

ISAIAH 11

The Shoot from the Jesse's Stump

The Dynamic Davidic King

1 There will come forth a shoot from the stump of Jesse, and a branch from his roots will produce fruit.¹ 2 And the Spirit² of Yahweh will rest upon him, the Spirit of wisdom and understanding, the Spirit of counsel and might, the Spirit of knowledge and the fear of Yahweh. 3 And his delight will be in the fear of Yahweh. He will not judge³ by what his eyes see or decide disputes by what his ears hear, 4 but with righteousness he will judge the poor and decide with equity for the humble of the earth. And he will strike⁴ the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he will kill⁵ the wicked. 5 Righteousness (צְדָקָה) will be the belt of his waist, and faithfulness (אֱמוּנָה) the belt of his loins.

The Return of Eden

6 The wolf will dwell with the lamb,⁶ and the leopard will lie down with the young goat, and the calf, the lion, and the fattened calf together, and a little child will lead (נָהַג) them. 7 The cow and the bear will graze. Their young will lie down together, and the lion will eat straw like the ox. 8 The nursing child will play over the hole of the cobra, and the weaned child will put his hand on the adder's den. 9 They will not hurt or destroy in all my holy mountain, for the earth will be full of the knowledge (דַּעַת) of Yahweh as the waters cover the sea.

10 In that day the root of Jesse, who will stand as a signal for the peoples (עַמִּים)—of him will the nations (גוֹיִם) inquire,⁸ and his resting place will be glorious (כְּבוֹד).

¹ **Jn 15:5** 5 I am the vine. You are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that produces much fruit.

² **Is 61:1** 1 The Spirit of Lord Yahweh is upon me, because Yahweh has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. **Mt 3:16** 16 When Jesus was baptized, immediately he went up from the water, and behold, the heavens were opened to him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming to rest on him.

³ **Jn 7:24** 24 Do not judge by appearances, but judge with right judgment.

⁴ **Ps 2:9** 9 You [God's Son] shall break [the nations] with a rod of iron and dash them in pieces like a potter's vessel.

⁵ **2 Th 2:8** 8 Then the lawless one will be revealed, whom the Lord Jesus will kill with the breath of his mouth and bring to nothing by the appearance of his coming.

⁶ **Is 65:25** 25 The wolf and the lamb shall graze together. The lion shall eat straw like the ox, and dust shall be the serpent's food. They shall not hurt or destroy in all my holy mountain, says Yahweh. **Hos 2:18** 18 I will make for them a covenant on that day with the beasts of the field, the birds of the heavens, and the creeping things of the ground.

⁷ **Hab 2:14** 14 The earth will be filled with the knowledge of the glory of Yahweh as the waters cover the sea.

⁸ **Is 49:22** 22 Behold, I [Yahweh] will lift up my hand to the nations and raise my signal to the peoples. And they will bring your sons in their arms, and your daughters will be carried on their shoulders. **Ro 15:12** 12 Again Isaiah says, The root of Jesse will come, even he who arises to rule the Gentiles. In him will the Gentiles hope.

The Remarkable Regathering of the Remnant

11 In that day⁹ the Lord (יְהוָה) will extend his hand yet a second time to recover the remnant (רְשָׁיִם) that remains of his people, from Assyria,¹⁰ from Egypt, from Pathros,¹¹ from Cush,¹² from Elam,¹³ from Shinar,¹⁴ from Hamath, and from the coastlands of the sea. 12 He will raise a signal for the nations (סִימָן) and will assemble¹⁵ the banished of Israel and gather the dispersed of Judah from the four corners of the earth. 13 The jealousy of Ephraim will depart, and those who harass Judah will be cut off. Ephraim will not be jealous of Judah, and Judah will not harass Ephraim.¹⁶ 14 But they will swoop down on the shoulder of the Philistines in the west, and together they will plunder the people of the east. They will put out their hand against Edom and Moab,¹⁷ and the Ammonites will obey them. 15 And Yahweh will devote to destruction the tongue of the Sea of Egypt¹⁸ and will wave his hand over the [Euphrates] River with his scorching breath [wind] and strike it into seven channels, and he will lead people across in sandals. 16 And there will be a highway¹⁹ from Assyria for the remnant that remains of his people, as there was for Israel when they came up from the land of Egypt.²⁰

⁹ **Is 10:20** 20 In that day the remnant of Israel and the survivors of the house of Jacob will no more lean on him who struck them, but will lean on Yahweh, the Holy One of Israel, in truth.

¹⁰ **Is 27:13** 13 In that day a great trumpet will be blown, and those who were lost in the land of Assyria and those who were driven out to the land of Egypt will come and worship Yahweh on the holy mountain at Jerusalem. **Mic 7:12** 12 In that day they will come to you, from Assyria and the cities of Egypt, and from Egypt to the River, from sea to sea and from mountain to mountain. **Zec 10:10** 10 I will bring them home from the land of Egypt and gather them from Assyria, and I will bring them to the land of Gilead and to Lebanon till there is no room for them.

¹¹ **Eze 29:14** 14 I will restore the fortunes of Egypt and bring them back to the land of Pathros, the land of their origin, and there they shall be a lowly kingdom. **Eze 30:14** 14 I will make Pathros a desolation, set fire to Zoan, and execute judgments on Thebes.

¹² **Ge 10:6** 6 The sons of Ham: Cush, Egypt, Put, and Canaan.

¹³ **Ge 10:22** 22 The sons of Shem: Elam, Asshur, Arpachshad, Lud, and Aram. **Ge 14:1** 1 In the days of Amraphel king of Shinar, Arioch king of Ellasar, Chedorlaomer king of Elam, and Tidal king of Goiim....

¹⁴ **Ge 11:2** 2 As people migrated from the east, they found a plain in the land of Shinar and settled there.

¹⁵ **Is 56:8** 8 Lord Yahweh, who gathers the outcasts of Israel, declares, I will gather yet others to him besides those already gathered. **Zec 10:6** 6 I will strengthen the house of Judah, and I will save the house of Joseph. I will bring them back because I have compassion on them, and they shall be as though I had not rejected them, for I am Yahweh their God, and I will answer them.

¹⁶ **Eze 37:16-17** 16 Son of man, take a stick and write on it, For Judah, and the people of Israel associated with him. Then take another stick and write on it, For Joseph (the stick of Ephraim) and all the house of Israel associated with him. 17 And join them one to another into one stick, that they may become one in your hand.

¹⁷ **Ps 60:8** 8 Moab is my washbasin. Upon Edom I cast my shoe. Over Philistia I shout in triumph.

¹⁸ **Zec 10:11** 11 [Israel] shall pass through the sea of troubles and strike down the waves of the sea, and all the depths of the Nile shall be dried up. The pride of Assyria shall be laid low, and the scepter of Egypt shall depart.

¹⁹ **Is 19:23** 23 In that day there will be a highway from Egypt to Assyria, and Assyria will come into Egypt, and Egypt into Assyria, and the Egyptians will worship with the Assyrians. **Is 35:8** 8 A highway shall be there, and it shall be called the Way of Holiness.

²⁰ **Ex 14:29** 29 The people of Israel walked on dry ground through the sea, the waters being a wall to them on their right hand and on their left.

Biblical Worldview

1. Isaiah at a Glance.

- a. The chapter theme of Isaiah 11 is “A Shoot from Jesse’s Stump.”
 - (1) The Dynamic Davidic King (vv. 1-5).
 - (2) The Return of Eden (vv. 6-10).
 - (3) The Remarkable Regathering of the Remnant (vv. 11-16).
- b. For the first time in Isaiah, we’ve come to a chapter that is all good!
- c. The movement is from the Messianic king’s qualifications to his performance to the results (Oswalt, *NICOT*, 1:278).

2. The Dynamic Davidic King (Is 11:1-5).

- a. **Is 11:1** 1 There will come forth a shoot from the stump of Jesse, and a branch from his roots will produce fruit.
 - (1) The Davidic Covenant.
 - (a) The Davidic covenant directly relates to the resolution of the biblical story.
 - 1) **Ge 3:15-16** 15 I [Yahweh] will put enmity between you [the serpent] and the woman, and between your seed and her seed. He shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise his heel. 16 To the woman he said, I will surely multiply your pain in conception. In sorrow you will bring forth children. Your desire will be for your man, and he will rule over you.
 - (b) The Davidic covenant is God’s promise that a descendent from David will be the hero of the biblical story, the one who defeats Satan, sin, and death.
 - (c) Isaiah’s focus is always this Davidic king, who will clean up the mess made by the nations, Israel, and the kings after David, including Ahaz.
 - (d) It is the same for later prophets, like Jeremiah.
 - 1) **Je 23:5** 5 Behold, the days are coming, declares Yahweh, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land.
 - (2) Jesus as Son of David.
 - (a) That Jesus is the Son of David is a major focus of all the Gospels.
 - 1) **Mt 1:1** 1 The book of the genealogy of Jesus Messiah, the son of David, the son of Abraham.
 - (b) Whether Jesus was the Son of David was the major controversy of Jesus’ life.
 - 1) **Mt 12:23** 23 All the people were amazed and said, Can this be the Son of David?
 - 2) **Mt 21:15** 15 When the chief priests and the scribes saw the wonderful things that [Jesus] did, and the children crying out in the temple, Hosanna to the Son of David! they were indignant.
 - (c) As the Son of David, Jesus will reign over Israel forever. His kingdom will have no end.
 - 1) **Lk 1:31-33** 31 Behold, you [Mary] will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will call his name Jesus. 32 He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. And the Lord God will give to him the throne of his father David, 33 he will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end.

(3) The Humility of Jesus.

(a) The Messiah won't come as a mighty tree but as a shoot from a stump.

- 1) **Is 6:13** 13 Though a tenth remain in it, it will be burned again, like a terebinth or an oak, whose stump remains when it is felled. The holy seed is its stump.
- 2) **Is 53:1-2** 1 Who has believed what he has heard from us? And to whom has the arm of Yahweh been revealed? 2 For he grew up before him like a young plant, and like a root out of dry ground; he had no form or majesty that we should look at him, and no beauty that we should desire him.

(b) Jesus, the Davidic king, is humble and lowly in heart.

- 1) **Mt 11:28-29** 28 Come to me [Jesus], all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. 29 Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am humble (πραῦς) and lowly (ταπεινός) in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.

(c) He washed the disciples' feet.

- 1) **Jn 13:4-5** 4 [Jesus] laid aside his outer garments, and taking a towel, tied it around his waist. 5 Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the towel that was wrapped around him.

(d) He humbled himself to the point of death, even death on a cross.

- 1) **Php 2:5-8** 5 Have this attitude in yourselves which was also in Messiah Jesus, 6 who although he existed in the form of God did not regard equality with God a thing to be grasped, 7 but emptied himself by taking the form of a bond-servant, being made in the likeness of men. 8 Being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.

(4) Fruit Production.

(a) **Jn 15:5** 5 I am the vine. You are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that produces much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing.

(b) Jesus came as the Messiah in order that humanity could once again produce fruit acceptable to God.

- 1) **Ga 5:22-23** 22 The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, 23 gentleness, self-control.

b. **Is 11:2** 2 And the Spirit of Yahweh will rest upon him, the Spirit of wisdom and understanding, the Spirit of counsel and might, the Spirit of knowledge and the fear of Yahweh.

(1) The Holy Spirit.

(a) Isaiah refers to the Spirit more than any other OT prophet (Is 11:2; 30:1; 32:15; 34:16; 40:13; 42:1; 44:3; 48:16; 59:21; 61:1; 63:10–11, 14)(J. A. Martin, *BKC*, 1:1056).

(b) This verse connects with Re 1:4, where the Spirit is described as “the seven spirit who are before [God’s] throne.”

- 1) **Re 1:4-5** 4 John to the seven churches that are in Asia: Grace to you and peace from him who is, who was, and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, 5 and from Jesus Messiah the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of kings on earth.

- (c) A mark of the Messiah is that the Spirit is clearly upon him.
- 1) **Is 42:1** 1 Behold my Servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights. I have put my Spirit upon him. He will bring forth justice to the nations.
 - 2) **Is 61:1** 1 The Spirit of Lord Yahweh is upon me, because Yahweh has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to those who are bound.
- (2) Jesus and the Spirit.
- (a) The Holy Spirit rested on Jesus at his baptism as a coronation.
 - 1) **Mt 3:16** 16 When Jesus was baptized, immediately he went up from the water, and behold, the heavens were opened to him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming to rest on him.
 - (b) Throughout his ministry, Jesus acted in the power of the Holy Spirit.
 - 1) **Lk 4:14** 14 And Jesus returned in the power of the Spirit to Galilee, and a report about him went out through all the surrounding country.
 - (c) Jesus asserted the Holy Spirit was upon him.
 - 1) **Lk 4:17-21** 17 The scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to [Jesus]. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written, 18 The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim liberty to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed, 19 to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor. 20 And he rolled up the scroll and gave it back to the attendant and sat down. And the eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. 21 And he began to say to them, Today this Scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.
- c. **Is 11:3-5** 3 And his delight will be in the fear of Yahweh. He will not judge by what his eyes see or decide disputes by what his ears hear, 4 but with righteousness he will judge the poor and decide with equity for the humble of the earth. And he will strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he will kill the wicked. 5 Righteousness will be the belt of his waist, and faithfulness (אֱמוּנָה) the belt of his loins.
- (1) The Fear of God.
- (a) The fear of God is:
 - 1) Awesome respect for the Triune God because of who and what he is.
 - 2) "An inward attitude of humble reverence toward God, in light of His self-revelation, that results in outward expression of Christlikeness."²¹
 - 3) Similar concepts are amazement, appreciation, awe, respect, reverence, wonder for God
 - (b) Because the Messiah will be characterized by this fear of the Lord, he can be depended upon to perceive correctly (Jn 2:24-25; Mk 2:8) and to act with integrity (Lk 4:1-13)(Oswalt, *NICOT*, 1:280).
 - (c) The fear of God is the starting point for all real knowledge.

²¹ Dallas Theological Seminary, Spiritual Formation curriculum.

1) **Pr 1:7** 7 The fear of Yahweh is the beginning of knowledge. Fools despise wisdom and instruction.

(d) “Absolute justice demands absolute knowledge” (Young).

(2) Jesus as Judge.

(a) **Is 2:4** 4 He will judge between the nations and will decide disputes for many peoples. And they shall beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks. Nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war anymore.

(b) **Ac 10:42** 42 [Jesus] ordered us [apostles] to preach to the [Jewish] people, and solemnly to testify that this is the one who has been appointed by God as judge of the living and the dead.

(3) Jesus’ Powerful Word.

(a) **Re 19:15** 15 From his mouth comes a sharp sword with which to strike down the nations, and he will rule them with a rod of iron. He will tread the winepress of the fury of the wrath of God the Almighty.

(4) The Righteousness and Faithfulness of Jesus.

(a) Righteousness and faithfulness go together.

1) **Is 1:26** 26 I will restore your judges as at the first, and your counselors as at the beginning. Afterward you shall be called the city of righteousness, the faithful city.

(b) Jesus’ reign will be one of eternal righteousness.

1) **Is 9:6-7** 7 Of the increase of his government and of peace there will be no end, on the throne of David and over his kingdom, to establish it and to uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time forth and forevermore. The zeal of Yahweh of hosts will do this.

2) **Is 16:5** 5 A throne will be established in loyal love, and on it will sit in faithfulness in the tent of David one who judges and seeks justice and is swift to do righteousness.

3. The Return of Eden (Is 11:6-10).

a. **Is 11:6-7** 6 The wolf will dwell with the lamb, and the leopard will lie down with the young goat, and the calf, 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.

(1) Man and Animals.

(a) Before the Fall, man-animal relations were ideal.

1) **Ge 1:28-31** 28 God blessed [the man and woman]. And God said to them, Be fruitful, multiply, fill the earth, and subdue it, and have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the heavens, and over every living thing that moves on the earth. 29 And God said, Behold, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is on the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit. You shall have them for food. 30 And to every beast of the earth, to every bird of the heavens, and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food. And it was so. 31 And God saw everything that he had made, and behold, it was very good.

- (b) After the Fall, man-animal relations changed fundamentally.
- 1) **Ge 3:15** 15 I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your seed and her seed. He shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise his heel.
 - 2) **Ge 3:21** 21 Yahweh God made for Adam and for his wife garments of [animal] skins and clothed them.
- (c) After the Flood, man-animal relations changed even more.
- 1) **Ge 9:1-3** 1 God blessed Noah and his sons and said to them, Be fruitful, multiply, and fill the earth. 2 The fear of you and the dread of you will be upon every beast of the earth and upon every bird of the heavens, upon everything that creeps on the ground and all the fish of the sea. Into your hand they are delivered. 3 Every moving thing that lives shall be food for you. And as I gave you the green plants, I give you everything.
- (d) At Messiah's return, original man-animal relations will be restored.
- 1) **Is 65:25** 25 The wolf and the lamb will graze together. The lion shall eat straw like the ox, and dust shall be the serpent's food. They shall not hurt or destroy in all my holy mountain, says Yahweh.
 - 2) **Ro 8:20-22** 20 The creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of him who subjected it, in hope 21 that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to corruption and obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. 22 For we know that the whole creation has been groaning together in the pains of childbirth until now.
- b. **Is 11:8** 8 The nursing child will play over the hole of the cobra, and the weaned child will put his hand on the adder's den.
- (1) The End of the Antithesis.
- (a) **Ge 3:15** 15 I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your seed and her seed. He shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise his heel.
 - (b) **Ro 16:20** 20 The God of peace will soon crush Satan under your feet.
 - (c) **Ac 28:3-5** 3 When Paul had gathered a bundle of sticks and put them on the fire, a viper came out because of the heat and fastened on his hand. 4 When the native people saw the creature hanging from his hand, they said to one another, No doubt this man is a murderer. Though he has escaped from the sea, Justice has not allowed him to live. 5 He, however, shook off the creature into the fire and suffered no harm.
 - (d) With the defeat of death comes the end of the antithesis.
 - 1) **Ho 13:14** 14 I shall ransom them from the power of Sheol; I shall redeem them from Death. O Death, where are your plagues? O Sheol, where is your sting? Compassion is hidden from my eyes.
 - 2) **1 Co 15:55** 55 O death, where is your victory? O death, where is your sting?
- c. **Is 11:9-10** 9 They shall not hurt or destroy in all my holy mountain, for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of Yahweh as the waters cover the sea. 10 In that day the root of Jesse, who shall stand as a signal for the peoples (עֲצֵמֶיךָ)—of him shall the nations (גוֹיִם) inquire, and his resting place shall be glorious.
- (1) The Knowledge of God.

- (a) **Hab 2:14** 14 The earth will be filled with the knowledge of the glory of Yahweh as the waters cover the sea.
- (b) **Je 31:34** 34 No longer shall each one teach his neighbor and each his brother saying, Know Yahweh, for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, declares Yahweh.
- (c) Developing our knowledge of God, both intellectually, relationally, and practically, is crucial for humanity.
- (2) Jesus and the Nations.
 - (a) **Is 2:2-4** 2 It will come to pass in the latter days that the mountain of the house of Yahweh will be established as the highest of the mountains and will be lifted up above the hills. And all the nations shall flow to it, 3 and many peoples shall come and say: Come, let us go up to the mountain of Yahweh, to the house of the God of Jacob, that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths. For out of Zion shall go forth the law, and the word of Yahweh from Jerusalem. 4 He will judge between the nations and will decide disputes for many peoples. And they will beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks. Nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war anymore.
 - 1) This is the vision of the future we must always hold in our imagination.
 - (b) It has always been God's plan to bless the nations through Israel.
 - 1) **Ge 12:3** 3 In you [Abram] all the families of the earth will be blessed.
 - 2) **Ro 15:12** 12 Again Isaiah says, The root of Jesse will come, even he who arises to rule the Gentiles. In him will the Gentiles hope.
 - (c) Israel has a special place in the Messianic kingdom according to the Abrahamic, Davidic, and New covenants. That Israel has a special place in God's plan for history does not exclude the Gentile nations from also having a special place (Martin, *BKC*, 1:1057).

4. The Remarkable Regathering of the Remnant (Is 11:11-16).

- a. **Is 11:11-12** 11 In that day the Lord (יְהוָה) will extend his hand yet a second time to recover the remnant that remains of his people, from Assyria, from Egypt [south], from Pathros, from Cush, from Elam [east], from Shinar, from Hamath [north], and from the coastlands of the sea [west]. 12 He will raise a signal for the nations and will assemble the banished of Israel and gather the dispersed of Judah from the four corners of the earth.
 - (1) The Hand of God.
 - (a) **Is 9:12** 12 For all this [Yahweh's] anger has not turned away, and his hand is stretched out still.
 - (b) God "hand" designates is omnipotent activity in human history.
 - (2) The Regathering of Israel.
 - (a) **Is 27:13** 13 In that day a great trumpet will be blown, and those who were lost in the land of Assyria and those who were driven out to the land of Egypt will come and worship Yahweh on the holy mountain at Jerusalem.
 - (b) **Mic 7:12** 12 In that day they will come to you, from Assyria and the cities of Egypt, and from Egypt to the [Euphrates] River, from sea to sea and from mountain to mountain.

- (c) **Zec 10:10** 10 I will bring them home from the land of Egypt and gather them from Assyria, and I will bring them to the land of Gilead and to Lebanon, till there is no room for them.
- b. **Is 11:13** 13 The jealousy of Ephraim shall depart, and those who harass Judah shall be cut off. Ephraim shall not be jealous of Judah, and Judah shall not harass Ephraim.
- (1) The Restored Unity of Israel.
- (a) **Eze 37:16-17** 16 Son of man, take a stick and write on it, For Judah, and the people of Israel associated with him. Then take another stick and write on it, For Joseph (the stick of Ephraim) and all the house of Israel associated with him. 17 And join them one to another into one stick, that they may become one in your hand.
- c. **Is 11:14** 14 But they shall swoop down on the shoulder of the Philistines in the west, and together they shall plunder the people of the east. They shall put out their hand against Edom and Moab, and the Ammonites shall obey them.
- (1) The Restored Security of Israel.
- (a) **Ob 19** 19 Those of the Negeb shall possess Mount Esau, and those of the Shephelah shall possess the land of the Philistines. They shall possess the land of Ephraim and the land of Samaria, and Benjamin shall possess Gilead.
- (b) **Ps 60:8** 8 Moab is my washbasin. Upon Edom I cast my shoe. Over Philistia I shout in triumph.
- d. **Is 11:15-16** 15 And Yahweh will devote to destruction the tongue of the Sea of Egypt [the gulf of Suez] and will wave his hand over the [Euphrates] River with his scorching breath [wind] and strike it into seven channels, and he will lead people across in sandals. 16 And there will be a highway from Assyria for the remnant that remains of his people, as there was for Israel when they came up from the land of Egypt.
- (1) God's Highway for the Remnant of Israel.
- (a) **Is 19:23** 23 In that day there will be a highway from Egypt to Assyria, and Assyria will come into Egypt, and Egypt into Assyria, and the Egyptians will worship with the Assyrians.
- (b) **Is 35:8** 8 A highway shall be there, and it shall be called the Way of Holiness. The unclean shall not pass over it. It shall belong to those who walk on the way.
- (c) This is a second Exodus, like the first Exodus 700 years before.
- 1) **Ex 14:21-22** 21 Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and Yahweh drove the sea back by a strong east wind all night and made the sea dry land, and the waters were divided. 22 And the people of Israel went into the midst of the sea on dry ground, the waters being a wall to them on their right hand and on their left.

Notes