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“LET THE METAPHORS  
SPEAK TO YOU”

An LDS Commentary on Isaiah

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*Dedicated to those who live in the time about which Isaiah prophesied*

## **Isaiah 11**

**11:1.** See Doctrine and Covenants 113 and compare Jacob 5 and Alma 32. Also, see Isaiah 6:13. A remnant will remain and a powerful, future, Davidic leader is prophesied, understood by many Jews and Christians as the Messiah. Compare King James version.

**11:1–5.** These verses beautifully describe Christ.

**11:5.** See the NRSV translation. Righteousness is an essential attribute of this leader. See Doctrine and Covenants 121:36.

**11:6–9.** Many metaphors teach of the peace that will accompany the coming of the great peacemaker, Christ. “They will neither harm nor destroy on all my holy mountain, for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the LORD, as the waters cover the sea.” Enmity will disappear.

**11:10.** According to Doctrine and Covenants 113:6, the root refers to a priesthood bearer holding essential keys for the restoration.

**11:11.** This describes the gathering of scattered Israel. Assyria in the northeast and Egypt in the southwest were at opposite ends of the Fertile Crescent and were the dominant world powers of the day.

**11:12–13.** “He will raise a banner, or ensign, for the nations and gather the exiles of Israel. He will assemble the scattered people of Judah from the four quarters of the earth. Ephraim’s jealousy will vanish, and Judah’s enemies will be cut off.”

**11:13.** See Ezekiel 37:19–21; 2 Nephi 3:12.

**11:16.** The New Revised Standard Version of the Bible translates this verse this way:

So there shall be a highway from Assyria  
for the remnant that is left of his people,  
as there was for Israel  
when they came up from the land of Egypt.

See also Isaiah 35:8 and Isaiah 19:23.

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