

A LITTLE CHILD SHALL LEAD THEM

Isaiah 11:1-16; 35:1-10.

LESSON 121 -- Primary Course

MEMORY VERSE: "We shall also live with him" (II Timothy 2:11).

BIBLE TEXTS

Isaiah 11:1-16;

1 And there shall come forth a rod out of the stem of Jesse, and a Branch shall grow out of his roots:

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 of the fear of the LORD;

3 And shall make him of quick understanding in the fear of the LORD: and he shall not judge after the sight of his eyes, neither reprove after the hearing of his ears:

4 But with righteousness shall he judge the poor, and reprove with equity for the meek of the earth: and he shall smite the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips shall he slay the wicked.

5 And righteousness shall be the girdle of his loins, and faithfulness the girdle of his reins.

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

7 And the cow and the bear shall feed; their young ones shall lie down together: and the lion shall eat straw like the ox.

8 And the sucking child shall play on the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put his hand on the cockatrice' den.

9 They shall not hurt nor destroy in all my holy mountain: for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the LORD, as the waters cover the sea.

Isaiah 35:1-10.

1 The wilderness and the solitary place shall be glad for them; and the desert shall rejoice, and blossom as the rose.

2 It shall blossom abundantly, and rejoice even with joy and singing: the glory of Lebanon shall be given unto it, the excellency of Carmel and Sharon, they shall see the glory of the LORD, and the excellency of our God.

3 Strengthen ye the weak hands, and confirm the feeble knees.

4 Say to them that are of a fearful heart, Be strong, fear not: behold, your God will come with

10 And in that day there shall be a root of Jesse, which shall stand for an ensign of the people; to it shall the Gentiles seek: and his rest shall be glorious.

11 And it shall come to pass in that day, that the Lord shall set his hand again the second time to recover the remnant of his people, which shall be left, from Assyria, and from Egypt, and from Pathros, and from Cush, and from Elam, and from Shinar, and from Hamath, and from the islands of the sea.

12 And he shall set up an ensign for the nations, and shall assemble the outcasts of Israel, and gather together the dispersed of Judah from the four corners of the earth.

13 The envy also of Ephraim shall depart, and the adversaries of Judah shall be cut off: Ephraim shall not envy Judah, and Judah shall not vex Ephraim.

14 But they shall fly upon the shoulders of the Philistines toward the west; they shall spoil them of the east together: they shall lay their hand upon Edom and Moab; and the children of Ammon shall obey them.

15 And the LORD shall utterly destroy the tongue of the Egyptian sea; and with his mighty wind shall he shake his hand over the river, and shall smite it in the seven streams, and make men go over dryshod.

16 And there shall be an highway for the remnant of his people, which shall be left, from Assyria; like as it was to Israel in the day that he came up out of the land of Egypt.

vengeance, even God with a recompence; he will come and save you.

5 Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf shall be unstopped.

6 Then shall the lame man leap as an hart, and the tongue of the dumb sing: for in the wilderness shall waters break out, and streams in the desert.

7 And the parched ground shall become a pool, and the thirsty land springs of water: in the habitation of dragons, where each lay, shall be grass with reeds and rushes.

8 And an highway shall be there, and a way, and it shall be called The way of holiness; the unclean shall not pass over it; but it shall be for those: the wayfaring men, though fools, shall not err therein.

9 No lion shall be there, nor any ravenous beast shall go up thereon, it shall not be found there; but the redeemed shall walk there:

10 And the ransomed of the LORD shall return, and come to Zion with songs and everlasting joy upon their heads: they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

NOTES

King Jesus

Do you know that someday Jesus is going to be King, or Leader, of all the people of the earth? He is, and we believe it will be soon.

Oh, doesn't it make us glad to think that Jesus, our Friend, whom we have worshiped, to whom we have prayed, about whom we have talked, and who talks to us through the Bible and in our hearts – will be our King! We should pray for Him to come soon.

We all know the beautiful prayer, which Jesus taught His disciples. We call it the Lord's Prayer in which these words are found: "Thine kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven."

Getting Ready

When Jesus first came to earth many people wanted Him to be their king then. They thought it would be very good to have a king who made sick people well, raised the dead to life, and made enough food out of a few loaves and fishes to feed a great crowd of people, as He did when He fed the 5,000.

But Jesus had to make a way for people to be good and holy before He could be their King. None of us were good until we prayed and repented as Jesus told the people to do. We felt so sorry that by being bad and naughty we had made Jesus sad, that we cried and asked God to forgive us. Of course, He did, and He saved us. Then if we love and obey Jesus every day, we can be with Him when He is King of the earth for a thousand years!

The Curse Lifted

We know some of the wonderful things that are going to happen when Jesus is the King, because we read about them in the Bible. The Bible is God's Word, and we know that what God says always comes true.

Do you remember when you visited the zoo? You saw that the bears and lions and all the animals and snakes have to be shut up in cages so they will not hurt us. When Jesus is King we can go right out and sleep in the woods (Ezekiel 34:25). We might wake up in the morning and find a wolf lying beside us, but we could reach over and pet him. He would not hurt us. All the wild animals will be tame.

If we live on a farm at that time, we might come home and find a lion in the barn eating hay with the cows, and we would not be afraid. A little child will lead the animals and be safe.

Like the Garden of Eden

All the earth will be beautiful, very much like the Garden of Eden was before Adam and Eve disobeyed God and ate the fruit, which God had told them not to eat. Bugs and insects will not spoil the flowers and eat holes in the carrots and cabbages in our gardens. Rose bushes will not have thorns as they do now. There will not be any briars or thistles to hurt us as we walk through the fields and woods. The grass and trees and flowers will grow more lovely and beautiful than we have ever seen them. There will be springs and streams of water in the deserts where only sage-brush and cactus grow now, and the deserts will "blossom as the rose."

Peace and Gladness

Crippled people will walk straight; blind people will see the birds and the trees and all God's beautiful creation; and deaf people will hear and talk and sing in those days.

Those of us who are ready to go with Jesus, when He comes in the clouds to catch us away into the sky, will have new bodies so that when we come back to live with Him a thousand years on earth we will never be sick.

Maybe you have heard your daddy or big brother tell about going away to war, but the Bible tells us that when Jesus is King on earth people will not "learn war any more." The guns and cannons will be melted and made into plough and tools for people to use on their farms and in their gardens and yards. Jesus will be King over all the earth, and people will be glad and happy, and will be kind to one another.

Jesus' Love

We all want to live with Jesus when He is King of all the earth. Jesus loves each little boy and girl very much, and he and His heavenly Father planned the thousand years of peace and beauty because He wants to make us happy.

Jesus loved us so much that he suffered on the cross to save us. If we do what the Bible tells us to do, we will live with Jesus, our dear Friend and Saviour. Someday we shall enjoy all the good things He has planned for us on earth, and also the mansion He is getting ready for us in Heaven. Oh, how we love Jesus!

QUESTIONS

1. When is Jesus coming to be King of the earth? Matthew 24:29, 30.
2. How long will Jesus be King? Revelation 20:4.
3. In what way will the animals be different from what they are now? The deserts? The people?
Isaiah 11:6-9; Isaiah 35:5-6.
4. What must we do so that we may live with Jesus when He is King of the earth?
Matthew 4:17; Revelation 20:6.
5. Who suffered and died so that we may enjoy these thousand years of peace and happiness?
Revelation 1:5-7.

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I want to serve Jesus on earth

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That I may reign with Him

I want to join the little ones

That sing around His throne

PICTURE 1



PICTURE 2

