

Life-Study of Isaiah Summary – Messages 11 to 15

The Salvation of Jehovah to His Beloved People and the Nations

In Isaiah 11 the coming Christ in restoration is revealed. In the restoration, the coming Christ will be a **twig** that comes forth from the **stem of Jesse** and a **branch from his roots**. In His birth Christ was a twig. As He grew up, He was a branch. Because of His branching out, the whole world is filled with the fruit of this branch. On the one hand, Christ as the twig, the branch, and the root of Jesse is connected to **humanity**. On the other hand, Christ is very much related to **God**, because where He is, God's expression is. This picture depicts Christ as both God and man, as the God-man.

Chapter twelve describes the **salvation** enjoyed by God's beloved people. Verse 2 clearly reveals that **salvation is the Lord Himself**. We should never think that the salvation which we receive and enjoy is anything other than the Lord Himself. Verses 3 and 4 indicate that for the Lord to be our salvation means that He is **living water**. In order to enjoy salvation, we need to realize that the Lord Himself is our salvation, strength, and song and that by calling on His name we may draw water with rejoicing out of the springs of salvation.

The Judgment of Jehovah Upon the Nations and Its Issue

The judgment of Jehovah upon the nations was to destroy Babylon by the Median army because of its cruel destruction of many nations and because of its idols. Although Assyria, not Babylon, was the first nation to trouble God in His economy, in the sight of God **all the nations**, including Assyria, **are a part of Babylon**.

The first issue of Jehovah's judgment is to **unveil Satan's kingdom of darkness** behind the nations and his oneness with the powers of the nations. Another issue of Jehovah's judgment upon the nations is the **restoring and establishing of His beloved Israel**. The ultimate issue is to **provide the all-inclusive Christ as the Saviour** to meet the need of the beloved Israel and the judged nations.

The Vision of the Economy of God Hidden in Isaiah's Prophecy

Three important matters are covered in chapters 1 to 23. First is the **forgiveness of sins**. God has forgiven our sins and has cast them behind His back. Another matter is the sign of **the virgin conceiving and bearing a son**. The third matter is how to **receive God Himself as our salvation** and enjoy Him as salvation.

In these chapters we also have a picture showing us that in the entire universe **everything in God's house and outside God's house should be fired and replaced with Christ**. After God's firing and replacing of everyone and everything with Christ, there will first be the restoration for the kingdom, and then there will be the restoration for the new heaven and new earth for the New Jerusalem. That will be the real church life. When everyone and everything is replaced with Christ, **Christ becomes everything**.

Jehovah's Reaction

Isaiah 24 speaks of Israel degradation and Jehovah's reaction to it. Because of Israel's degradation, Jehovah makes the land of Israel's habitation a chaos and desolation. God used Assyria to discipline Israel; but the Assyria was excessive. In Jehovah's reaction to this, Jehovah will punish, with His harsh, great, and mighty sword, the nations. The first issue of Jehovah's reaction is Israel's return to Jehovah.

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