

PEACE ON EARTH



Strength for Today, Bright Hope for Tomorrow

Isaiah 11:1-9



Date	8 th Century BC
~785 B.C.	Jonah is called to preach to Nineveh (Assyria); he flees, is swallowed by a great fish, then obeys. Nineveh Repents.(Jonah)
~760–750 B.C.	Amos prophesies in Israel, condemning social injustice and religious hypocrisy in a time of plenty. (Amos)
~755–715 B.C.	A life testimony and witness to God's love of the unlovable. Marrying and remaining faithful to a prostitute. (Hosea)
~740–700 B.C.	Micah prophesies in Judah, foretelling the Messiah's birth and extolling “to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God” (Micah)
722 B.C.	Fall of Samaria: Assyria conquers the Northern Kingdom of Israel, fulfilling the warnings of prophets like Hosea and Amos.

The Uncreated God | John 1:1

¹ In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ² He was in the beginning with God. ³ All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made. ⁴ In him was life, and the life was the light of men. ⁵ The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.



The Power of God | Daniel 2, 7, & 8

Daniel prophesied Alexander the Great coming 200 years before he was born.

Why?

- For God's glory to be revealed
- To give us reason and evidence to believe God



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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.



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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,



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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.



Transition | Attributes and Actions

What does a world look like when ruled by the rightful God-King; wise in His thoughts; who leads by example; able to devise a plan and powerful enough to complete it; a God-King who sees men's hearts as they truly are and judges them accordingly; a God-King who's heart and character is on display in such a way it literally holds together the entire look of Him and rightfully protects His dignity?



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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.



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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.



Shalom

The state of complete well-being, wholeness, and harmony with God, others, self, and creation. It is not merely the absence of conflict, but the presence of justice, joy, restoration, and flourishing under God's rule.



The Twin Longing

The world as it should be
and
The One who will keep it



“Already, Not Yet”

Jesus through His Life, Death, Resurrection, and Ascendence into Heaven has “already” accomplished the work of redeeming the world.

He has simply “not yet” made it fully manifest.



Already | Romans 10: 9-11

“...if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.

For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved. For the Scripture says,

“Everyone who believes in him will not be put to shame.”



Celebrate the Already

Already - reconciled to God.

Already - restored as His Children.

Already - no longer under Law of Sin

Already - no longer constrained by fear of death

Already - living transformed lives.



Forgiving others	Christ forgave us	Ephesians 4:32
Loving Sacrificially and Unconditionally	Christ loved us first	John 13:34
Bearing burdens	Christ bore our sin	Galatians 6:2
Serving humbly	Christ served us	Galatians 5:13
Reconciling	God reconciled us	2 Corinthians 5:18
Encouraging	Christ gives us hope	1 Thessalonians 5:11
Speak truth in love without fear	Christ is truth	Ephesians 4:15
Giving generously	Christ became poor	2 Corinthians 8:9
Welcoming Enemies	Christ welcomed us	Romans 15:7
Making disciples	Christ's commission	Matthew 28:19
Laying down our lives	Christ laid down His	1 John 3:16

Strength for Today | Romans 12:17-19

¹⁷ Repay no one evil for evil, but give thought to do what is honorable in the sight of all. ¹⁸ If possible, **so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all.** ¹⁹ Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave it to the wrath of God, for it is written, “Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord.”



Culture vs Christ

Ceasing Hostilities vs Reconciliation

Apathy vs Empathy

Revenge vs Forgiveness



Strength for Today | Already

Because of a

Bright Hope for Tomorrow | Not Yet



Conclusion



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Application

Celebrate Christmas the way Christ
inaugurated Easter

Make Peace



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