



WEEK 2

## The Nations Inquire of the Promised Messiah

Isaiah 11:1-10

### The Branch From Jesse

- <sup>1</sup> *A shoot will come up from the stump of Jesse;  
from his roots a Branch will bear fruit.*
- <sup>2</sup> *The Spirit of the LORD will rest on him—  
the Spirit of wisdom and of understanding,  
the Spirit of counsel and of might,  
the Spirit of the knowledge and fear of the LORD—*
- <sup>3</sup> *and he will delight in the fear of the LORD.  
He will not judge by what he sees with his eyes,  
or decide by what he hears with his ears;*
- <sup>4</sup> *but with righteousness he will judge the needy,  
with justice he will give decisions for the poor of the earth.  
He will strike the earth with the rod of his mouth;  
with the breath of his lips he will slay the wicked.*
- <sup>5</sup> *Righteousness will be his belt  
and faithfulness the sash around his waist.*
- <sup>6</sup> *The wolf will live with the lamb,  
the leopard will lie down with the goat,  
the calf and the lion and the yearling<sup>[a]</sup> together;  
and a little child will lead them.*
- <sup>7</sup> *The cow will feed with the bear,  
their young will lie down together,  
and the lion will eat straw like the ox.*
- <sup>8</sup> *The infant will play near the cobra's den,  
the young child will put its hand into the viper's nest.*





<sup>9</sup> *They will neither harm nor destroy  
on all my holy mountain,  
for the earth will be filled with the knowledge of the LORD  
as the waters cover the sea.*

<sup>10</sup> *In that day the Root of Jesse will stand as a banner for the peoples; the nations will rally  
to him, and his resting place will be glorious.*

## **Introduction: A Global Curiosity for a Glorious King**

Isaiah gives us a vision that stretches beyond Israel's borders—a vision where the nations are not just watching, but **inquiring**.

“In that day the Root of Jesse will stand as a banner for the peoples; the nations will rally to him, and his resting place will be glorious.” (Isaiah 11:10)

This is a global longing. A world weary of war, injustice, and fear begins to ask: *Who is this Branch from Jesse? Who is this King of righteousness?* And the answer is Jesus—the Messiah who draws the nations to Himself.

## **The Messiah: A King Like No Other**

Isaiah describes the Messiah as a shoot from the stump of Jesse—seemingly small, yet full of life and promise. He is filled with the Spirit of the Lord:

- Wisdom and understanding
- Counsel and might
- Knowledge and the fear of the Lord

This is not a king who rules by appearances or politics. He rules with **righteousness** and **faithfulness**. He defends the poor. He brings justice to the oppressed. He speaks truth that transforms.

This is the kind of leader the world is desperate for. And Isaiah says: *The nations will rally to Him.*

## **A World Transformed by the Knowledge of the Lord**

Isaiah's vision is radical:

- Wolves and lambs living together
- Children playing near snakes
- Predators and prey at peace



This isn't just poetic—it's prophetic. It's a picture of what happens when the **knowledge of the Lord** fills the earth. When people know God—not just facts about Him, but His heart, His justice, His mercy—everything changes.

This is what the nations are inquiring about. They are not just curious about religion. They are hungry for transformation. And that transformation comes through Jesus.

### **The Knowledge of the Lord: Righteousness and Faithfulness**

Isaiah highlights two key traits of the Messiah:

1. **Righteousness** – A radical preoccupation with the preciousness of others.
2. **Faithfulness** – A relentless commitment to God's purposes, even through judgment and suffering.

This is the knowledge that fills the earth. This is what the nations are seeking. And this is what we are called to embody and proclaim—to the ends of the earth.

### **The Mission: From the Mountain to the World**

Isaiah's mountain is not a place to escape the world—it's a place to be equipped for it. From the mountain, the knowledge of the Lord flows out. From the Messiah, the Spirit is poured out. And from the people of God, the message goes out—to every nation, tribe, and tongue.

Jesus echoed this when He said:

“You will be my witnesses... to the ends of the earth.” (Acts 1:8)

We are not just recipients of this knowledge—we are carriers of it. We are the ones through whom the nations will inquire of Him.

### **Transformation Begins with Us**

So what does this look like in our lives?

- It looks like fear being replaced by peace.
- It looks like aggression being replaced by gentleness.
- It looks like broken relationships being healed by the Spirit of Christ.

This is not just a future hope—it's a present reality. The Holy Spirit is at work in us, burning away the chaff, transforming us from the inside out.





## Conclusion: A Glorious Resting Place

Isaiah ends with this promise:

“His resting place will be glorious.”

The nations are not just inquiring—they are coming home. And Jesus is the resting place they’ve been searching for.

As we come to the Lord’s table today, let us ask: *What transformation does God want to work in me? How can I carry the knowledge of the Lord to the ends of the earth?*