

# Advent in Isaiah

The First Sunday of Advent: Hope

Isaiah 11:1-12

“Out of Hopelessness...”

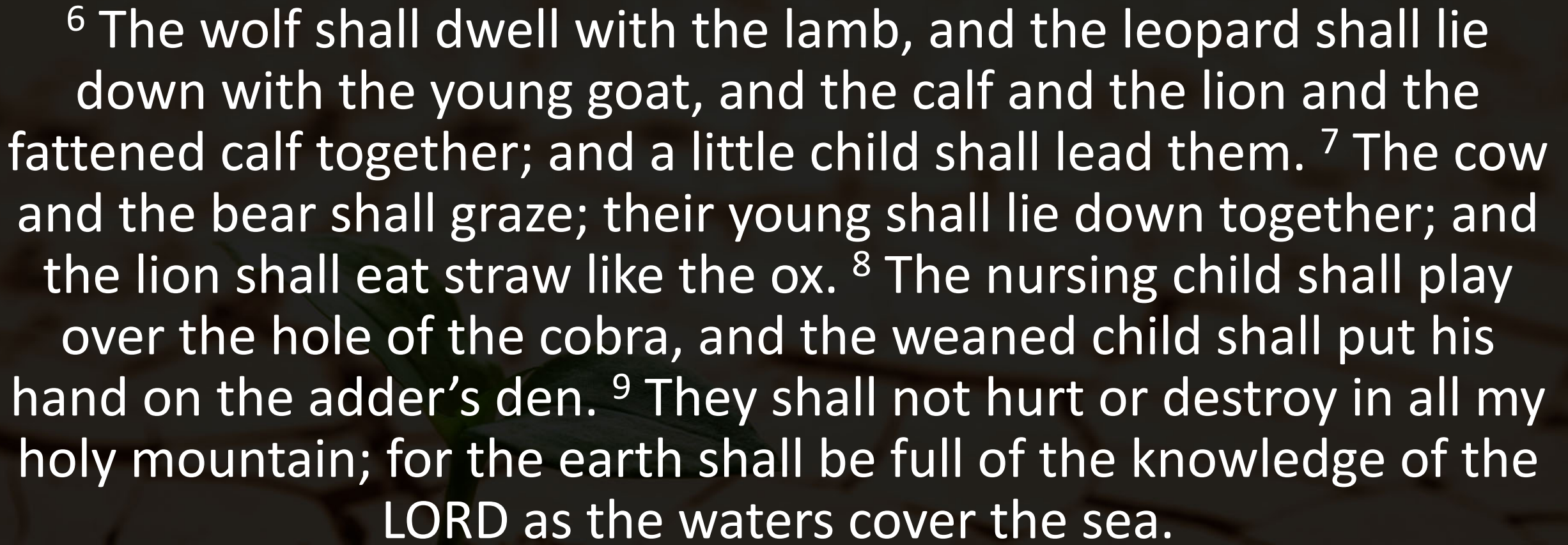
***“and a little child shall lead them”***

***Isaiah 11:6***

## Isaiah 11

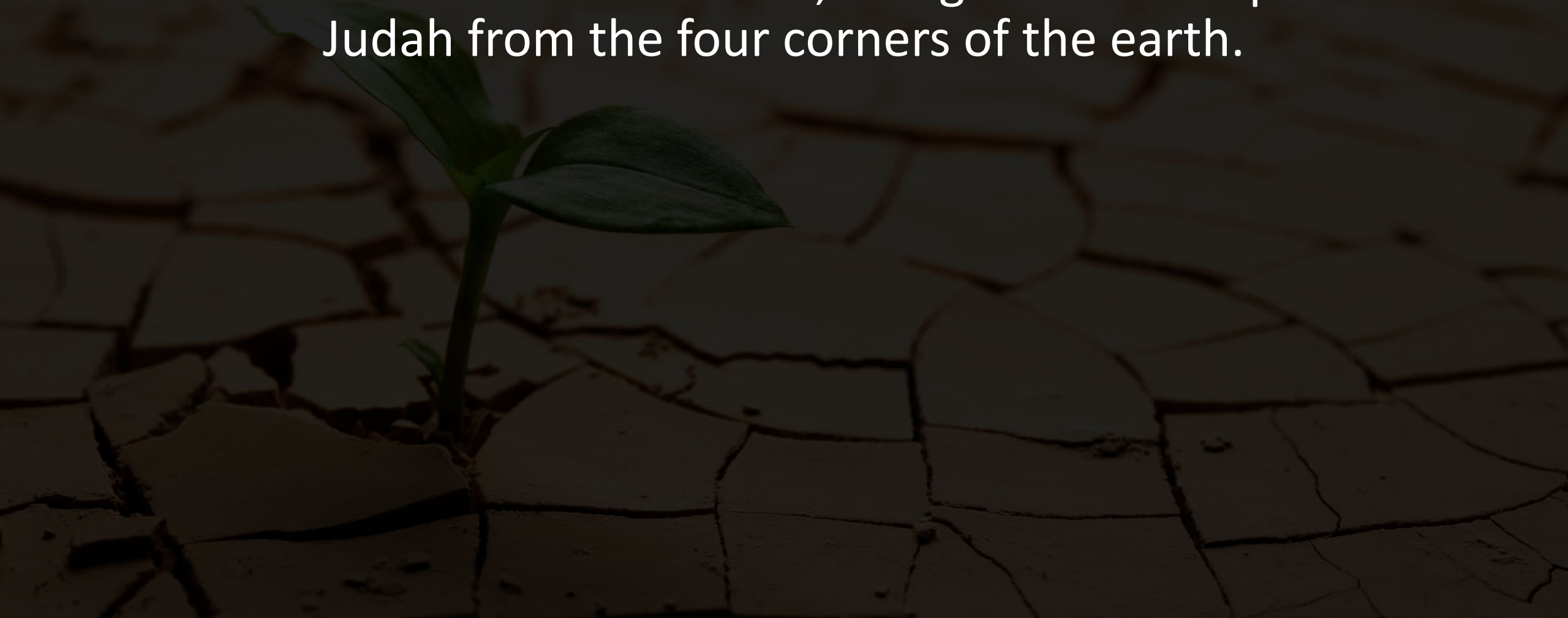
<sup>1</sup> There shall come forth a shoot from the stump of Jesse, and a branch from his roots shall bear fruit. <sup>2</sup> And the Spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him, the Spirit of wisdom and understanding, the Spirit of counsel and might, the Spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD. <sup>3</sup> And his delight shall be in the fear of the LORD. He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide disputes by what his ears hear, <sup>4</sup> but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; and he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked. <sup>5</sup> Righteousness shall be the belt of his waist, and faithfulness the belt of his loins.





<sup>6</sup> The wolf shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the young goat, and the calf and the lion and the fattened calf together; and a little child shall lead them. <sup>7</sup> The cow and the bear shall graze; their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. <sup>8</sup> The nursing child shall play over the hole of the cobra, and the weaned child shall put his hand on the adder's den. <sup>9</sup> They shall not hurt or destroy in all my holy mountain; for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the LORD as the waters cover the sea.

<sup>10</sup> 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...<sup>12</sup> 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.





# The Hopeless Stump

Isaiah 11:1

**...The Stump of Jesse...**

*(King David's Father)*

Isaiah 9:14

So the LORD cut off from  
Israel head and tail, palm  
branch and reed in one day.





# The Hopeless Stump

Fear and Pain In The World

*Leopard/Goat , Calf/Lion, Cow/Bear*

Natural Disasters

Violence

Poverty

Slavery

Our Future

Evil



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Fear and Pain In My World

*Infant/Cobra , Child/Snake*

My Family

My Relationships

My Job/Finances

My Health

My Future

My Sins

# The Hopeless Stump

Injustice

*Wisdom, Might, Equity*

It's not fair

You don't understand

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## Divine Justice

*Wicked, Banished, Dispersed*

"Filthy Rags" (Isaiah 64)

Separated from God

Separated from One Another

# The Hopeless Stump

*“Resting place”*

Pervasive Hopelessness

Rest-Less







“How could the world go back to the way it was when so much bad has happened? But in the end, it’s only a passing thing, this shadow. Even darkness must pass. A new day will come. And when the sun shines it will shine out the clearer.”

Samwise Gamgee, Lord of the Rings

# The Miraculous Shoot

Isaiah 11:1

There shall come forth  
a shoot from the stump  
of Jesse, and a branch  
from his roots shall  
bear fruit



Galatians 4:4-5

But when the fullness of time  
had come, God sent forth his  
Son, born of woman, born under  
the law, <sup>5</sup> to redeem those who  
were under the law, so that we  
might receive adoption as sons.



# The Miraculous Shoot: THE KING

“...and a little child shall lead them...”

## Matthew 1

The book of the genealogy of Jesus Christ...the son of Abraham... Isaac...Jacob...and Obed the father of Jesse, <sup>6</sup> and Jesse the father of David the king.

God did not leave us hopeless,  
He did not stay distant,  
He came to us,  
as one of us.



<sup>2</sup> 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.

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<sup>5</sup> ***Righteousness*** shall be the belt of his waist, and ***faithfulness*** the belt of his loins.

King Jesus is:

Wise

Powerful

Righteous

Faithful

<sup>10</sup> 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...

King Jesus is:  
Eternally God Himself.  
Past, Present and Future King



<sup>4</sup> but with righteousness he shall judge the poor,  
and decide with equity for the meek of the earth;

1 Corinthians 15:54b

“Death is swallowed up in victory.”

<sup>55</sup> “O death, where is your victory?  
O death, where is your sting?”

Conquered the Ultimate  
Hopelessness: DEATH

Taking Our Just Justice  
Giving Us His Life & Peace



# The Fruitful Kingdom



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# The Fruitful Kingdom

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**Peace and Joy**

*Heal Conflict*

*Unite Enemies*

*Create Peace*

*Enjoy Life*

Between Us and Each Other  
Between Us and God

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We are His Fruit

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# The Fruitful Kingdom

We are His Fruitful Fruit

John 15:4-5

**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. <sup>5</sup> 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.

Abide:  
Like the  
wolf & lamb,  
leopard & goat,  
calf & lion,  
cow & bear

# The Fruitful Kingdom

We are His Fruitful Fruit

Galatians 5:22-23

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness,<sup>23</sup> gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law.



<sup>9</sup> ...for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the LORD...

King Jesus:  
WINS

A small green seedling with three leaves is growing out of a patch of cracked, dry earth. The background is a dark, textured surface with a grid-like pattern of cracks.