

The Prophecies of Isaiah ²⁷ Lesson 9

Vision 6 – Part 3

Summary of Vision 6 - Part 1 & 2

Isaiah delivers vision six to the Southern Kingdom shortly after the birth of Maher-shalal-hash-baz. It warns of the Lord's calling for Assyria to attack Aram, the Northern Kingdom and all the smaller countries around the Southern Kingdom. The Southern Kingdom will be safe from this conflict because the Lord still resides among the people of Judah but He will lead Assyria to attack the countries who trust in their kings instead of the Lord. When the battle occurs, the people of these nations will curse their kings and God as they lie on the ground and die. The Lord promises that the land area of the Northern Kingdom taken in the first raid will one day see a great light in the life of the Child Who will be the "Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Eternal Father, Prince of Peace," and He will bring light to the darkness for both Jews and Gentiles. The Lord is still angry with the political and religious leaders. He will call Assyria to complete the work in the Northern Kingdom but he also plans to punish the Assyrians for their arrogant attitudes. In part 3 of this lesson, the Lord comes to establish His kingdom on earth, ruling from His great white throne and offering peace to all people. He has every right to be the King of kings because He is of the root of Jesse.

Far Prophecy

Root of Jesse

Isaiah 11:1 Then a shoot will spring from the stem of Jesse, and a branch from his roots will bear fruit. ² And the Spirit of the LORD will rest on Him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and strength, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD. ³ And He will delight in the fear of the LORD, and He will not judge by what His eyes see, nor make a decision by what His ears hear; ⁴ but with righteousness He will judge the poor, and decide with fairness for the afflicted of the earth; and He will strike the earth with the rod of His mouth, and with the breath of His lips He will slay the wicked. ⁵ Also righteousness will be the belt about His loins, and faithfulness the belt about His waist. ⁶ And the wolf will dwell with the lamb, and the leopard will lie down with the kid, and the calf and the young lion and the fatling together; and a little boy will lead them. ⁷ Also the cow and the bear will graze; their young will lie down together; and the lion will eat straw like the ox. ⁸ And the nursing child will play by the hole of the cobra, and the weaned child will put his hand on the viper's den. ⁹ They will not hurt or destroy in all My holy mountain, for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the LORD as the waters cover the sea. ¹⁰ Then it will come about in that day that the nations will resort to the root of Jesse, Who will stand as a signal for the peoples; and His resting place will be glorious.



Picture 2: Isaiah 11:6-9
"Peace" by William Strutt (1896)

Projecting far into the future, the Lord prophesies that His appearance will eventually lead to the establishment of His 1,000 year reign on earth coming through the line of Jesse and his son David. His name will be Jesus and He will judge the hearts of men, not their outward actions. Later, He will reappear and rid the earth of evil for a time, striking His enemies with His Words. Then

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all the kingdoms of the world, both human and animal, will live in peace. All the people of the world will know the Lord; His home in Jerusalem will be a glorious place.

Far Prophecy

Second Gathering of Israel

Isaiah 11:11 Then it will happen on that day that the Lord Will again recover the second time with His hand the remnant of His people, who will remain, from Assyria, Egypt, Pathros, Cush, Elam, Shinar, Hamath, and from the islands of the sea. ¹² And He will lift up a standard for the nations, and will assemble the banished ones of Israel, and will gather the dispersed of Judah from the four corners of the earth.

When the Lord arrives to set up His 1,000 year kingdom, He will call for all the remnant of the Jews from all over the world to return to the land a second time. The first return refers to the release of the Jews from the Babylonian captivity that occurs in 536 BC when Cyrus the Great takes over the Babylonian Empire for the Medes and Persians. The return of the first remnant will occur 204 years after this sixth prophecy. The second return is yet to occur. However, this question comes to mind. When did the second exile or dispersion take place? It began with the stoning of Stephen in Jerusalem by Saul of Tarsus shortly before 34 AD and continued through the destruction of the Temple in Jerusalem in 70 AD. It was then repeated in smaller events for another one hundred years.

Why does the prophecy mention "Assyria, Egypt, Pathros, Cush, Elam, Shinar, Hamath, and from the islands of the sea" if Cyrus the Great is going to release the exiles in 536 BC? The answer is simple. Not all the Jews who were exiled at different times in Israel's history would choose to return to the Promised Land in 536 BC. By the time of the Lord's earthly ministry in 27 - 30 AD, the largest population of Jews in the world outside Israel resides in Babylon, the remnant of the leftovers who do not choose to leave their established homes to return to the uncertainty of the Promised Land. Peter mentions them in one of his letters.



Map 7: Areas mentioned in Isaiah 11:11-12

1 Peter 5:¹³ She who is in Babylon, chosen together with you, sends you greetings, and so does my son, Mark.

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Israel's Peace and Promised Land

Isaiah 11:13 Then the jealousy of Ephraim will depart, and those who harass Judah will be cut off; Ephraim will not be jealous of Judah, and Judah will not harass Ephraim. ¹⁴ And they will swoop down on the slopes of the Philistines on the west; together they will plunder the sons of the east; they will possess Edom and Moab; and the sons of Ammon will be subject to them.

When the Lord returns to set up His kingdom, the combined 12 tribes of Israel will never fight each other again. Together, they will attack their enemies, Philistia, Edom, Moab and Ammon, taking their lands and cities and inhabiting them as their own. The Philistines,

Edomites and Moabites will be killed; the Ammonites will become servants of the nation of Israel.

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Destruction of Enemies

Isaiah 11:15 And the LORD will utterly destroy the tongue of the Sea of Egypt; And He will wave His hand over the river with His scorching wind; and He will strike it into seven streams, And make *men* walk over dry-shod. ¹⁶ And there will be a highway from Assyria For the remnant of His people who will be left, just as there was for Israel In the day that they came up out of the land of Egypt.

The Red Sea and its two tributaries act as barriers between Egypt, Ethiopia, the Arabian Peninsula and the land of Midian. When the Lord comes, He will "destroy the tongue of the Sea of Egypt" or the Red Sea to enable a great highway to extend from the Euphrates River to the Nile in Egypt. Because Abraham had walked over all this land, the Lord promised it to his descendants. This highway will provide a way to journey from Egypt through Jerusalem and into the Mesopotamian Valley of Abraham's home town of Ur in Babylon. From all the nations, the remnants of Israel will return to their Promised Land on a dry road, unhampered by rivers and waterways.

Far Prophecy

Israel's Praise for the Lord

Isaiah 12:1 Then you will say on that day, "I will give thanks to Thee, O LORD; For although Thou wast angry with me, Thine anger is turned away, and Thou dost comfort me. ² "Behold, God is my salvation, I will trust and not be afraid; for the LORD GOD is my strength and song, and He has become my salvation." ³ Therefore you will joyously draw water from the springs of salvation. ⁴ And in that day you will say, "Give thanks to the LORD, call on His name. Make known His deeds among the peoples; make *them* remember that His name is exalted." ⁵ Praise the LORD in song, for He has done excellent things; let this be known throughout the earth. ⁶ Cry aloud and shout for joy, O inhabitant of Zion, for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.

Finally, the Lord promises through Isaiah that the whole nation of Israel will be in the correct relationship with Him in His 1,000 year kingdom. At that time, Israel will finally give the Lord the praise, glory and honor He deserves.



Map 8: Current Nile, Euphrates and Red Sea



Map 9: Nile and Euphrates with no Red Sea in the 1,000-year Kingdom of the Lord

Table 7: Scripture Fulfillment in Isaiah – Chapter 8:5-12:6

Passage	Summary	Time of Fulfillment
Isa. 8:5-8	<i>Near Future</i> The Lord will call for the waters of Assyria to run over Israel.	Fulfilled in 722 BC
Isa. 8:9-20	<i>History/Present Day</i> Cursing and hopeless, the Israelites must get ready for their exile because they have failed to see the signs and return to the Lord.	Fulfilled in 722BC
Isa. 9:1-7	<i>Far Prophecy</i> Israel will see a great light when a wonderful Child is born.	Fulfilled in 4 BC through 30 AD and on to the 1,000 year reign of the Lord after Armageddon
Isa. 9:8-16	<i>Near Future</i> All of the Northern Kingdom will be cut off, both the head and tail, with the help of the Aramians and the Philistines.	Fulfilled in 712 BC
Isa. 9:17 – 10:2	<i>History/Present Day</i> The Lord is angry with the evil people of the Northern Kingdom, especially the two strongest tribes.	Fulfilled in 722 BC
Isa. 10:3-34	<i>Near Future</i> The Lord is sending Assyria to be His instrument of judgment but He will punish Assyria for its attitude while working for the Lord; however, a remnant of Israel will survive Assyria's attack and Judah will be completely safe.	Fulfilled in 722 BC
Isa. 11:1-12:6	<i>Far Prophecy</i> The root of Jesse will establish His kingdom on the Holy Mountain and He will gather Israel for the second time from the ends of the earth to make them the premiere nation of the world living on the Promised Land from the Euphrates to the Nile in peace with no enemies and praising the Lord in His kingdom.	Fulfilled after the Day of the Lord, after Armageddon