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¹ There will come forth a rod from the stem of Jesse,

a fruitful Branch from him / Messiah is in focus, the prophet tells us... when He comes He is the Branch who will set up the last TENT in Jerusalem... where He will educate His people – no brick or stone complex needed, too late: that worthless sacrificial system would be destroyed by Rome 2000 years ago, when Messiah gave His life... substituting for His people who come from every nation – Zechariah 8; Isaiah already said: *to what purpose is the multitude of your sacrifices to Me? I am*

full of your burnt offerings... I do not delight in the blood of bulls, lambs or goats; when you come to appear before Me, who required this at your hand, to trample My courts? – Isaiah 1. Too bad the House of orthodox Judah ignores what all the prophets told them – still preferring their manmade traditions. Thankfully not all of Judah is ignoring... the cornerstone that the builders rejected – Psalm 118.



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² and the Spirit of the LORD will rest on Him / at least 16 times in his book, Isaiah tells us about this promised Spirit of the Lord,

the Spirit of wisdom and understanding,

the Spirit of counsel and might,

the Spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the LORD / Solomon wrote... *the fear of the Lord is the beginning... the starting point... of knowledge* – Proverbs 1:7. These people knew the song: it is a fool who says in his heart, there is no God. Dr. Dallas Willard of USC once said, we know God is powerful, and if His power is anything like electricity, then He is dangerous, and we better learn how to approach Him correctly;

³ and will make Him of quick understanding / this phrase is one Hebrew word: *ruach*; a scent; an odor; which is sort of funny. Here we learn, that everybody's stuff does stink... and the Spirit will make Him to freshen the air... of what otherwise reeks like flatulent -- you know, some foul, smelly crap.

A fresh scent... in the fear of the LORD: not judging... after the sight of his eyes / not hastily judging after what he sees on the surface,

nor reproving after the hearing of his ears / after what he hears from them:

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⁴ **but with rightness** / whatever He does is right, can you imagine? He is definitely different than us!

judging the poor / starting with the poor in spirit... who are still around today, aren't we?

and reproving with equity for the meek of the earth / judicially determining with balanced weights not for the haughty, royally arrogant hardheads of privilege and power; but for the powerfully tamed. Already 2,000 years ago, He said... what is done to the least, what we do to the least, we do to Him. And looking around, I'm still under the impression that most people... especially those in churchianity... and worst, most of the royal elites, the literal progeny of the good king David do not believe He meant what He said:

and He will smite the earth: with the royal scepter... of his mouth / when the One who comes whose right it is to reign, His powerful words are the adequate weaponry of his warfare; His words can smack anyone and everyone upside their dead head,

and with the breath of his lips He kills the wicked / so here we learn that there will be an end to even the most genial seeming people now days, who swear their crap don't stink, as well as every worker of evil; simply when He says: **Go to hell.**

⁵ **And rightness will be the belt of his waist** / his work is done rightly... yet with urgency,

and faithfulness the belt of his loins / literally: **his vital parts**; his reproductive parts; this refers to His faithful commitment to protect and defend His generations; His children! In Isaiah 53:10... Isaiah speaks a lot more about who are His children.

The next 4 verses obviously speak of a future time. How future? Perhaps, sooner than we could imagine!

⁶ **The wolf also will dwell with the lamb** / many cynics... and those who think themselves comical have dismissed these verses as something that would seem to be more hellish than heavenly... if literal to experience; to which it is well to remember: God is not hard up for even one fool... to populate his eternity. It's apparent, the one fool that is currently there, his days are numbered.



Jesus said to his disciples who started complaining, Will you go away also? Obviously, God has plans for his whole creation... that now groans and travails awaiting him; while mankind sinking in its loveless greed... poisons and pollutes and destroys it... as well as itself... something mankind's comedians seem to find not nearly as comical. But my wager is that... God wins! He will have the last laugh! Check out : **A mother dog protecting her pup** you can imagine her response would be different if it was a stranger.

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The wolf also will dwell with the lamb,

and the leopard will lie down with the kid;

and the calf and the young lion and the fatling together;

and a little child will lead them / don't you love how many world cultures, especially those not overly cluttered with intrusive technologies developed to control, or with dust collecting junk; they already exemplify the meaning of this verse; it is as if in their public education, they are taught eternal truths... and things that really matter.

7 And the cow and the bear will feed; their young ones will lie down together: and the lion will eat straw like the ox / you know lions trained for the circus, are fed meat and grains; those which are fed only grains, are more docile and

responsive to the trainers. And most lions when given the choice... prefer a grain diet over meat; it's interesting, isn't it?

8 And the sucking child / and just a little nursing infant **will play on the hole of the asp,**

and the weaned child will put his hand on the viper's den.

9 They will not hurt nor destroy in all My holy mountain:

for the earth will be filled with the knowledge of the LORD,

as the waters cover the sea / Wow! Not only knowing the ways of God but actually doing what He said... will flood the minds of those who are looking for Him at His coming.... and this prophetic picture given to Isaiah 2700 years ago is exciting to anticipate, isn't it?



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¹⁰ **And in that Day** / this phrase is repeated 4 times in this chapter. Isaiah speaks of the first of 3 Messianic times that would come; **there will be a root of Jesse** / a royal descendant of king David; this points to when Messiah would first come; it is a **Day of Salvation** --- in Hebrew it's a **Day of Yeshua**, in English we can say: it's a **Day of Jesus**; this is the time when including the first **4 specific days of the Lord would be fulfilled** by something Messiah does. It is not the time of God's wrath, it is not when a new heaven and earth are ushered in,

And in that Day, there will be a root of Jesse, who will stand for an ensign of the people / like raising a victory flag for the nations... and this speaks of the time when Messiah first came to do His work on those first days – Passover, Unleavened Bread, Firstfruits and Pentecost, a time of great humility, longsuffering and patience that extends to our time – **the Day of Salvation** for all the world;

to it will the Gentiles seek:

and his rest will be glorious / in Hebrew: *menuchah*... meaning... place of rest. In the OT we read, *He leads us beside still waters* – **Psalm 23**, same word! In the NT, we are reminded of the warning in Psalm 95:11... *Today, if you hear His voice, harden not your heart; as those who did not enter His rest* – **Hebrews 3**, and **4**: same word!

¹¹ **And it will happen in that Day, that the LORD will set his hand again... the second time** / and notice, the Gentiles are no longer in focus; yet the context matters... it is still the **Day of Salvation**; but it is the 2nd time Messiah appears, so it's not a time to delay. **The harvest is nearly ripe for picking**; and the LORD, like a loving Father is longsuffering; but we ought not to presume on His gracious nature. He is working His plan. Isaiah tells us, it is as if Messiah says; **I will try again, one last time**;

to recover the remnant of his people / you know most people have a difficult time with the thought that God only spared 8 people -- **Noah, his 3 sons and their wives**, when He destroyed the world; but this word used here, this word is: *sh'ar*... meaning: a piece, a leftover, a vestige... it is consistent with the Sermon on the Mount when Jesus said, *enter not by the wide gate and broad way that leads to destruction; but thin is the gate, and narrowing is the way that leads to life, and few are there who find it* – **Matthew 7**; so we are not learning about all those who say, *Lord, Lord... did we not do thus and such?* Because He will say to them, *I never knew you*,

the LORD will set his hand again... the second time,

to recover the remnant of his people...

who will be left / and here we learn about 10 areas in the world that the Lord God has in focus; **Ephraim, Manasseh** and **Judah** being **the 3 principle leaders who were heirs of many promises God gave Abraham**; who were to become a blessing to the whole world, and **not** a curse; Zechariah tells us they greatly failed:



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from Assyria / and we see these ancient people, their wives raped, and children beheaded... as far north as Mosul, the ancient capital of Nineveh... lives disrupted... by Western Herodians along with the royal elite at work... exactly as prophet Daniel said: by roman design; brutally ravaged and murdered... in the news today; evidence of the last global govt smashing and destroying... until the whole world is broken,

and from Egypt / where the ancient people, brothers and sisters in the Lord are being harassed, today,

and from Pathros / the upper Nile region of southern Egypt,

and from Cush / some say this is: Somalia and the South Sudan; where the people of the Lord are being harassed and murdered or left for dead, even today,

and from Elam / the area of southern Jordan, northern Arabia: what's going on there? Who can imagine?! Some are in the news, others are covered by news silence. Things don't change much,

and from Shinar / the fertile region between the Euphrates and Tigris Rivers...

where the lives of Iraqi people have been disrupted and unsettled and destroyed for decades paid for by our Western govts at tax-payer's expense and multiplied hundreds of thousands have been wiped out, killed; and countless children weekly go missing by those of the Middle east and West alike,

and from Hamath / an ancient city situated between Homs and Aleppo Syria; where the UN that unites nothing; and moderate rebel groups created by the CIA Jesuits are engaged in mortal combat to the disruption and destruction and death of many over controlling oil; in other words; over \$\$\$,

and from the islands of the sea /

and this is sort of interesting because the prophet Isaiah speaks of the islands of the sea... or the isles at the end of the earth... several more times throughout his book... so when he says: islands of the sea,



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he means: **islands of the sea**... and **not** merely coastlands; which makes you want to know: **what islands?** What's going on where privileged, **royal Ephraim and his commonwealth** is located?

12 And He will set up an ensign for the nations / Messiah of the root of Jesse will be the victory flag under which His people march,

and will assemble the outcasts of Israel, / something that has not happened yet; notice the royals are not assembled; but they are no longer needed, since He has come whose right it is to reign,

and gather together the dispersed of Judah / the Jewish people will be gathered... something that has been going on for the last century and will continue, **from the four corners of the earth**.

13 The envy also of Ephraim / the younger son of Joseph, who received the birthright of Abraham, given to Isaac, then given to Jacob, whose name changed only in his old age... to Israel. All the promises given to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob... went to Ephraim's descendants who would turn out to be a great commonwealth of nations at the end of the time of the Gentiles. Don't you wonder how they turned out? Were they faithful like King David? Or had they become the typical garden variety of thugs and thieves and robbers – royal jackasses?



Although these promises are often taken out of context... and oddly applied solely to the **Jewish** people of the **House of Judah**; those promises from God given to Abraham, then to his son, and finally to his grandson -- **the House of Israel**... went to the **2** sons of Joseph... who were **half-Egyptian**. Read about it in Genesis 48. Joseph's sons and their children are: **the great commonwealth of nations**; and **the great nation**... at the end of the time of the Gentiles; these like their predecessors who did evil in the sight of the Lord.

The envy of Ephraim... will depart,

and the adversaries of Judah will be cut off:

Ephraim will not envy Judah,

and Judah will not distress Ephraim / which seems to suggest, these folks, particularly the faithless folks for the most part... did not become a blessing to the whole world, but rather a curse.

Prophet Ezekiel says the 2 houses: **the House of Ephraim** -- often and rightfully called: **the House of Israel**; the **great commonwealth of nations** and a **great nation**... and **the House of Judah** -- the Jewish people... will become **one** at the end of time. **Read about it in Ezekiel 37.**

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And remember: the LORD God is telling Isaiah... these words back in 750BC...



14 But they / Ephraim and Judah,

will fly / implying sudden, swift action of conquest, they will swoop down...

on the shoulders of the Philistines toward the west / the shoreline of ancient Philistia;



they / Ephraim and Judah... **will spoil them of the east together:**



they / Ephraim and Judah... **will lay their hand on Edom** / southern Jordan,



and Moab / middle Jordan, east of the Dead Sea;



and the children of Ammon / northern Jordan... **will guard them.**



15 And the LORD will utterly destroy...

the tongue of the Egyptian sea / the north Sinai Peninsula... the Suez area;



and with his mighty wind he will wave his hand over the river / the Euphrates River,



and will smite it in the seven streams / 4 tributaries are in modern Turkey; 3 tributaries are in Syria... along the Euphrates where military action is taking place even now... for months and years.

In Revelation 16, we read: the great river Euphrates, and its water was dried up, that the way of the political leaders and heads-of-state of the east might be prepared,



and make men go over dry-shod / recently the government of Turkey... not only shut off the Euphrates water supply, which affects the lives of millions in Syria and Iraq... but also, provoked and threatened those who opposed.

In spite of these several military conflicts... the LORD says...



16 And there will be a highway for the remnant of his people / a smaller group, called and chosen Assyrian men and women and children of the LORD... because they were faithful,

who will be left, from Assyria;

like as it was to Israel in the day that he came up from the land of Egypt.