

The Branch Shall Fill the Earth with the Knowledge of the Lord

Isaiah 11

A A Branch shall grow forth out of the roots, and a rod out of the stem of Jesse -vs.1

B The Spirit of the Lord shall rest upon [the Branch]
—the spirit of wisdom and understanding -vs.2
—the spirit of counsel and might
—the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord
—the spirit judgment (Isaiah 4:4)

—those 7 Spirits which come out of that Branch show how His righteousness comes to us {cf Rev 1:4; 4:5: 5:6}

C Holy Spirit will make [the Branch] of quick understanding
— with righteousness shall He judge the poor and
— reprove with equity for the meek of the earth -vs.3

How He Judges us

D **He shall smite the earth with the rod of His mouth**
D **with the breath of His lips shall He slay the wicked**
-vs.4

Destruction at the 2nd Coming for all not protected by His righteousness

C and righteousness shall be the girdle of His loins,
and faithfulness the girdle of His reins. -vs.5

How He clothes us

B None of the animals mentioned in verses 6-8 ‘shall hurt nor destroy in all my holy mountain.’ These will not hurt since the Spirit of the Lord [The 7 Spirits] “shall fill the earth with the knowledge of the Lord.” -vs.9

A A root of Jesse [the Branch] shall stand as an ensign to those who seek His rest. -vs.10

Sabbath Rest

These 7 Attributes of the Spirit developed Christ’s character, while on earth, into such a beautiful tapestry that it will one day fill the earth with this knowledge (glory) of the Lord through His people. (cf Rev 18:1)

This chiastic structure teaches so much to us who examine this passage. Both A statements convey a similar picture, but with the added point that “the Branch” will stand as an ensign—a signal, or banner, or standard for the Gentiles (other verses say for the nations). The B statements reveal the characteristics of the Branch which reproduced in His people will be the knowledge of His agape love which fills the earth. The C statements show how through the judgment He will clothe His people with righteousness by His faith. This clothing of His righteousness will express the internal change within the redeemed. The D statement seems to be the only ‘dissonant’ note in this passage. But obviously it is a warning to all who will not be clothed with the righteousness of “the Branch.” What an incentive to study that which constitutes His righteousness and how to receive it. The seven Spirits are integral in this process of character development. [Click here](#) for more on this subject.