

*Is. 11:2 And the Spirit of the Lord will rest on Him, The spirit of wisdom and understanding, The spirit of counsel and strength, The spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord.*

Verse 2 mentions the seven attributes of the Holy *Spirit*, all of which *rest on* Jesus, the Messiah. It is for this reason that the Scriptures make reference to Jesus as possessing the fullness of the Spirit (Revelation 1:4—the number *seven* pointing to perfection). Consequently, He possesses *the Spirit without measure* (John 3:34—the phrase, “*for he gives the Spirit without measure*” NAS, can actually be translated, “*for God giveth not the Spirit by measure unto him*” KJV). Revelation 3:1 and Revelation 5:6 both state that the Messiah possesses *the seven Spirits of God*. Revelation 4:5 points to *the seven Spirits of God* in picture form as a *seven* branch menorah, “*seven*” being the number of completion (perfection). *The Spirit of the Lord* (Isaiah 11:2) is the center branch, *The spirit of wisdom and understanding* (Isaiah 11:2) makes up two branches, *The spirit of counsel and strength* (Isaiah 11:2) two branches, and *The spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord* (Isaiah 11:2) two branches, making seven branches all total. It is interesting as well that the Messiah is made reference to as “*a light to the nations*” in Isaiah 42:6 and “*a light of the nations*” in Isaiah 49:6.

It is apparent that Christ's rule will be based on righteous and just principles, resulting in a *government* that is flawless, unblemished, and everlasting (Isaiah 9:7). Note: If you have a copy of *The Gospels From a Jewish Perspective* materials published by this ministry, you should read what we studied concerning the menorah—located within the temple in Jesus' day. The center light of that menorah pointed to Jesus, *the light of the world* (John 8:12; 9:5).

Notice too that *the Spirit of the Lord* rests on Jesus. This means that *the Spirit* is totally comfortable in Christ's presence because He is in complete unity with Jesus. What *the Spirit* desires, Christ desires, and vice versa. Therefore *the Spirit* can live in a state of rest while living in union with the Son. Therefore, the believer should aspire to live in such a way as not to *grieve* the Person of the *Spirit* (Ephesians 4:30).

*Is. 11:3 And He will delight in the fear of the Lord, And He will not judge by what His eyes see, Nor make a decision by what His ears hear;*

Because Jesus will be a holy and wise King, He will not make decisions based on what *His eyes see* or *His ears hear*. Consequently, He, possessing unlimited discernment, will never be deceived into making a false judgment. He will possess such discernment because *He will delight in the fear of the Lord* (11:3). It is obvious that the believer's ability to *discern* right from wrong (Hebrews 5:14) is enhanced as we enjoy the Lord. As we *delight* ourselves in Him, He also gives us *the desires of our heart* (Psalm 37:4), for only those who *delight* themselves in Him possess the ability to desire what He desires.

*Is. 11:4 But with righteousness He will judge the poor, And decide with fairness for the afflicted of the earth; And He will strike the earth with the rod of His mouth, And with the breath of His lips He will slay the wicked.*

Jesus *will judge the poor...with righteousness*, respond *with fairness* in His dealings with *the afflicted*, *judge the earth*, and *slay the wicked...with the breath of His lips* (as is also confirmed in 2 Thessalonians 2:8, which seems to communicate that the Antichrist will be the first casualty of the Second Coming).

*Is. 11:5 Also righteousness will be the belt about His loins, And faithfulness the belt about His waist.*

Christ's character is addressed in verse 5. He will most definitely reign in *righteousness* and *faithfulness*, meaning that His kingdom will endure (Proverbs 20:28).

*Is. 11:6 ¶ And the wolf will dwell with the lamb, And the leopard will lie down with the kid, And the calf and the young lion and the fatling together; And a little boy will lead them.*

Verses 6-10 describe the conditions that will exist within the Messianic Kingdom.

All animals will live in a state of peaceful coexistence.

*Is. 11:7 Also the cow and the bear will graze; Their young will lie down together; And the lion will eat straw like the ox.*

The reason the animal kingdom will live in a state of peace is because all animals will eat a vegetarian diet, thus reverting back to the way they lived and ate before Adam and Eve sinned. This is also confirmed by Isaiah 65:25.

*Is. 11:8 And the nursing child will play by the hole of the cobra, And the weaned child will put his hand on the viper's den.*

Man will be at peace with the snake (*cobra*), something that will not have happened since the fall.

*Is. 11:9 They will not hurt or destroy in all My holy mountain, For the earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord As the waters cover the sea.*

Because *the earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord*, nothing will be *hurt* or *destroyed* in all of God's *holy mountain*. Jesus' counsel (Isaiah 2:2-4) will result in worldwide peace.

*Is. 11:10 ¶ Then it will come about in that day That the nations will resort to the root of Jesse, Who will stand as a signal for the peoples; And His resting place will be glorious.*

The word "*nations*" points to the Gentiles who, according to this verse, as well as Deuteronomy 32:43, Psalm 18:49, and 117:1, will one day worship God alongside the Hebrew people. This will occur during the Millennium (Isaiah 14:1-2; 49:22-23; 61:4-9; Micah 7:14-17; Zechariah 8:23) as a result of the leadership of the Messiah, Jesus Christ, who is *the root of Jesse* (Isaiah 11:10). Note that the Messiah is called "*the root of Jesse*" in Isaiah 11:10, whereas in other Scriptures He is called "*the Root of David*" (Revelation 5:5; 22:16), *David* being the son of *Jesse* (Ruth 4:17). The word "*signal*" (v.10) can also be interpreted "sign" or "standard," pointing to the idea of a flag pole positioned on a high hill for the purpose of assembling the masses (Isaiah 49:22; 62:10). It is obvious that the *branch* of Isaiah 11:1 is the same as the *Branch* of Isaiah 4:2, Jeremiah 23:5, 33:15, Zechariah 3:8, and 6:12. Therefore, this *Branch* becomes *a signal for the peoples* (Gentiles). This will fulfill Genesis 49:10, for *the peoples* (Gentiles) *will stream to the Messiah* (Isaiah 2:2-4) during the Millennium. As always, all who come to Jesus will find *rest* (Isaiah 11:10; Matthew 11:28-30).