

Isaiah 11:6-12:6

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“Thy Kingdom Come!”

1. **Intro:**

- 1.1. Last week we had a humble root come up(Messiah) that on day will be the leader of an army(Armageddon).
 - 1.1.1. He defeats the **enemy** & gathers **His people** to their land.
 - 1.1.2. He also **rallies the Gentiles** who seek Him.
- 1.2. A fond memory for me growing up was w/our family on Sunday nights.
 - 1.2.1. BBQ – Mutual of Omaha’s Wild Kingdom – The wonderful world of Disney – “Laugh In”(though that wasn’t good)
 - 1.2.1.1. Jim & Marlin Perkins.
 - 1.2.1.2. In the millennial kingdom there will be **no need for Jim & Marlin, not even for Steve Irwin**(crocodile hunter).

2. **ANIMAL KINGDOM! (Ch. 11)**

- 2.1. **ANIMALS IN THE KINGDOM!** (6-9)
- 2.2. These vivid pictures speak of **peace & safety** as promised & yet so often denied in our society.
 - 2.2.1. **Q:** What news items make our front pages almost every day.
- 2.3. Well I still challenge people to show me in scripture where it specifically says “the **lion** will lay with the **lamb**”???
- 2.3.1. But here we have it inferred for sure.
- 2.3.2. Animal life will get along! (walking Rambo the other night)
 - 2.3.2.1. Then “sit” & “down” yesterday when chasing a stray dog!
 - 2.3.2.2. Actually in reference to the **leopard** laying down with the **goat**, this happens today!...except that only the **leopard** will get up!!!
- 2.3.3. Even a unity of man or child w/animals!
- 2.3.4. **Carnivores** become **herbivores!**
- 2.4. The **key** to this perfect picture is **the knowledge of the Lord**(9).
 - 2.4.1. **The knowledge of the Lord must** precede true peace!
 - 2.4.2. Only when **the Lord** is **fully known** will **peace** fully come.
- 2.5. **Q:** Are you praying, “thy kingdom come?”

- 2.6. **GENTILES IN THE KINGDOM!** (10)
- 2.7. The **glory** of God's kingdom is that it transcends **all national & other human** barriers.
- 2.7.1. Yes, God will see to it the unconditional **Abrahamic covenant**, the **Davidic covenant**, & the **New covenant** will be fulfilled for Israel. **BUT** the **Gentiles** will also be blessed in Messiah's kingdom.
- 2.8. **ISRAEL IN THE KINGDOM!** (11-16)
- 2.9. (11) The Hebrew people will be restored to the land of Israel, migrating from all over the earth.
- 2.10. (13) Only under Jesus' banner will **envy & division** cease.
- 2.10.1. No longer to be **divided** but finally **united!**
- 2.11. (15,16) This gives us another picture of the "exodus" as God dries up the waters & makes a highway for His people.

3. A HYMN OF PRAISE! (Ch. 12)

- 3.1. **WORSHIPING PEOPLE!** (1-3)
- 3.2. Isaiah often turns to **praise** in the light of the truth he believes & proclaims.
- 3.2.1. **Q:** Do we?
- 3.2.2. **Worship & the Word** should be married!
- 3.3. (1) Isaiah rejoices at the **end** of the estrangement between God & His people.
- 3.3.1. **Praise Him for forgiveness!**
- 3.3.2. **Note:** There cannot be a transformed **community** w/o saved **individuals**; nor can there be a saved **individual** who is not incorporated into the **community!** {should be the same today!}
- 3.4. (2) This is much like the song of Moses Exodus 15:2 "**The LORD is my strength and song, And He has become my salvation; He is my God, and I will praise Him; My father's God, and I will exalt Him.**"
- 3.4.1. Ps.118:14 "**The LORD is my strength and song, And He has become my salvation.**"

- 3.5. (3) To enter salvation is an **individual** experience(2), but to enjoy it is **communal**(3)!
- 3.5.1. "My" strength, song, & salvation! (2)
- 3.5.1.1. Such is Christ to the believer – he is our strength, song, & salvation.
- 3.5.2. "You" is plural. (3)
- 3.6. **Wells of salvation** – not a cistern.
- 3.6.1. [i.e. unfailing assurance, ever flowing consolation, gushing hope, & streaming victory]
- 3.6.2. Maybe **joy** is our **rope** & the **bucket** is our measure of need?
- 3.6.3. Our pilgrimage as believers is lined w/these **wells of saving help**!
- 3.6.3.1. **Wells were costly!** {*obviously to man hours to dig*} (ranked with vineyards & olive groves, which took a long time to establish)
- 3.6.3.2. **Cities named after them.** (Beer=well, Sheba=7)
- 3.6.3.3. **A blessing!** (Deut. 6:11 in the promise land they would receive wells that they did not dig)
- 3.6.3.4. To defend you wells sometimes you had to **temporarily cover them yourself.**
- 3.6.3.5. Special vengeance upon an enemy was **to fill their wells.** (2 Kings3:25)
- 3.6.3.6. **Some will come along & try to seize your well of salvation, & others try to fill it in.**
- 3.6.3.7. **Gen.21:25-34** – Abraham & Abimelech. His servants **seized** Abrahams well.
- 3.6.3.8. **Gen.26:18** – Isaac dug again the wells that his father Abraham **dug**, but that the Philistines **plugged!**
- 3.6.3.9. **Q: Have you let any enemies in your life & allowed them to seize or fill in any of your wells?**
- 3.6.3.9.1. Actually take away someone's salvation??? – **No, but make them doubt they still have it!**
- 3.6.3.9.2. **Fill in?** – Yes, hinder you from living the abundant life.
- 3.6.3.9.3. **Dig them again, re-dig them tonight!**

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 3.6.4.1. [i.e. unfailing assurance, ever flowing consolation, gushing hope, & streaming victory]

3.7. **Q:** What results of salvation are mentioned here, & are you experiencing them all? (comfort, trust, no fear, strength, song, joy,)

3.8. **Worshiping people** give thanks to the Lord for saving them & bringing them home again.

Witnessing people tell all the nations of the greatness of God.

3.9. **WITNESSING PEOPLE!** (4-6)

3.10. Witnessing? - It tells us to **declare His deeds...make mention that his name is exalted...cry out & shout.**

3.11. His name is shorthand for all that he has revealed about Himself.

3.12. Ch.12 is a **personal hymn** of praise. Ponder their truths it proclaims.

3.12.1. **Q:** Can you make it truly yours?