



Immanuel's Reign—Eternal Isaiah 11.1-2

*There shall come forth a shoot from the stump of Jesse,
and a branch from his roots shall bear fruit.
And the 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 the fear of the Lord.*

The Point: God keeps his promises; the eternal king will reign.

The Question: What does this mean for me?

God will clear the forest—kings of Israel, Judah, Assyria
Isa 10

David's line is obstinate – cut down and then restored. From the
stump of Jesse comes the final and eternal king. Isa 11.1

What makes this king different from other human kings?

The Seven Spirits of the LORD. (Rev 3.1, 4.5, 5.6)

Intellectual W_____ U_____

Practical C_____ M_____

Relational to God K_____ F_____ of the L_____

Creation Restored

The first time I had some live trees removed from my yard, I was surprised the following spring. Shoots were coming out of the stump and some of the roots. There was enough food and energy to survive the winter, and the tree was trying to grow again. It took two years of vigilance to stop the regrowth. It has been over a decade, but I don't think they will return—or is there a chance?

God keeps his promises. He promised David an eternal line on the throne, with the caveat that his sons would have to remain faithful to Him. God keeps his promises. He told Ahaz not to worry about Israel, Syria, and Assyria. Ahaz was not faithful. Assyria defeats Israel and Syria, and God sends a single angel to destroy the 185,000-man army. 2 Kings 19. The kings of Israel are idolaters, and the kings of Judah rise and fall in faith. God takes out his ax and cuts down the forest leaving nothing but seemingly lifeless stumps. Chapter 10 is full of disaster! Then another prophecy of the Messiah and grace.

From a 500-year lifeless stump, a branch emerges full of life. The line of David is restored, not through the power of men but the promise of the LORD.

What makes this king different from other human kings? First, as we know from Isaiah 7.14, his birth is miraculous, 9.6, he is the eternal LORD, and 9.7, his kingdom, once established, is endless.

Second, he is endowed with the seven-fold Holy Spirit of God: wisdom, understanding, counsel, might, knowledge, and fear of the LORD. See Rev 1.4, 3.1, 4.5, and 5.6. No doubt it is Jesus!

Third, he is the perfect king; he judges with flawless knowledge and justice—he is faithful in all things to the poor and the poorer. Forth, he extends the hand of salvation to all humanity that will come to him in faith. Isa 11.10-11. Also, see Romans 11.

Finally, He restores creation to the pristine and holy Eden where the LORD can dwell with humanity. Come quickly, Lord Jesus.