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A SHOOT FROM THE STUMP OF JESSE

God's Chosen Ruler, The Ideal King, The Messiah Isaiah 11:1-9

Introduction

- A. The Davidic King, descended from Jesse, will come (1)
- B. He will be endowed by the Spirit ... (2-3a)
 - 1. To know God's will: "wisdom and understanding"
 - 2. To do God's will: "counsel and might/power/strength"
 - 3. To be faithful to God's will: "knowledge and fear of the Lord"
 - 4. Because he loves God's will [obeys the Lord] (3a)
- C. He will judge with righteousness (3b-5)
 - 1. Righteous judgment is not merely on the basis of what is seen (3b)
 - 2. Righteous judgment is not merely on the basis of what is heard (3c)
 - 3. Righteous judgment is for all, including the needy (4a)
 - 4. Righteous judgment is for all, including the oppressed (4b)
 - 5. Righteous judgment is authoritative and destroys the wicked (4c)
 - 6. Righteous judgment is from the person (character) of the judge (5)

- D. He will bring universal peace (harmony) by restoring creation to its original design (6-9)
 - 1. There will be peace between predators and their prey (6-8)
 - a. Live with: wolf and young sheep [lamb] (6a)
 - b. Lie with: leopard and young goat (6b)
 - c. Graze with: ox (or calf) and young lion (6c)
 - 2. Creation will be restored to its intended design of mankind ruling [even a young child will rule] (6d)
 - 3. There will be peace between domesticated and wild creatures (7)
 - a. Graze with: cow and bear (7a)
 - b. Lie with: young cow [calf] and young lion [cub] (7b)
 - c. Eat together: lion and ox (7c)
 - 4. Creation will be restored to its intended design of mankind filling the earth in safety [infants and toddlers unharmed] (8)
 - 5. There will be peace in God's set apart/holy space [mountain] because creation will be restored to its intended relationship with its Creator [filled with the knowledge of Him] (9)

Conclusion