## THE FUTURE REIGN OF JESUS

Isaiah 11:1-9

The ancient kingdom of Judah suffered corrupt, evil leadership. Because of his wickedness and refusal to trust God, King Ahaz brought down God's judgment upon the people of Judah. God used Assyria to chastise them. The oracle contained in Isaiah 10 and 11 came as the Assyrian army, 200,000 strong, was camped within view of Jerusalem at a town named Nob (10:28-32). It seemed like the end of Judah and the Jewish people. But through Isaiah, God promised He would preserve a remnant (10:20-23). From that remnant God will bring forth a king.

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|                    | •      | of the Lord, Jesus will be passionate to do God's will and to bring<br>God's will. Therefore, His kingship shall be defined by righteousness |
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|                    | , ,    | ed by God's will, Jesus will do exactly the right things to rebuild the Jesus will bring peace.  |
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Isaiah 11 was clearly laid out as the hope for the people of Isaiah's day troubled by wicked rulers and endless wars. As in Isaiah's day, so now, we can be encouraged that we have a glorious future. This passage also applies to our spiritual lives in several ways.

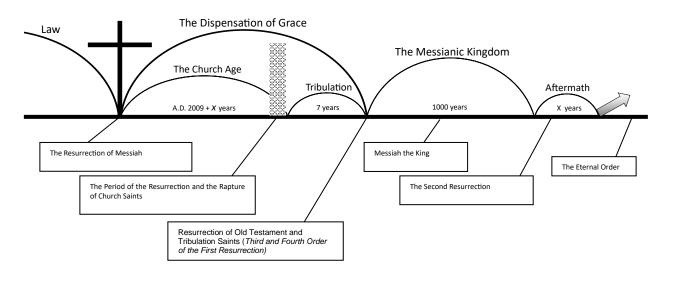
The same Spirit of God Who will empower Jesus has been given to each one of us who believe. He gives us understanding and wisdom and might to live righteous lives of service for Jesus. Our part is to learn how to come under the influence of the Holy Spirit. That is a study in itself, but letting the Word of Christ dwell in you richly with a submissive spirit is the sure pathway to the Spirit-filled life (Ephesians 5:15-33; Colossians 3:12-25).

Second, we are servants of Jesus now, just as we will be His servants in the Messianic Kingdom. Jesus will reign in righteousness. We should be agents of righteousness in our spheres of influence; we must promote righteousness wherever we are.

Third, we should be agents of peace to the degree we are able. We need to give thought to our demeanor and tone. In general, when speaking truth, we should do so with gentleness and kindness. We know some people will be offended by the truth, but make sure it's the truth that offends, not us. As much as we can, let us be agents of peace by our love and kindness.

And finally, in order for this passage to really impact your life, I encourage you to meditate on it and picture in your mind what it will be like when Jesus is King.

## Chronology of Eschatology



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## Grace News and Needs

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<u>Crown Financial Management Class:</u> Sundays 8:30-10 am, beginning Oct 8th.

• Sign up with Jeff on the patio.

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