together, and the lion will eat straw like the ox.

⁸ The infant will play near the cobra's den, and the young child will put its hand into the viper's nest.

⁹ They will neither harm nor destroy on all my holy mountain, for the earth will be filled with the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea.

¹⁰ In that day the Root of Jesse will stand as a banner for the peoples; the nations will rally to him, and his resting place will be glorious.

Isaiah 11:1-10 (NIV)

Epilogue: Invitation and Warning

¹² "Look, I am coming soon! My reward is with me, and I will give to each person according to what they have done. ¹³ I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last, the Beginning and the End.

¹⁴ "Blessed are those who wash their robes, that they may have the right to the tree of life and may go through the gates into the city. ¹⁵ Outside are the dogs, those who practice magic arts, the sexually immoral, the murderers, the idolaters and everyone who loves and practices falsehood.

¹⁶ "I, Jesus, have sent my angel to give you this testimony for the churches. **I am the Root and the Offspring of David, and the bright Morning Star."**

¹⁷ The Spirit and the bride say, "Come!" And let the one who hears say, "Come!" Let the one who is thirsty come; and let the one who wishes take the free gift of the water of life.

Revelation 22:12-17 (NIV)

Observation (what does the text say?) **Interpretation** (what does it mean?) **Application** (what does it mean to me/us?)

Discussion/Topic Starters (Ice Breakers)

- Look back at your past; describe a hopeless season that has since yielded some GOOD/GROWTH in your life?

Isaiah 11:1-10

O: What things in the text strike you or jump out at you? Why?

O: Describe the character and reign of this king who is to come as a shoot from the stump of Jesse (v.1-5).

-There is so much here, go slowly, marvel together at what this reveals about Jesus, the Spirit, and God's heart.

O: Discuss the contrasts in **verses 6-8**. What does this say about God's heart & God's kingdom?

O: **v.9**, for those who know this king (Jesus), how will they be characterized? Aka, why does peace flourish when people KNOW Jesus?

I: What does it mean for the "earth to be filled with the knowledge of the Lord?" (v.9)

A: Compare **Isa. 11:6-9** to **Romans 8:18-25**; how should this future hope affect our attitudes and actions today

Revelation 22:12-17

A: If **Isaiah Ch.11** and **Revelation 22:12-17** (linked by Jesus being the root/offspring of David), if both passages reveal God's heart as well as the future of the world/humanity, what implications does it have for how we live right now?

A: What is the specific invitation in **v.16-17**? How are you (we) going to respond to this invitation?

Recommended Follow-up:

- **Respond:** Spend this week reflecting on Jesus' invitation in Rev.22:17 (as well as Matt. 11:25-30). Pray about how you can more embrace Jesus and His amazing offer of life and peace and relationship.
- **Respond:** Spend one time (or more) this week marveling/worshiping Jesus in response to what these two passages reveal about Him (specifically Isa 11:1-5).