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)

   3.6.1. [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**.
      3.6.3.8. 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!
3.6.4. Our pilgrimage as believers is lined w/these wells of saving help!
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. Worshipping 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?