

Isaiah 6-39 God will rule over a new, perfect and eternal creation	Ch 6-12 God will rule with goodness and power, replacing human kings	Ch 13-27 God will destroy evil and dismantle this creation	Ch 28-35 God will instantly reverse bad and sad situations to become happy and glad	Ch 36-39 Human kings cannot enable long-term happiness
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Isaiah 11-12 (NIVUK)

11 A shoot will come up from the stump of Jesse;
from his roots a Branch will bear fruit.

² The Spirit of the LORD will rest on him –
the Spirit of wisdom and of understanding,
the Spirit of counsel and of might,
the Spirit of the knowledge and fear of the LORD –

³ and he will delight in the fear of the LORD.

He will not judge by what he sees with his eyes,
or decide by what he hears with his ears;

⁴ but with righteousness he will judge the needy,
with justice he will give decisions for the poor of the earth.

He will strike the earth with the rod of his mouth;
with the breath of his lips he will slay the wicked.

⁵ Righteousness will be his belt
and faithfulness the sash round his waist.

⁶ The wolf will live with the lamb,
the leopard will lie down with the goat,
the calf and the lion and the yearling^a together;
and a little child will lead them.

⁷ The cow will feed with the bear,
their young will lie down together,
and the lion will eat straw like the ox.

⁸ The infant will play near the cobra's den,
and the young child will put its hand into the viper's nest.

⁹ They will neither harm nor destroy
on all my holy mountain,
for the earth will be filled with the knowledge of the LORD
as the waters cover the sea.

¹⁰ In that day the Root of Jesse will stand as a banner for the
peoples; the nations will rally to him, and his resting-place will
be glorious.

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1. A righteous King (11:1-5)

- extreme understanding
(11:2-3)

- reverse injustices
(11:4-5)

...ruling a safe kingdom (11:6-10)



The wolf shall dwell with the lamb
by Robert H Ward

^a Hebrew; LXX lion will feed

Isaiah 6-12 God will rule with goodness and power, replacing human kings	6:1-13 King God is a total boss!	7:1-8:10 Kings: 	8:11-22 Listen to King God, or else!	9:1-7 A promised God-King who ends war
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2. A greater 2nd Exodus! (11:11-12:6)

- gathered from more nations
(11:11-12)

- no more internal fighting
(11:13)

- no more external fighting
(11:14)

- miracle water crossing
(11:15-16) cf. *Exodus 13-14*

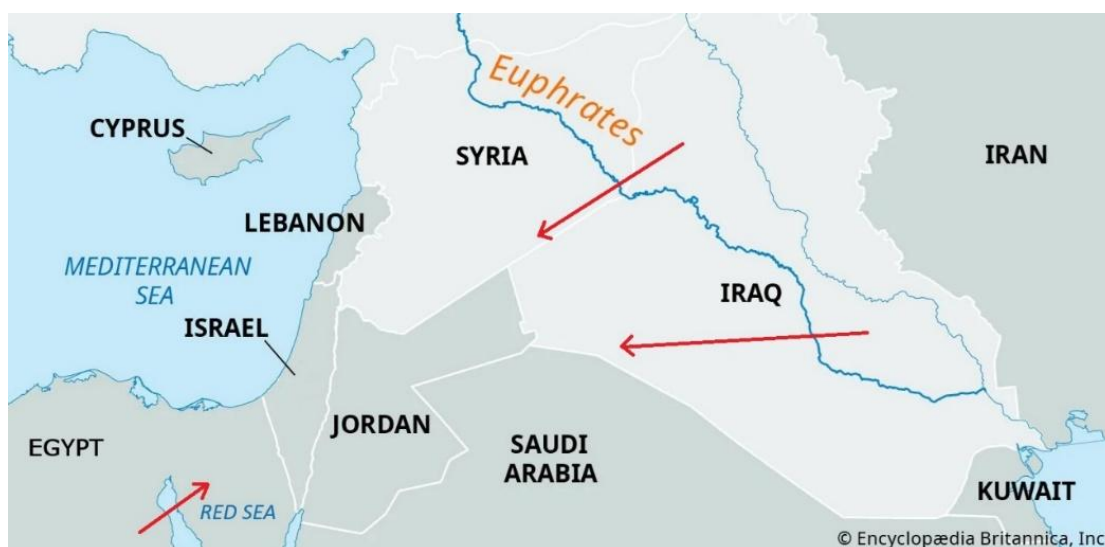
¹¹ In that day the Lord will reach out his hand a second time to reclaim the surviving remnant of his people from Assyria, from Lower Egypt, from Upper Egypt, from Cush,^b from Elam, from Babylonia,^c from Hamath and from the islands of the Mediterranean.

¹² He will raise a banner for the nations
and gather the exiles of Israel;
he will assemble the scattered people of Judah
from the four quarters of the earth.

¹³ Ephraim's jealousy will vanish,
and Judah's enemies^d will be destroyed;
Ephraim will not be jealous of Judah,
nor Judah hostile towards Ephraim.

¹⁴ They will swoop down on the slopes of Philistia to the west;
together they will plunder the people to the east.
They will subdue Edom and Moab,
and the Ammonites will be subject to them.

¹⁵ The LORD will dry up
the gulf of the Egyptian sea;
with a scorching wind he will sweep his hand
over the River Euphrates.
He will break it up into seven streams
so that anyone can cross over in sandals.



^b That is, the upper Nile region

^c Hebrew *Shinar*

^d Or *hostility*

<u>9:8-10:4</u> God judges the terrible leaders of Israel	<u>10:5-34</u> God judges the arrogant King of Assyria	<u>11:1-10</u> A promised God-King who brings safety and harmony	<u>11:11-12:6</u> God promises a 2 nd Exodus
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¹⁶ There will be a highway for the remnant of his people
that is left from Assyria,
as there was for Israel
when they came up from Egypt.

12 In that day you will say:

‘I will praise you, LORD.

Although you were angry with me,
your anger has turned away
and you have comforted me.

² Surely God is my salvation;

I will trust and not be afraid.

The LORD, the LORD himself, is my strength and my defence^e;
he has become my salvation.’

³ With joy you will draw water
from the wells of salvation.

⁴ In that day you will say:

‘Give praise to the LORD, proclaim his name;
make known among the nations what he has done,
and proclaim that his name is exalted.

⁵ Sing to the LORD, for he has done glorious things;
let this be known to all the world.

⁶ Shout aloud and sing for joy, people of Zion,
for great is the Holy One of Israel among you.’

- praising God in song
(12:1-6) cf. *Exodus 15*

Exodus 15:2

The LORD is my strength and my defence^e;
he has become my salvation.

	Genre	Main point
11:1-10	A simple promise	Jesus’ eternal reign will be wonderful and safe!
11:11-12:6	An expanded metaphor	God plans a 2 nd Exodus which is grander in scale than the one where he rescued Israel from Egypt!

^e Or *song*

<u>Isaiah 1-5</u> Introduction How can one be spared judgement and live happily ever after?	<u>Isaiah 6-39</u> New Creation God will rule over a new, perfect and eternal creation	<u>Isaiah 40-55</u> New relationship God will restore his people from exile to a permanent relationship	<u>Isaiah 56-66</u> Who God will choose the humble and reject the proud
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What is an Exodus?

1. A *rescue* by God...
2. ...*from* something... (e.g. Egypt, slavery)
3. ... and *for* something (e.g. promised land, relationship with God)

Isaiah's 2nd Exodus has two main parts to it:

A **creation** rescue (Isaiah 6-39)



a broken & doomed creation

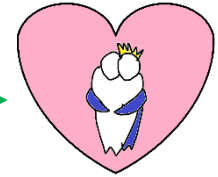


a new & perfect creation

A **relational** rescue (Isaiah 40-55)



banished due to sin



permanent relationship with God

For reflection

1. [Diagnostic] To what extent do you look forward to Jesus' return and eternal reign? Why?
2. [Devotional] From Isaiah 11-12:
 - a. What aspect of King Jesus' reign do you most look forward to? Why?
 - b. What particular anxieties or dangers of this world do you hope to leave behind?
 - c. What do you make of the scale of God's promised greater 2nd Exodus?
3. [Devotional] Are there parts of Isaiah 11-12 that struck you? Are there parts you need God's help to hear?



Next Sunday (28 September):

- Isaiah 13:1-14:23
- Non-match day