

UNTO US A SAVIOR

Isaiah's Vision of Christmas

“A Shoot from the Stump Means Christmas”

12/22/24 Text: Isaiah 11:1-5

1. The gloriously humble Root of the Savior (v. 1).

[1] *There shall come forth a shoot from the stump of Jesse, and a branch from his roots shall bear fruit.*

References: Isaiah 10:33-34; Isaiah 4:2; Jeremiah 23:5-6; Jeremiah 33:15; Isaiah 11:10; Romans 15:12; Revelation 22:16; 1 Samuel 22:7; Acts 2:30; Jeremiah 30:9; Ezekiel 34:23-24; Hosea 3:5

2. The Spirit-Filled Reign of the Savior (v. 2).

[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.*

References: John 1:33; Isaiah 42:1; John 2:24-25; Luke 2:52; Matthew 22:17-21

3. The Righteous Rule of the Savior (vv. 3-4).

[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, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked.*

References: Proverbs 8:13; Proverbs 1:7; Matthew 11:27; Amos 5:21; Matthew 7:21-23; 1 Samuel 16:7; John 5:22, 27; Psalm 67:4; Revelation 19:15; Revelation 19:11

4. The Ready Reliability of the Savior's character (v. 5).

[5] *Righteousness shall be the belt of his waist, and faithfulness the belt of his loins.*

Revelation 11:15

Then the seventh angel blew his trumpet, and there were loud voices in heaven, saying, “The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord and of his Christ, and he shall reign forever and ever.”

Application Questions: How does the image of a shoot growing from the stump of Jesse remind us of God's ability to bring hope and restoration even in the most desperate situations? How can this truth encourage you in your current circumstances? Isaiah describes the Messiah as being filled with the Spirit of the LORD. How does this picture of Jesus as the Spirit-filled Savior inspire your trust in His wisdom, power, and guidance? In what ways does Jesus' righteous rule, as described in verses 3-4, challenge how we view justice in our own lives? How can we reflect His concern for the poor and meek in our daily interactions? Verse 5 highlights the righteousness and faithfulness of the Savior's character. How can remembering these truths about Jesus strengthen your faith and trust in Him through all seasons? As we approach Christmas, how does this passage deepen your understanding of the significance of Jesus' birth? How can you share this hope with others in your home, church, or community this season?

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