

The King Who Ends All Chaos

Isaiah 11:1-10 ▪ November 30, 2025 ▪ Nick Braitto

Trust the _____: The End of Chaos in _____. (1-5)

Hope in His _____: The End of Chaos in _____. (6-9)

Join His _____: The End of Chaos Among the _____. (10)

Isaiah 11:1-10

¹ There shall come forth a shoot
from the stump of Jesse,
and a branch from his roots shall bear fruit.

² 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.

³ And his delight shall be in the fear of the LORD.

He shall not judge by what his eyes see,
or decide disputes by what his ears hear,

⁴ but with righteousness he shall judge the poor,
and decide with equity for the meek of the earth;
and he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth,
and with the breath of his lips
he shall kill the wicked.

⁵ Righteousness shall be the belt of his waist,
and faithfulness the belt of his loins.

⁶ The wolf shall dwell with the lamb,
and the leopard shall lie down with the young goat,
and the calf and the lion
and the fattened calf together;
and a little child shall lead them.

⁷ The cow and the bear shall graze;
their young shall lie down together;
and the lion shall eat straw like the ox.

⁸ The nursing child shall play over the hole of the cobra,
and the weaned child shall put his hand
on the adder's den.

⁹ They shall not hurt or destroy
in all my holy mountain;
for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the LORD
as the waters cover the sea.

¹⁰ In that day the root of Jesse, who shall stand as a
signal for the peoples—of him shall the nations inquire,
and his resting place shall be glorious. (ESV)

Personal Reflection or Group Discussion Questions

Open: What are some of the many blessings in your life that you were thankful for this past week? Despite these blessings, how did you see some effects of sin's curse in your life this past week?

Read & Discuss: Isaiah 11:1-10

1. Isaiah speaks of the Messiah coming as a "shoot from the stump of Jesse" (v. 1). What does this imagery communicate about the unexpected way God often brings about His greatest work? How does this encourage you when you feel your own spiritual life is in a state of "stump" or decline?
2. The King is perfectly endowed with the Spirit of Wisdom, Might, and Knowledge (v. 2). Why is it essential that the One who will reverse the curse and judge the world must possess perfect wisdom and knowledge, judging not by what "his eyes see" or "his ears hear" (v. 3)? How does knowing this about Christ affect the way you live—and the way you might be inclined to pass judgment on others?
3. The King's rule will be one of absolute righteousness (vv. 4-5). How do you find this truth shaping your attitude as you observe the world around you? What's one injustice you are looking forward to Christ undoing?
4. The imagery of the wolf and lamb (vv. 6-8) is a total reversal of the enmity and chaos introduced by the curse. What other effects of the curse must also be completely undone for this prophecy of perfect peace to be fully realized in the world? How do you anticipate your own heart might be changed?
5. Verse 9 states that this peace happens as the becomes "full of the knowledge of the Lord." How would full and proper knowledge and understanding of God lead to completely changed lives? What are some of the things people will correctly understand then that we don't all understand now?
6. Verse 10 speaks of the root of Jesse standing as a "signal" (or banner) "for the peoples" (or people groups). What are some ways that Christ might be considered a "signal" that draws people from every background? How have you seen this happen? How can we contribute to this happening more?
7. Historically, the nations (Gentiles) were the source of much chaos and antagonism toward God's people. Why is the joyful, peaceful gathering of people from all nations to Christ the final demonstration that the curse has been fully undone? How should knowing that the ultimate end is the gathering of all nations under Christ influence our personal priorities this Advent season?

Apply: As a consequence of the curse, we often try to solve problems using our own limited wisdom and might. What is one current area of current chaos or anxiety in your life where you need to intentionally rely on God's perfect wisdom and might (v. 2) to reverse or cope with the effects of the curse?

Pray: Pray that God would open all our eyes to better see Jesus as the perfectly qualified King who has the power and authority to reverse all the effects of the curse. Pray that we would remain rooted in the peace Christ offers amidst any anxieties or strife this Advent season.