

1st Week of Advent: Hope

Hope in the Coming Messiah

(Isaiah 11:1-4, 10-12, 16)

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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.
³ And his delight shall be in the fear of the Lord.

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- 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 . . .
- ¹⁰ In that day the root of Jesse, who shall stand as a signal for the
peoples—of him shall the nations inquire, and his resting place shall
be glorious.

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- ¹¹ In that day the Lord will extend his hand yet a second time to recover the remnant that remains of his people, from Assyria, from Egypt, from Pathros, from Cush, from Elam, from Shinar, from Hamath, and from the coastlands of the sea.
- ¹² He will raise a signal for the nations
and will assemble the banished of Israel,
and gather the dispersed of Judah
from the four corners of the earth . . .

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- ¹⁶ And there will be a highway from Assyria for the remnant that remains of his people, as there was for Israel when they came up from the land of Egypt.

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Introduction: Lunch with a Rabbi

- The Jews' Yearning for the Coming Messiah
- The Theme of a Faithful "Remnant"

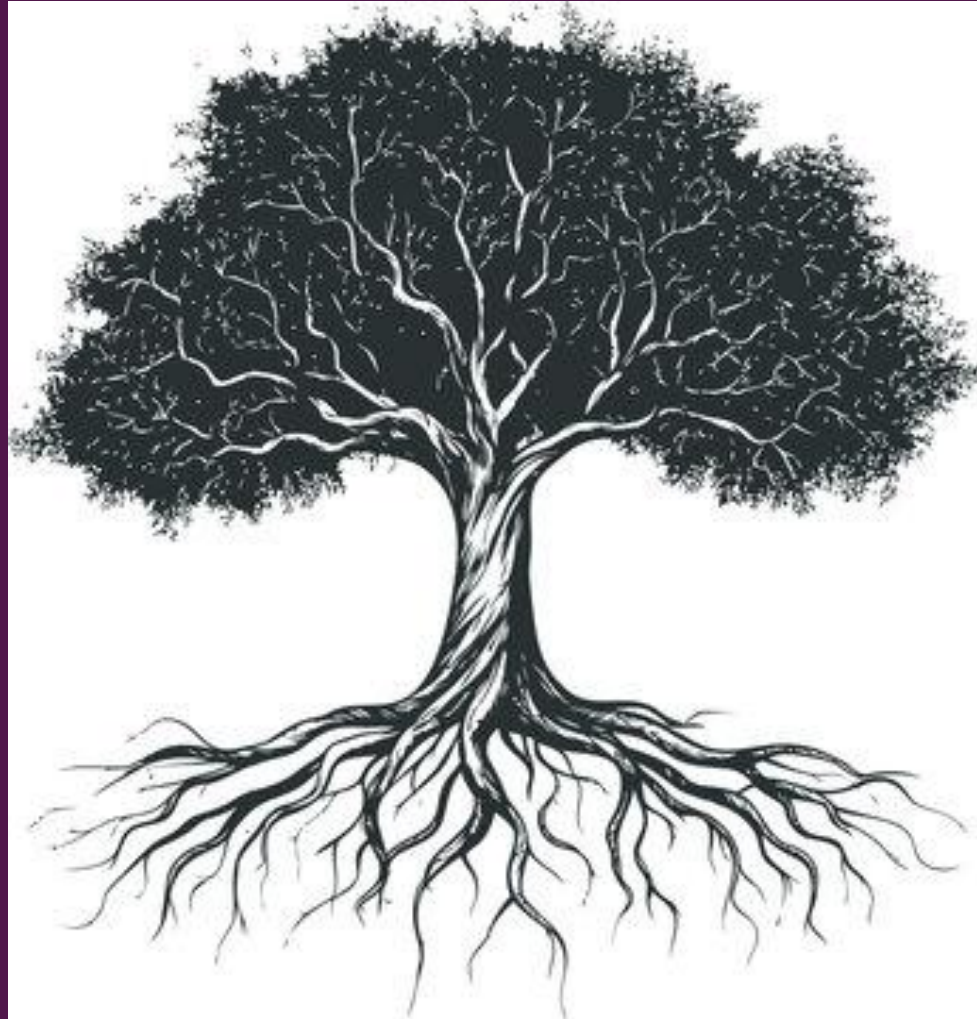
The Coming Messiah: **The Meaning of a Stump**



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- **11** There shall come forth a shoot from **the stump** of Jesse
- **13** “I [Nebuchadnezzar] saw in the visions of my head as I lay in bed, and behold, a watcher, a holy one, came down from heaven. **14** He proclaimed aloud and said thus: ‘**Chop down the tree and lop off its branches, strip off its leaves and scatter its fruit.** Let the beasts flee from under it and the birds from its branches. **15 But leave the stump of its roots in the earth,** bound with a band of iron and bronze, amid the tender grass of the field. (Daniel 4:13-15)

The Coming Messiah: **The Significance of the Root**



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Ezekiel: valley (of hope) amongst the dry bones

- **37** The hand of the LORD was upon me, and he brought me out in the Spirit of the LORD and set me down in the middle of **the valley; it was full of bones.** ² And he led me around among them, and behold, there were very many on the surface of the valley, and behold, **they were very dry.** . . . ¹¹ Then he said to me, “Son of man, these bones are the whole house of Israel. Behold, **they say, ‘Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are indeed cut off.’** (Ezekiel 37:1-2, 11)
- ¹² Therefore prophesy, and say to them . . . **I will put my Spirit within you, and you shall live,** and I will place you in your own land. Then you shall know that I am the LORD; I have spoken, and I will do it, declares the LORD.” (Ezekiel 37:12, 14)

The Coming Messiah: **The Spirit is upon Him**

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the **Spirit** of wisdom and understanding,
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The Coming Messiah: Jesus: The True Vine

- **15** “I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser.
- **2** Every branch in me that does not bear fruit he takes away, and **every branch that does bear fruit he prunes, that it may bear more fruit.**
- **3** Already you are clean because of the word that I have spoken to you. **4** Abide in me, and I in you. **As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me.** **5** I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing. (John 15:1-5)

The Coming Messiah: **The Hope in a Shoot**



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The Coming Messiah: **The Hope in a Shoot**

- **11** There shall come forth a **shoot** from the stump of Jesse
- **God to the Satan-Serpent:**
- I will put enmity between you and the woman,
and between your offspring and her offspring;
he shall bruise your head,
and you shall bruise his heel.” (Genesis 3:15)

The Coming Messiah: He shall rule by justice and righteousness

- He shall not judge by what his eyes see,
or decide disputes by what his ears hear,
⁴ but with **righteousness** he shall **judge [lead]** the poor,
and decide with equity for the meek of the earth . . .

The Coming Messiah: **The Hope in a Shoot**

For to us a child is born,
to us a son is given;
and the government shall be upon his shoulder,
and his name shall be called
Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.
⁷ Of the increase of his government and of peace
there will be no end,
on the throne of David and over his kingdom,
to establish it and to uphold it
with **justice and with righteousness**
from this time forth and forevermore. (Isaiah 9:6-7)



God Gathers the Faithful Remnant

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The Faithful Remnant: God Shall Gather Them

- ³ Then I will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the countries where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. ⁴ I will set shepherds over them who will care for them, and they shall fear no more, nor be dismayed, neither shall any be missing, declares the LORD. (Jeremiah 23:3-4).



God's Remnant

The Faithful Remnant: Chosen by Grace

- Do you not know what the Scripture says of Elijah, how he appeals to God against Israel?
- ³ “Lord, they have killed your prophets, they have demolished your altars, and I alone am left, and they seek my life.”
- ⁴ But what is God's reply to him? “I have kept for myself seven thousand men who have not bowed the knee to Baal.”
- ⁵ **So too at the present time there is a remnant, chosen by grace.** ⁶ But if it is by grace, it is no longer on the basis of works; otherwise, grace would no longer be grace. (Romans 11:2-6)

The Faithful Remnant: Seeking the Lord

- ¹⁰ “For thus says the LORD: When seventy years are completed for Babylon, I will visit you, and **I will fulfill to you my promise and bring you back to this place.** ¹¹ For I know the plans I have for you, declares the LORD, plans for peace and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope.
- ¹² Then you will call upon me and come and pray to me, and I will hear you. ¹³ **You will seek me and find me, when you seek me with all your heart.**
- ¹⁴ **I will be found by you,** declares the LORD, and I will restore your fortunes **and gather you from all the nations and all the places where I have driven you,** declares the LORD, and I will bring you back to the place from which I sent you into exile. (Jeremiah 29:10-14)

The Faithful Remnant: **Waiting for the Lord**

- And behold, the LORD passed by, and a great and strong wind tore the mountains and broke in pieces the rocks before the LORD, but the LORD was not in the wind. And after the wind an earthquake, but the LORD was not in the earthquake. ¹² And after the earthquake a fire, but the LORD was not in the fire. And after the fire **the sound of a *thin silence***. (1 Kings 19:11-12)
- **I will wait for the LORD**, who is hiding his face from the house of Jacob, and **I will HOPE in him**. (Isaiah 8:17)



Let Us Pray

