

Session 6 Jesus' Leadership in the Millennium (Isa. 11:1-16)

I. REVIEW: THE FATHER SET JESUS AS KING OVER ALL NATIONS

- A. The Father determined that Jesus be King over all nations. He set Jesus on His throne in two phases.
Phase 1: Jesus was enthroned *in heaven* at the Father's right hand *at the resurrection* (Eph. 1:20).
Phase 2: Jesus will be enthroned *on earth* in Jerusalem *at His second coming* (Jer. 3:17).

⁶I [the Father] have set My King on My holy hill of Zion [Jerusalem]...⁸I will give You [Jesus] the nations for Your inheritance, and the ends of the earth for Your possession. (Ps. 2:8)

- B. Jesus, as a man, will be recognized by all on earth, as the king over all the earth.

⁹And the LORD [Jesus] shall be King over all the earth. (Zech. 14:9)

- C. Jesus' kingship is manifest on earth *in part* in this age and *in fullness* in the millennial kingdom. His kingdom will be openly manifested worldwide for 1,000 years, affecting every sphere of life (political, social, agricultural, economic, educational, media, etc. (Isa. 2:1-4; 9:6-9; 11:1-16; 60:1-63:6; 65:17-25; Mt. 17:11; 19:28; Acts 3:21). IHOPKC holds to the **historic premillennial** view of the end times with a post-tribulation rapture and emphasis on a victorious Church (Eph. 5:27).

⁴And they [the saints] lived and reigned with Christ for a thousand years... (Rev. 20:4)

II. JESUS' LEADERSHIP OVER THE NATIONS (ISAIAH 11)

- A. In Isaiah 11, we see the result of Jesus' powerful leadership (v. 2)—He will establish righteousness in every nation on earth (v. 3-5), remove the curse from creation (v. 6-8), fill the earth with God's glory (v. 9), bring the Gentile nations to God (v. 10), and rescue and restore Israel (v. 11-16).
- B. ***Stem of Jesse:*** Jesse was King David's father. The stem (or stump) of Jesse describes the falling dynasty of the kings from David's family line. This "stem" points to the greatly weakened power of Israel's royal family and national power as seen by the vassal status of Ahaz and the reduced geographic area that was under Judah's rule.

***¹There shall come forth a Rod [shoot] from the stem [stump] of Jesse, and a Branch shall grow out of his roots.* (Isa. 11:1)**

1. Jesus as "the branch" will not grow from a new tree (new dynasty), but from the old stump or roots of Jesse's family line. Jesus restores the "tree of David." Jesus came forth from the "stem" (stump) and "root" of Jesse. Jesus is the greater David coming from David's offspring.
2. The family line of David's father Jesse is pictured as a root from which a tree had once grown—the line of kings who descended from David. This tree was fallen; but its roots were still in tact. David's dynasty had become a mere stem, but God's promises to him continued; a new rod or shoot would come forth up from the stem of David's fallen tree.

- C. **Desolation:** The context of Isaiah 11 is the desolate cities after the Great Tribulation (Isa. 24:1-3, 6, 12, 16; 25:2; 27:10; 59:10; 61:4; Jer. 30:16, 33:10-12; 50:3; 51:26; Ezek. 38:12-13; 39:10; Joel 3:19; Amos 9:14; Mic. 7:13; Zeph. 3:8; Zech. 14:2; Rev. 8:9; 16:18-21; 17:16; 18:19). National economies will be desolate in this time. Jesus will lead great nation-building programs at this time.

¹⁸...there was a great earthquake, such a mighty and great earthquake as had not occurred since men were on the earth...²⁰Then every island fled away, and the mountains were not found. ²¹And great hail from heaven fell upon men, each hailstone about the weight of a talent [100 pounds]. (Rev. 16:18-21)

¹Behold, the LORD makes the earth empty and makes it waste, distorts its surface...³The land shall be entirely emptied and utterly plundered...⁶The curse [of sin] has devoured the earth...

¹²In the city desolation is left, and the gate is stricken with destruction. (Isa. 24:1-12)

⁴And they shall rebuild the old ruins, they shall raise up the former desolations, and they shall repair the ruined cities, the desolations of many generations. (Isa. 61:4)

- D. **Power:** Jesus will be the most powerful king in history, anointed with the Spirit without measure. Jesus will have total power (Rev. 5:11). He will use His power in a way that pleases God.

²The Spirit of the LORD shall rest upon Him, the Spirit of wisdom and understanding, the Spirit of counsel and might, the Spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the LORD. (Is 11:2)

- E. We gain insight into Isaiah 11 by understanding the implications of Jesus becoming a man.

1. Jesus had to become human **forever** in order to qualify as the redeemer for humans.
2. Jesus had to be **judged** with the divine wrath that we deserved so that we might be saved.
3. Jesus had to live as a man **dependent** on the anointing of the Spirit. He was “never less than God” after His incarnation, but lived as if He was “never more than a man,” (Ian Thomas).
4. While He was on earth during His first coming, each miracle that He did was the result of looking to the Father in prayer, in full dependence on the Spirit (Jn. 5:19).

¹⁹“Most assuredly, I say to you, the Son can do nothing of Himself, but what He sees the Father do; for whatever He does, the Son also does in like manner. (Jn. 5:19)

5. He shall continue to function as a man anointed by the Spirit in His millennial leadership (Isa. 11:2-5).
6. The *imperfect analogy* of how a laptop is powered in two ways gives some insight into this—the battery is an *internal source* of power and the plug in the electrical socket is an *external source* of power.

F. **The fear of God:** One of the primary qualities of Jesus' reign is the spirit of the fear of God.

³**His delight is in the fear of the LORD, and He shall not judge by the sight of His eyes, nor decide by the hearing of His ears... (Isa. 11:3)**

1. **Delight:** Jesus delights in fear of God. He is not an ordinary good king who recognizes God's authority over him, yet struggles to honor it.
2. **Not judge by the eye:** Jesus will not decide by what seems apparent on the surface. He will "see through" every issue to the very depth of truth. Often the truth in government processes is buried below layers of spin, favors owed, self-agenda, hidden information, etc. Men present their "truth" with a facade. What seems apparent is often not the truth and does not lead to the true and best solution. Thus, the real solution is often not found in what seems to be the truth.
3. I assume that Jesus will make many surprising appointments of people, laws, and reconstruction projects in rebuilding cities, and nations, and national economies.

G. **Righteousness:** Jesus will act in perfect righteousness and equity in all that He does (Isa. 9:7; 42:1-4; Ps. 45:3-4; Rev 19:11-12). He will use His power to establish righteousness, equity, and fairness for all, even the poor. The poor will still be on earth at the beginning of Millennium. The cities and national economies will be devastated after the Great Tribulation

⁴**But with righteousness He shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; He shall strike the earth with the rod of His mouth, and with the breath of His lips He shall slay the wicked. (Isa. 11:4)**

1. **Decide:** The Father gave Jesus all authority in His leadership over the earth (Rev. 5:11). Jesus "receives" this from the Father and in the response of people on the millennial earth. Jesus will receive the fruit of all **power** (political/spiritual), **riches** (money and natural resources), **wisdom** (insight and intellectual property), **strength** (physical strength, including the labor force and human resources), **glory** (praise and love), **honor** (all will esteem Him by their obedience), and **blessing** (agreement with His policies with unified cooperation).

¹¹**I heard the voice of many angels...¹²saying... "Worthy is the Lamb who was slain to receive power and riches and wisdom, and strength and honor and glory and blessing!" (Rev. 5:11-12)**

2. **Judge:** Jesus will judge or act decisively instead of passively neglecting to act. Global crisis needs swift action with real solutions. He will act in surprising ways to establish solutions, intervening with judgment in order to put things right. His judgments include establishing new leaders, laws, and policies that will help the poor (Isa. 11:4).
3. There is no contradiction in Jesus' attributes. All of His promises are upheld, even in a crisis. He is faithful to fulfill His promises and true to His loving righteous nature in all He does. Even in battle, Jesus will be faithful to love and justice and will do everything according to truth. He never violates justice—not even when dealing with Satan and the Antichrist.

¹¹**...He...was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness He judges and makes war. (Rev 19:11)**

4. **Strike the earth with His mouth:** Jesus' word will release great power to set actions in motion to restore the nations and even to judge the wicked.

²*And He [the Father] has made My [Jesus'] mouth like a sharp sword... (Isa. 49:2)*

¹⁵*Now out of His mouth goes a sharp sword, that with it He should strike the nations. And He Himself will rule them with a rod of iron. (Rev. 19:15)*

⁹*You shall break them [the nations] with a rod of iron; You shall dash them to pieces...*" (Ps. 2:9)

²⁶*And he who overcomes...I will give power over the nations—²⁷*He shall rule them with a rod of iron; they shall be dashed to pieces like the potter's vessels'... (Rev. 2:26–27)**

5. **Breath of His lips:** Jesus' very breath will release great power to judge the wicked.

⁸*And then the lawless one [Antichrist] will be revealed, whom the Lord will consume with the breath of His mouth and destroy with the brightness of His coming. (2 Thes. 2:8)*

²⁷*Behold, the name of the LORD comes from afar, burning with His anger...His lips are full of indignation...²⁸His breath is like an overflowing stream...to sift the nations...³³The breath of the LORD, like a stream of brimstone... (Isa. 30:27-33)*

6. Jesus will be zealous to judge or to remove all that hinders love. He will strike and slay the wicked (Rev. 19:19-21; cf. Ps. 110:5-6; Isa. 63:1-6; Rev. 19:15).

¹⁹*I saw the beast, the kings of the earth, and their armies, gathered together to make war against Him...and against His army. ²⁰Then the beast was captured, and with him the false prophet...These two were cast alive into the lake of fire burning with brimstone. ²¹And the rest were killed with the sword which proceeded from the mouth of Him... (Rev. 19:19-21)*

7. **Poor:** Jesus will use His position of power to make a difference for the poor (Ps. 37). The poor are often at end of the priority list for national leaders when considering what to do after a national calamity. The poor have no money or power to offer their leaders.

- H. **Belt:** This belt will be the distinctive sign of the Messiah warring against all that hinders love. A belt in the ancient world designated the status of honor of a leader (high priest, government, or military). A warrior wore a leather belt to keep his clothing out of the way so he could freely move, and it held his sword and dagger. It also points to making oneself ready for a task.

⁵*Righteousness shall be the belt of His loins, and faithfulness the belt of His waist. (Is 11:5)*

- I. In Jesus' activity at Armageddon (Ps. 45:2-4; Rev. 19:11-21), He will be seen as the *One fairer*, or *more beautiful*, than all others. The Father proclaimed Jesus' beauty (Ps. 45:17; Heb. 1:8).

²*You are fairer [more beautiful] than the sons of men; grace [power] is poured upon Your lips...³Gird Your sword upon Your thigh, O Mighty One, with Your glory and Your majesty. ⁴In Your majesty ride prosperously because of truth, humility, and righteousness... (Ps. 45:2-4)*

III. JESUS WILL RESTORE CREATION AND FILL THE EARTH WITH GLORY (ISA. 11:6-8)

- A. Jesus will remove the curse from creation (Isa. 11:6-9), as creation will be delivered from the corruption that began in Genesis 3 (Rom. 8:20-22). Jerusalem will be like the garden of Eden (Isa. 35:1-8; 51:3; Ezek. 34:29; 36:35; 47:6-12). There will be no hostility in the relationships between wild animals and domesticated animals or between wild animals and people (Isa. 11:6-9; 65:20-25).

⁶“The wolf also shall dwell with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the young goat, the calf and the young lion and the fatling together; and a little child shall lead them. ⁷The cow and the bear shall graze; their young ones shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. ⁸The nursing child shall play by the cobra's hole, and the weaned child shall put his hand in the viper's den. ⁹They shall not hurt nor destroy in all My holy mountain... (Isa. 11:6-9)

²⁰For the creation was subjected to futility...²¹...creation itself also will be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God. (Rom. 8:20-21)

- B. The Lord will renew the heavens (atmosphere, weather), the earth (vegetation and animals), and even the life span of humans (Isa. 65:17-25). People will live for hundreds of years.

²⁰No more shall an infant from there live but a few days, nor an old man who has not fulfilled his days; for the child shall die one hundred years old, but the sinner being one hundred years old shall be accursed. ²¹They shall build houses and inhabit them; they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit. ²²They shall not build and another inhabit; they shall not plant and another eat; for as the days of a tree, so shall be the days of My people...²⁵The wolf and the lamb shall feed together, the lion shall eat straw like the ox... (Isa. 65:20-25)

- C. Jesus will fill the earth with God's glory (Isa. 11:9).

⁹...The earth shall be full of the knowledge of the LORD as the waters cover the sea. (Isa. 11:9)

IV. JESUS WILL BRING THE GENTILE NATIONS TO GOD (ISA. 11:10)

- A. Jesus will bring the Gentile nations to God (Isa. 11:10).

¹⁰“And in that day there shall be a Root of Jesse, who shall stand as a banner to the people; For the Gentiles shall seek Him, and His [Jesus'] resting place shall be glorious.” (Isa. 11:10)

- B. **Banner:** Jesus will be a banner to the people or the Gentile nations. In midst of the manifestation of God's glory across the nations, one man will be magnified and be the preoccupation of the nations.

- C. **His resting place:** Jesus' place of rest on earth starts in millennial Jerusalem, connected to the New Jerusalem. Jerusalem will be the eternal dwelling place, or resting place, for God's glory (Ps. 132).

³¹“When the Son of Man comes in His glory...then He will sit on the throne of His glory. ³²All the nations will be gathered before Him... (Mt. 25:31-32)

¹³The place of My sanctuary; and I will make the place of My feet glorious. (Isa. 60:13)

⁵A dwelling place for the Mighty One...⁸Arise, O LORD, to Your resting place. (Ps. 132:5, 8)

- D. **Gentiles will seek God:** Jesus will be worshiped by all the nations from Jerusalem (2:11; 8:20-23; 14:16-18). Jesus will be living in Jerusalem at that time (8:3).

²⁰**“Peoples shall yet come, inhabitants of many cities; ²¹the inhabitants of one city shall go to another, saying, ‘Let us continue to go and pray before the LORD, and seek the LORD of hosts. I myself will go also.’ ²²Yes, many peoples and strong nations shall come to seek the LORD of hosts in Jerusalem, and to pray before the LORD.”** (Zech. 8:20-22)

- E. Jerusalem will be the center of blessing in the millennial kingdom.

²**All nations shall flow to it [Jerusalem]. ³Many people shall...say, “Come, and let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob; He [Jesus] will teach us...for out of Zion shall go forth the law, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.”** (Isa. 2:2-3)

V. JESUS WILL RESCUE AND RESTORE ISRAEL (ISA. 11:11-16)

- A. Jesus will set the Jewish captives free in Egypt and Assyria and will assemble the captives of the remnant of Israel. The primary two nations in which this happens are Egypt and ancient Assyria (regions of parts of modern-day Jordan, Syria and Iraq were previously called the Transjordan; see Isa. 11:11, 16; 27:13; Hos. 11:11; Micah 7:12; Zech. 10:10-11).

¹¹**It shall come to pass in that day that the LORD shall set His hand again the second time to recover the remnant of His people who are left, from Assyria [Jordan, Syria, Iraq] and Egypt, from Pathros [island of Pathros near Nile Valley in Egypt] and Cush [Ethiopia], from Elam [Persia] and Shinar [southern Iraq], from Hamath [Syria] and the islands of the sea [Mediterranean]. ¹²He will set up a banner for the nations, and will assemble the outcasts of Israel, and gather together the dispersed of Judah from the four corners of the earth...¹⁵The LORD will utterly destroy the tongue of the Sea of Egypt [Red Sea]; with His mighty wind He will shake His fist over the River [Euphrates at Assyria?], and strike it in the seven streams, and make men cross over dry-shod. ¹⁶There will be a highway for the remnant of His people who will be left from Assyria, as it was for Israel in the day that he came up from the land of Egypt. (Isa. 11:11-16)**

- B. Jesus will thresh from the Euphrates River in Assyria to Egypt as He gathers, one by one, the Jewish outcasts (prisoners) in Egypt and Assyria who are about to perish. He will do this when the great trumpet is blown. He will then lead them to Jerusalem that they might worship Him.

¹²**In that day that the LORD will thresh, from the channel of the River [Euphrates River in Assyria] to the Brook of Egypt; and you will be gathered one by one, O you children of Israel. ¹³So it shall be in that day: the great trumpet [Jesus' second coming] will be blown; they will come, who are about to perish in the land of Assyria, and they who are outcasts in the land of Egypt, and shall worship the Lord...at Jerusalem. (Isa. 27:12-13)**

- C. **Highway:** A highway or road will be built up specifically for the return of the Jewish captives (Isa. 19:23; 35:8; 49:11; 62:10). The captives of Israel are called the outcasts and the dispersed ones (Isa. 11:11-16; 40:10-11; Hos. 11:10-11; Zech. 10:10).