**Isaiah**

**The Vision**

**The Revelation within Isaiah**

**Chapters 10 &11**

**Chapter 10 and 11: New King James Version**

“**10** “Woe to those who decree unrighteous decrees,

Who write misfortune,

Which they have prescribed

2 To rob the needy of justice,

And to take what is right from the poor of My people,

That widows may be their prey,

And that they may rob the fatherless.

3 What will you do in the day of punishment,

And in the desolation which will come from afar?

To whom will you flee for help?

And where will you leave your glory?

4 Without Me they shall bow down among the prisoners,

And they shall fall among the slain.”

For all this His anger is not turned away,

But His hand is stretched out still.

**Arrogant Assyria Also Judged**

5 “Woe to Assyria, the rod of My anger

And the staff in whose hand is My indignation.

6 I will send him against an ungodly nation,

And against the people of My wrath

I will give him charge,

To seize the spoil, to take the prey,

And to tread them down like the mire of the streets.

7 Yet he does not mean so,

Nor does his heart think so;

But it is in his heart to destroy,

And cut off not a few nations.

8 For he says,

‘Are not my princes altogether kings?

9 Is not Calno like Carchemish?

Is not Hamath like Arpad?

Is not Samaria like Damascus?

10 As my hand has found the kingdoms of the idols,

Whose carved images excelled those of Jerusalem and Samaria,

11 As I have done to Samaria and her idols,

Shall I not do also to Jerusalem and her idols?’ ”

12 Therefore it shall come to pass, when the Lord has performed all His work on Mount Zion and on Jerusalem, that He will say, “I will punish the fruit of the arrogant heart of the king of Assyria, and the glory of his haughty looks.”

13 For he says:

“By the strength of my hand I have done it,

And by my wisdom, for I am prudent;

Also I have removed the boundaries of the people,

And have robbed their treasuries;

So I have put down the inhabitants like a valiant man.

14 My hand has found like a nest the riches of the people,

And as one gathers eggs that are left,

I have gathered all the earth;

And there was no one who moved his wing,

Nor opened his mouth with even a peep.”

15 Shall the ax boast itself against him who chops with it?

Or shall the saw exalt itself against him who saws with it?

As if a rod could wield itself against those who lift it up,

Or as if a staff could lift up, as if it were not wood!

16 Therefore the Lord, the Lord of hosts,

Will send leanness among his fat ones;

And under his glory

He will kindle a burning

Like the burning of a fire.

17 So the Light of Israel will be for a fire,

And his Holy One for a flame;

It will burn and devour

His thorns and his briers in one day.

18 And it will consume the glory of his forest and of his fruitful field,

Both soul and body;

And they will be as when a sick man wastes away.

19 Then the rest of the trees of his forest

Will be so few in number

That a child may write them.

**The Returning Remnant of Israel**

20 And it shall come to pass in that day

That the remnant of Israel,

And such as have escaped of the house of Jacob,

Will never again depend on him who defeated them,

But will depend on the Lord, the Holy One of Israel, in truth.

21 The remnant will return, the remnant of Jacob,

To the Mighty God.

22 For though your people, O Israel, be as the sand of the sea,

A remnant of them will return;

The destruction decreed shall overflow with righteousness.

23 For the Lord God of hosts

Will make a determined end

In the midst of all the land.

24 Therefore thus says the Lord God of hosts: “O My people, who dwell in Zion, do not be afraid of the Assyrian. He shall strike you with a rod and lift up his staff against you, in the manner of Egypt. 25 For yet a very little while and the indignation will cease, as will My anger in their destruction.” 26 And the Lord of hosts will stir up a scourge for him like the slaughter of Midian at the rock of Oreb; as His rod was on the sea, so will He lift it up in the manner of Egypt.

27 It shall come to pass in that day

That his burden will be taken away from your shoulder,

And his yoke from your neck,

And the yoke will be destroyed because of the anointing oil.

28 He has come to Aiath,

He has passed Migron;

At Michmash he has attended to his equipment.

29 They have gone along the ridge,

They have taken up lodging at Geba.

Ramah is afraid,

Gibeah of Saul has fled.

30 Lift up your voice,

O daughter of Gallim!

Cause it to be heard as far as Laish—

O poor Anathoth!

31 Madmenah has fled,

The inhabitants of Gebim seek refuge.

32 As yet he will remain at Nob that day;

He will shake his fist at the mount of the daughter of Zion,

The hill of Jerusalem.

33 Behold, the Lord,

The Lord of hosts,

Will lop off the bough with terror;

Those of high stature will be hewn down,

And the haughty will be humbled.

34 He will cut down the thickets of the forest with iron,

And Lebanon will fall by the Mighty One.

**The Reign of Jesse’s Offspring**

**11** There shall come forth a Rod from the stem of Jesse,

And a Branch shall grow out of his roots.

2 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 of the fear of the Lord.

3 His delight is in the fear of the Lord,

And He shall not judge by the sight of His eyes,

Nor decide by the hearing of His ears;

4 But with righteousness He shall judge the poor,

And decide with equity for the meek of the earth;

He shall strike the earth with the rod of His mouth,

And with the breath of His lips He shall slay the wicked.

5 Righteousness shall be the belt of His loins,

And faithfulness the belt of His waist.

6 “The wolf also shall dwell with the lamb,

The leopard shall lie down with the young goat,

The calf and the young lion and the fatling together;

And a little child shall lead them.

7 The cow and the bear shall graze;

Their young ones shall lie down together;

And the lion shall eat straw like the ox.

8 The nursing child shall play by the cobra’s hole,

And the weaned child shall put his hand in the viper’s den.

9 They shall not hurt nor destroy in all My holy mountain,

For the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord

As the waters cover the sea.

10 “And in that day there shall be a Root of Jesse,

Who shall stand as a banner to the people;

For the Gentiles shall seek Him,

And His resting place shall be glorious.”

11 It shall come to pass in that day

That the Lord shall set His hand again the second time

To recover the remnant of His people who are left,

From Assyria and Egypt,

From Pathros and Cush,

From Elam and Shinar,

From Hamath and the islands of the sea.

12 He will set up a banner for the nations,

And will assemble the outcasts of Israel,

And gather together the dispersed of Judah

From the four corners of the earth.

13 Also the envy of Ephraim shall depart,

And the adversaries of Judah shall be cut off;

Ephraim shall not envy Judah,

And Judah shall not harass Ephraim.

14 But they shall fly down upon the shoulder of the Philistines toward the west;

Together they shall plunder the people of the East;

They shall lay their hand on Edom and Moab;

And the people of Ammon shall obey them.

15 The Lord will utterly destroy the tongue of the Sea of Egypt;

With His mighty wind He will shake His fist over the River,

And strike it in the seven streams,

And make men cross over dry-shod.

16 There will be a highway for the remnant of His people

Who will be left from Assyria,

As it was for Israel

In the day that he came up from the land of Egypt.

**Chapters 10 & 11: The Passion Translation**

“**10** Woe to those who legalize injustice and write oppressive legislation! 2 You rip away the rights of the poor and prey upon widows and orphans! 3 What will come of you on your day of visitation when disaster comes from afar? To whom will you run for help? And what will you do then with all your great wealth? 4 You’ll have no option but to cringe among the captives or fall among the corpses of the slain! Yet despite all this, his anger has not subsided, and his hand is poised to strike.

5 Woe to arrogant Assyria, the rod of my anger! The club I place in the king’s hand is my fury. 6 I am the one who has sent him against a godless nation and ordered him to attack a people who anger me. I sent him to take the spoil and seize the plunder and to trample them down like dust in the street. 7 But he has no clue what he’s doing, and he has something else in mind. He plans on annihilating many nations 8 and thinks, “After all, I have made my executive commanders into kings. 9 Calneh will be no different than Carchemish, whom I destroyed. I’ll destroy Hamath as I did Arpad and Samaria like Damascus. 10 Since I was able to seize kingdoms full of idols and images more powerful and more impressive than those of Jerusalem and Samaria, 11 won’t I do the same thing to Jerusalem and Samaria and their idols?”

12 But when the Lord has carried out his purpose on Mount Zion and Jerusalem, he will punish the king of Assyria because of his overbearing arrogance and unrestrained pride! 13 He boasted, “Look what I have done by the strength of my hand and by my wisdom. See how clever I am! I have erased the borders of nations and plundered their treasures. I have been like a mighty conqueror, subduing those in strong fortresses. 14 I seized their wealth as one who found an unprotected nest. As one who gathers eggs that have been left behind, so I gathered the wealth of the world. And the young birds could neither move a wing nor even open their mouths to peep!”

 **God Decrees Judgment on Assyria**

15 Is the axe greater than the one who wields it? Is the saw greater than the one who cuts with it? Can the axe strike without a hand to move it? Can a lifeless wooden cane walk all by itself? 16 Therefore, the sovereign Lord Yahweh, Commander of Angel Armies, will send a devastating plague among Assyria’s proud warriors. Yes, the “glory” of Assyria will be burned and go up in smoke! 17 For the Light of Israel will become a fire in their midst, and the Holy One will become a flame! He will consume the thorns and thistles of the Assyrian king in one day! 18 The splendor of his forest and orchard will be completely destroyed, like a dying man fading away. 19 The forest will have so few trees left that even a little boy could count them.

 **Restoration Promised**

20 In that day, neither the remnant of Israel nor the survivors of the house of Jacob will lean anymore upon the one who abused them, but they will lean fully on the faithfulness of the Lord Yahweh, the Holy One of Israel. 21 A remnant will return, the remnant of Jacob’s tribes to the mighty God. 22 Though your people Israel were as many as the sand on the seashore, only a remnant will return. Destruction has been decreed, and it will be overflowing with righteousness. 23 For the Lord Yahweh, Commander of Angel Armies, will complete the destruction he has decreed upon the whole land.

24 So hear what the Lord Yahweh, Commander of Angel Armies, has to say: “My Zion-people, do not be gripped with fear over the Assyrians who oppress and abuse you, as the Egyptians did long ago. 25 After only a brief moment, I will end my indignation against you, and it will fall upon them to their destruction!”

26 The Lord Yahweh, who commands angel armies, will wield his whip against them, as when he struck Midian at the rock of Oreb. And once again he will raise his rod over the waters, as he did in Egypt.

27 In that day the Lord will remove the heavy burden from your shoulders and break off the yoke of bondage from your necks because of the heavy anointing upon you!

28 The Assyrian army attacked Aiath;

 they passed over into Migron

 and stored their equipment at Michmash.

29 They went through the pass

 and spent the night at Geba.

 Ramah was alarmed and trembled.

 Those in Gibeah, the city of Saul, ran for their lives.

30 Cry aloud, O daughter of Gallim!

 Listen, O Laishah! Poor Anathoth!

31 Madmenah is retreating;

 the residents of Gebim are hiding.

32 This very day, standing at Nob, he will shake his fist

 at the mountain of the daughter of the house of Zion—

 at the hill of Jerusalem.

33 Behold, the Sovereign Lord of Angel Armies

 is about to cut off the branches with terrifying power.

 He will cut down the exalted heights of the high,

 and all the lofty will be brought low.

34 He will slash the thickets of the forest as with an axe,

 and Lebanon will fall before the Mighty One.

**The Branch of the Lord**

**11** The cut-off stump of Jesse will sprout,

 and a fruitful Branch will grow from his roots:

2 the Spirit of Yahweh will rest upon him,

 the Spirit of Extraordinary Wisdom,

 the Spirit of Perfect Understanding

 the Spirit of Wise Strategy,

 the Spirit of Mighty Power,

 the Spirit of Revelation,

 and the Spirit of the Fear of Yahweh.

3 He will find his delight in living

 by the Spirit of the Fear of the Lord.

 He will neither judge by appearances

 nor make his decisions based on rumors.

4 With righteousness he will uphold justice for the poor

 and defend the lowly of the earth.

 His words will be like a scepter of power

 that conquers the world,

 and with his breath he will slay the lawless one.

5 Righteousness will be his warrior’s sash

 and faithfulness his belt.

**Christ Will Subdue All Things**

6 Then the wolf will be subdued and live with the gentle lamb, and the leopard will lie down with the gentle lamb. The young calf and the ferocious lion will be together, and as a shepherd drives his flock, a small child will guide them along! 7 The cow and the bear will graze alongside each other; cubs and calves will lie down together. The lion, like the ox, will eat straw. 8 The nursing child will play safely near the rattlesnake’s den, and the toddler will stretch out his hand and shine light over the serpent. 9 On all my holy mountain of Zion, nothing evil or harmful will be found. For the earth will be filled with the intimate knowledge of the Lord Yahweh just as water swells the sea!

**The God Who Restores**

10 On that day, the root of Jesse will be lifted up as a miracle-sign to rally the people. Gentiles will diligently seek him, and his resting place will be glorious!

11 On that day, the Lord will extend his hand a second time to restore the remnant of his people from Assyria, Egypt, Pathros, Ethiopia, Iran, Iraq, Syria, and the coastlands of the sea. 12 He will lift up a banner among the nations and will gather the scattered Jews, and assemble the outcasts of Israel from the four corners of the earth. 13 Then Ephraim will be cleansed of envy, and those who are hostile to Judah will be cut off. Ephraim will no longer be jealous of Judah, and Judah will no longer be hostile toward Ephraim. 14 But they will swoop down on the slopes of Philistia to the west; together they will plunder the people of the east. They will rule over Edom and Moab, and the Ammonites will obey them.

15 The Lord Yahweh will dry up the gulf of the Egyptian Sea. He will raise his hand over the Euphrates, and with the might of his wind, he will split it into seven streams that can be easily crossed in sandals. 16 Then there will be a highway leading out of Assyria for his remnant people to return, just as there was for Israel when they were set free from Egypt.

**Notes and Discussion from Chapters 10 & 11:**

Remember the metaphors and symbolism of Isaiah thus far in regards to the children of Israel. Stump, vineyard, oak tree, the branch shall come forth. Now we begin to see a new forest, a thicket, a rod used by God in the Assyrian empire and their delegated time of conquest as a vessel in God’s hands.

The Lord speaks several times in these terms in chapter 10 but then shifts to again mention The Branch from the shoot of Jesse, the coming Messiah and his astonishing reign in Chapter 11.

- 10:4 “It is possible to learn a great deal about a person’s character if you know what makes them angry…Frankly, may I suggest that there is something seriously wrong with your character if you never get angry, for our Lord was angry from time to time and it is part of a perfect character that you do get angry at the right things, but a lot our anger is at the wrong things…” – David Pawson, Come With Me Through Isaiah, pg 66-67

What makes God angry?

**Proverbs 6:16-19**

Wickedness is selfishness

The Father sees the selfishness of his family and war of wickedness between Ephraim and Judah. Now attacking and backbiting each other.

- 10:4 “His hand is stretched out still” Remember the Lord only places His hand upon His own children. Children get His hand, to support, protect, guide, lift up, and also to chastise and discipline. The Lord’s enemies and the wicked get the sword and rod of the Lamb, Jesus.

**Hebrews 12:7-9**

- 10:11 In his (Assyrian emperor) blasphemous boast, he equates the Lord Yahweh with all the other gods and their idols that he had conquered. His arrogance will be his downfall. Although he became the rod of God’s anger to punish Judah and Israel, that same rod is now poised to strike him down. – TPT footnotes

-10:15 Although God used Assyria as his “axe” and his “saw” to bring about his purposes, that doesn’t mean they have reason to be proud. The same can be said of us. Although God may use us powerfully, we must give glory and credit to God and his grace. - TPT footnotes

- 10:17,19 “in one day”, “That a child may write them” This prophesy was FULFILLED many years later!

**2 Kings 18:13-23, 19:8-20, 35-37**

- 10:27 Or “because of oil (anointing).” Oil is a frequent symbol of the anointing of God. Although the meaning of the Hebrew text of this clause is uncertain, some scholars see the imagery of an ox who grew so fat that it shattered the yoke over his neck. Assyria’s yoke of bondage will be broken off Judah because they will grow fat, heavy with the anointing of God’s restored favor. - TPT footnotes

- 10:32 **Remember Isaiah 8:8** Assyria came right up to very neck of Jerusalem. Sennacherib’s army march through Judah over the pass but got stopped short of the anointed ones city. Once he set his hand to destroy the anointed people and the city of God. The Assyrian empire wrote it’s death sentence. After his defeat at Jerusalem their leader Sennacherib was slain in his capital less than 9 years later.

-11:1 In Matthew 2:23, Matthew quotes the Jesus dwelled in Nazereth, so that He might fulfill the prophets who said. “He shall be called a Nazarene”. This is actually a curious quote by Matthew, because when you search the Old Testament, no prophet quotes those words. But the Hebrew we see where he got this prophecy. The Hebrew word for “branch” or “twig” is *netzer* (lit. “to grow green”), the root word for Nazarene, Nazarite, and Nazareth. Christ is both the root and the offspring of David. Zechariah also prophecies about the “*netzer*”, the “branch” or also, “the Nazarene”.

“While touring Israel on one of my many trips, I discovered an interesting nugget. The followers of Christ were originally identified as “believers” and were later called “Christians” in the town of Antioch. (Acts 11:26) The Greek word for Christians simply means “follower of Christ”. The Hebrew name first given to the followers of Christ were called the *nutzrim*, from the root word *naytzar*, because the believers came forth from the trunk of the tree of the Messiah!” – Perry Stone Hebraic Prophetic Study Bible, pg 1047

-[11:2](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Isaiah+10-11&version=TPT#en-TPT-3571) The Spirit of Yahweh is the Spirit of Prophecy, the manifest presence of God resting upon the Lord Jesus. In the Hebrew culture, to say “the Spirit of Yahweh rests upon” someone meant the Spirit of prophecy was upon them. See John [1:32-33](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=John.1.32&version=TPT).

 Or “the Spirit of Skillfulness” (Ex. [31:2-4](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Exod.31.2&version=TPT)). This gives equipping ability for music, art, business, writing, creativity, and wisdom for judicial decisions. Paul prayed for the churches to receive this “Spirit of wisdom” (Eph. [1:17-19](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Eph.1.17&version=TPT)).

 Or “the Spirit of Intelligent Insight.” This imparts the ability to discern the truth, to know the meaning of riddles, and to decipher parables and allegories. This anointing was upon the prophet Daniel. See Dan. [1:17](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Dan.1.17&version=TPT); [5:11-12](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Dan.5.11&version=TPT); [9:21-23](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Dan.9.21&version=TPT).

Or “the Spirit of Guidance.” This is the Hebrew word *etsah* and is used numerous times in the Old Testament for “counsel, advice, or purpose.” It is also used for steering (guiding) a ship. This anointing imparts the wisdom and counsel needed for spiritual leadership. See Ex. [18:19](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Exod.18.19&version=TPT).

 Or “the Spirit of a Mighty Warrior.”

 Or “the Spirit of Knowledge.” This is not knowledge that is learned from books or study but knowledge that comes from experiencing intimacy with God. – TPT footnotes

- 11:3 Or “his smelling (sensing),” a Hebraic figure of speech for finding pleasure in something. The Septuagint reads “He will fill him with the spirit of the fear of the Lord (absolute loyalty to God).” The Aramaic can be translated “He will shine forth with the reverence of the Lord.” The seven Spirits of God mentioned in these verses are also mentioned in Rev. 1:4; 4:4-5; 5:6. The Holy Spirit is one (Eph. 4:3-4) but revealed in seven dimensions. The golden lampstand in the tabernacle had seven branches. The sevenfold Spirit of God is the illuminating influence over God’s people. - TPT footnotes

- 11:6-9 “Here is a picture of nature with the animals reconciled to each other and to man, including children, and that picture has fascinated people for centuries.” - David Pawson, Come With Me Through Isaiah, pg 82

-11:7 There is a subtle play on words found in the Hebrew. The word for “graze (feed)” is *tir‛ēynâ*, and the word for “become friends” is *titrā‛ēynâ*. So the cow and bear grazing together become friends. – TPT footnotes

- 11:14 “Scholars noted for hundreds of years that Isaiah predicted the Jews would return to the land “flying”. This passage was written 2,500 years before the invention of air travel. Isaiah also gives the location in Israel where the Jews will fly when they return: “upon the shoulders of the Philistines”. Three of the five ancient Philistine cities were built along the coast of Israel. Gaza was the southernmost, with Ashkelon and Ashdod stretching to the north along the coast. A modern Israeli city north of Ashdod, also built on the Mediterranean coast, is Tel Aviv. Today, Israel’s main and only international airport is the Ben Gurion Airport, located in Tel Aviv. This city is located on the upper “shoulder” of the land of the ancient Philistines. This is the same airport into which all Jews must fly when returning to Israel. Thus the prophecy of Jews “flying” on the shoulders of the Philistines can be taken literally. - Perry Stone Hebraic Prophetic Study Bible, pg 1049