

Isaiah 11

This chapter is a taste of who Jesus the messiah actually is, in person. We can only see him in his word, right now. It begins with Davidic prophecy. Then, it goes into his 7-fold spirit of his character. This is followed by his effects on the earth of being ruled by this Lion of the Tribe of Judah.

Read Isaiah 11:1

The big picture in the bible is that Israel, like all mankind, has failed. The story continues, by showing that God re-interjects himself into our culture and brings us back to life. It is like watching CPR bring the dead back again and again.

We are shown how Jesus, like a branch is the natural outgrowth of a tree. He is rightfully called *the branch*, since all fruit is only borne on first-year wood. Jesus is full of good fruit.



This tree itself is the spiritual family of Abraham. Interestingly, Jesus is not only the shoot, but also the root (origin or strength) of this same tree. Being the root and the shoot makes you the first and the last.

Again Isaiah says, “There shall come the root of Jesse, And He who arises to rule over the Gentiles, In Him will the Gentiles hope.” (Romans 15:12)

*And one of the elders *said to me, “Stop weeping; behold, the Lion that is from the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has overcome so as to be able to open the scroll and its seven seals.” (Revelation 5:5)*

I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end.” (Revelation 22:12)

The branch of the tree of Israel represents new life.

and came and settled in a city called Nazareth. This happened so that what was spoken through the prophets would be fulfilled: “He will be called a Nazarene.” (Matthew 2:23)

Prophetic wordplay: Matthew connects נצרת (Natzaret) to נצר (netzer - branch) prophecies about the Messiah!

The נצר (netzer) connection: נצרת comes from נצר meaning "branch, shoot, sprout, offshoot"

Hidden meaning: "The place of the Branch" or "Town of the Shoot"

Isaiah 6 makes this branch and root picture a little more fully. Judah was cut down by Babylon, and allowed to grow back. Isaiah describes a forest of oaks that has been chopped down and burnt, with life yet in those stumps!

The Lord has completely removed people, And there are many forsaken places in the midst of the land. ¹³ Yet there will still be a tenth portion in it, And it will again be subject to burning, Like a terebinth or an oak Whose stump remains when it is cut down. The holy seed is its stump.” (Isaiah 6:12-13)

Silviculture is the science and methodologies of growing woodland varieties of trees. It is a well known fact that the way to achieve the healthiest stand of oaks is to periodically subject it to hot fires, and let it all occasionally burn. Unfortunately, our forest services do not allow our forests to occasionally burn, because of collateral and infrastructure damage. If a forest never burns it becomes a weaker version of itself. Fires remove competing vegetation, and converts leaf and

vegetative overgrowth and trash into soil nutrients. Fires stimulate more healthy seedlings and it kills the pests. Once again, what we may attribute to disaster may be the healthiest thing for us. Oaks, and some other varieties of trees have the ability to regrow a tree from a stump.



Read Isaiah 11:2

Now we look into the character of Jesus. He has a 7-fold spirit.



He who has the seven spirits of God and the seven stars, says this: 'I know your deeds, that you have a name that you are alive, and yet you are dead. (Revelation 3:1)

And I saw between the throne (with the four living creatures) and the elders a Lamb standing, as if slaughtered, having seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven spirits of God sent out into all the earth. (Revelation 5:6)

Interestingly, Jesus has the 7-fold Spirit, and yet he is distinct from them. Perhaps it is the Holy Spirit who is fully downloaded into Christ. This is to say that the Holy Spirit is wise, has great understanding, full of good counsel, strength, knowledge and fear of the LORD. Many of these sound somewhat similar to us.

God is one, and yet he has 3 parts (Father, Son and Holy Spirit). The Holy Spirit has 7 aspects in himself.

Read Isaiah 11:3-5:

Now faith is the certainty of things hoped for, a proof of things not seen. ² For by it the people of old gained approval. (Hebrews 11:1-2)

Jesus gets very excited about his dad's plans. He knows that God's word always comes true; so Jesus pays little attention to the ways things appear to be going. We tend to use sights and sounds to figure our way through the day.

It is interesting that Jesus never even spoke his mind. He just promoted his father.

For I did not speak on My own, but the Father Himself who sent Me has given Me a commandment as to what to say and what to speak. ⁵⁰ And I know that His

commandment is eternal life; therefore the things I speak, I speak just as the Father has told Me.” (John 12:49-50)

The opposite of this method of living would be to judge by all that we see and hear. The Devil has a lot of latitude in what he can portray; and assault our minds.

You are of your father the devil, and you want to do the desires of your father. He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth because there is no truth in him. Whenever he tells a lie, he speaks from his own nature, because he is a liar and the father of lies. (John 8:44)

in whose case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelieving so that they will not see the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. (2 Corinthians 4:4)

Jesus will judge the earth without favoritism. He will not postpone judgement and correction.

Read Isaiah 11:6-10:

Now we look at the effects of Jesus as king on the earth and nature. It is a reversal of the curse.

¹⁶ To the woman He said, “I will greatly multiply Your pain in childbirth, In pain you shall deliver children; Yet your desire will be for your husband, And he shall rule over you.” ¹⁷ Then to Adam He said, “Because you have listened to the voice of your wife, and have eaten from the tree about which I commanded you, saying, ‘You shall not eat from it’; Cursed is the ground because of you; With hard labor you shall eat from it All the days of your life. ¹⁸ Both thorns and thistles it shall grow for you; Yet you shall eat the plants of the field; ¹⁹ By the sweat of your face You shall eat bread, Until you return to the ground, Because from it you were taken; For you are dust, And to dust you shall return.” (Genesis 3)

¹² Therefore, just as through one man sin entered into the world, and death through sin, and so death spread to all mankind, because all sinned— ¹³ for until the Law sin was in the world, but sin is not counted against anyone when there is no law. ¹⁴ Nevertheless death reigned from Adam until Moses, even over those who had not sinned in the likeness of the violation committed by Adam, who is a type of Him who was to come. (Romans 5)

It was not only man who died to sin when Adam sinned. The animal kingdom became carnivorous. There was no death of any living thing yet. In the Millennial Kingdom people will live long again, like at the beginning.

No longer will there be in it an infant who lives only a few days, Or an old person who does not live out his days; For the youth will die at the age of a hundred, And the one who does not reach the age of a hundred Will be thought accursed. ²¹ They will build houses and inhabit them; They will also plant vineyards and eat their fruit. ²² They will not build and another inhabit, They will not plant and another eat; For as the lifetime of a tree, so will be the days of My people, And My chosen ones will fully enjoy the work of their hands. ²³ They will not labor in vain, Or give birth to children for disaster; For they are the descendants of those blessed by the Lord, And their descendants with them. (Isaiah 65)

All animals will become plant eaters. No more predatory activity or fear. No more stickers or thorns or poison ivy or rattlesnake bites or wasp stings. People will come from all over the world to see Jesus, who will be called Jehovah Tsidknu.

Read Isaiah 11:11-16:

The Hebrews have had various programs to return the people to the homeland. This has been going on for decades. Antisemitism and hardships abroad have helped persuade those who have been contemplating ways to make a stronger connection with their people.

The Hebrew word *aliyah*(עליה) translates as “elevation” or “going up.”

In the context of the synagogue, the word *aliyah* refers to being [called up to the Torah reading](#) during services. In the modern era, “making [aliyah](#)” means moving to Israel.

It is for this reason that anyone “making *aliyah*,” or moving to Israel for the right reasons, is moving “up” in the world. It is the land in which the holy Patriarchs and Matriarchs lived. It is the land upon which the [Holy Temples](#) were built. And, with the advent of the [Messianic era](#), it is the land where the Third Temple will soon be rebuilt. It is truly a holy and elevated place.



Western Europe

Total immigration from Western Europe reached 5,103 in 2025—a remarkable 138% increase since 2023. France leads this wave, with 3,357 French Jews making Aliyah in 2025, more than triple the 1,051 who came in 2023. This 219% surge reflects both the troubling rise of antisemitism in France and a renewed desire among French Jews to build their future in the Jewish homeland. Great Britain followed suit, with 890 Olim arriving in 2025—up 136% from 2023. Germany also showed steady growth at 34%.



French immigrants arrive in Israel. (Credit JAFI)

From North America, the numbers continue to climb. The United States saw 3,638 new immigrants in 2025, a 45% increase since 2023. Canadian Aliyah grew 51% over the same period, reaching 447 Olim.

Combined, Western Europe and North America accounted for over 9,000 new immigrants in 2025—nearly double the 4,954 who arrived in 2023. This 85% increase demonstrates that despite the challenges Israel has faced, Jews worldwide are choosing to come home.

Surveys indicate that approximately 38% of French Jews—around 200,000 people—are now considering Aliyah. With rising antisemitism across Europe and North America, we expect this stream to continue flowing strongly in 2026.

Aliyah from the South and East

ICEJ is also assisting with immigration programs for Olim from South and Latin America. Argentina remains the largest source country in the region due to its sizable Jewish community. The ICEJ is currently assisting families from Argentina and other Spanish-speaking countries through a mentoring and integration program. Still, significantly more support is needed to meet the rising demand due to increasing antisemitism.



French Aliyah (Credit JAFI)

Aliyah from Ethiopia and South Africa continues in 2026 as well. These are two countries where ICEJ has been helping, as we watch Scripture being fulfilled about Jewish return to the land: “And from the South do not hold them back!” ([Isaiah 43:6](#)).

And from the East, a new wave of Aliyah is emerging from Northeast India with the homecoming of more than 5,800 Bnei Menashe who have been waiting for the green light from the government of Israel: 1,200 Bnei Menashe Olim are expected starting within the next month, with the first plane load of some 180 new Olim—

100 of which the ICEJ is supporting. them. Regional tensions and ethnic violence have made the situation dangerous for the Bnei Menashe, who have literally been caught in the crossfire. The ICEJ has been supporting this Aliyah since 2012, and in the next 5 years, nearly the entire community will be home at last in Israel. *Join us in this urgent mission.*

Aliyah from the North



A Bnei Menashe Jewish immigrant receives a warm welcome at Ben Gurion Airport. (Credit JAFI)

Aliyah from the former Soviet Republics accounts for about 41% of total Aliyah. Partner with us to bring more Olim home from the land of the North. ICEJ began its work in 1980, assisting Jews from the Soviet Union in coming home to Israel, and since then, we have helped more than 193,000 Jewish people come home to Israel.

The prophet Isaiah envisioned a time when Gentile nations would actively assist in the return of the Jewish people to their homeland: “Behold, I will lift My hand in an oath to the nations, and set up My standard for the peoples; they shall bring your sons in their arms, and your daughters shall be carried on their shoulders”

(49:22). The imagery of carrying sons and daughters suggests a tender and nurturing role, as Gentiles support and facilitate Aliyah. *That time is today.*

When Jesus returns, there will be no more antisemitism. The Jews will rule over those nations who persecuted them. The LORD will make a highway from Assyria to Egypt. The whole area will travel to Jerusalem to pay homage to Jesus.

