

The Call of Isaiah (Isaiah 7-12)

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PRAYER BEFORE READING THE BIBLE

SHINE within my heart, Loving Master, the pure light of Your Divine knowledge, and open the eyes of my mind that I may understand Your teaching. Instill in me reverence for Your commandments, so that having conquered my sinful desires, I may pursue a spiritual way of life, thinking and doing all those things that are pleasing in Your sight. For You, Christ our God, are my light and my life, and to You we render glory together with Your Eternal Father ✠ and Your All-Holy Spirit, now and always, and forever and ever. Amen.

+ O Lord, open my lips, and my mouth will declare your praise.



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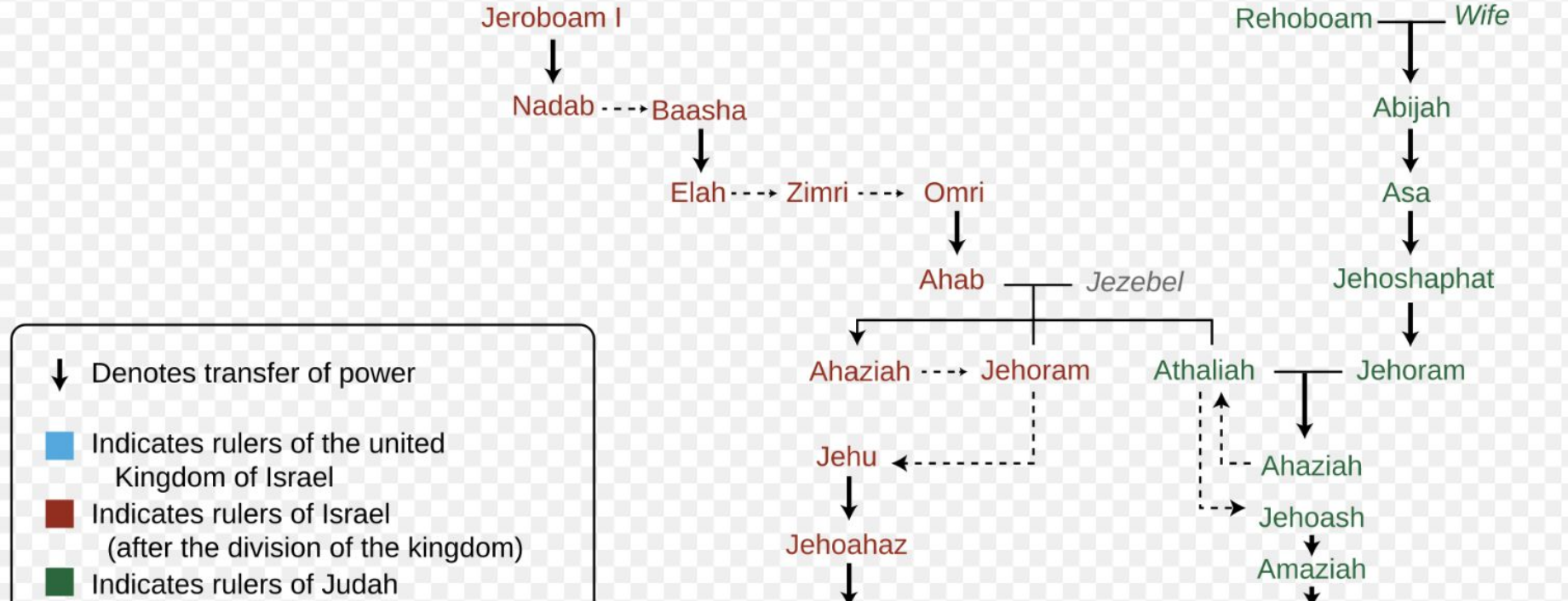
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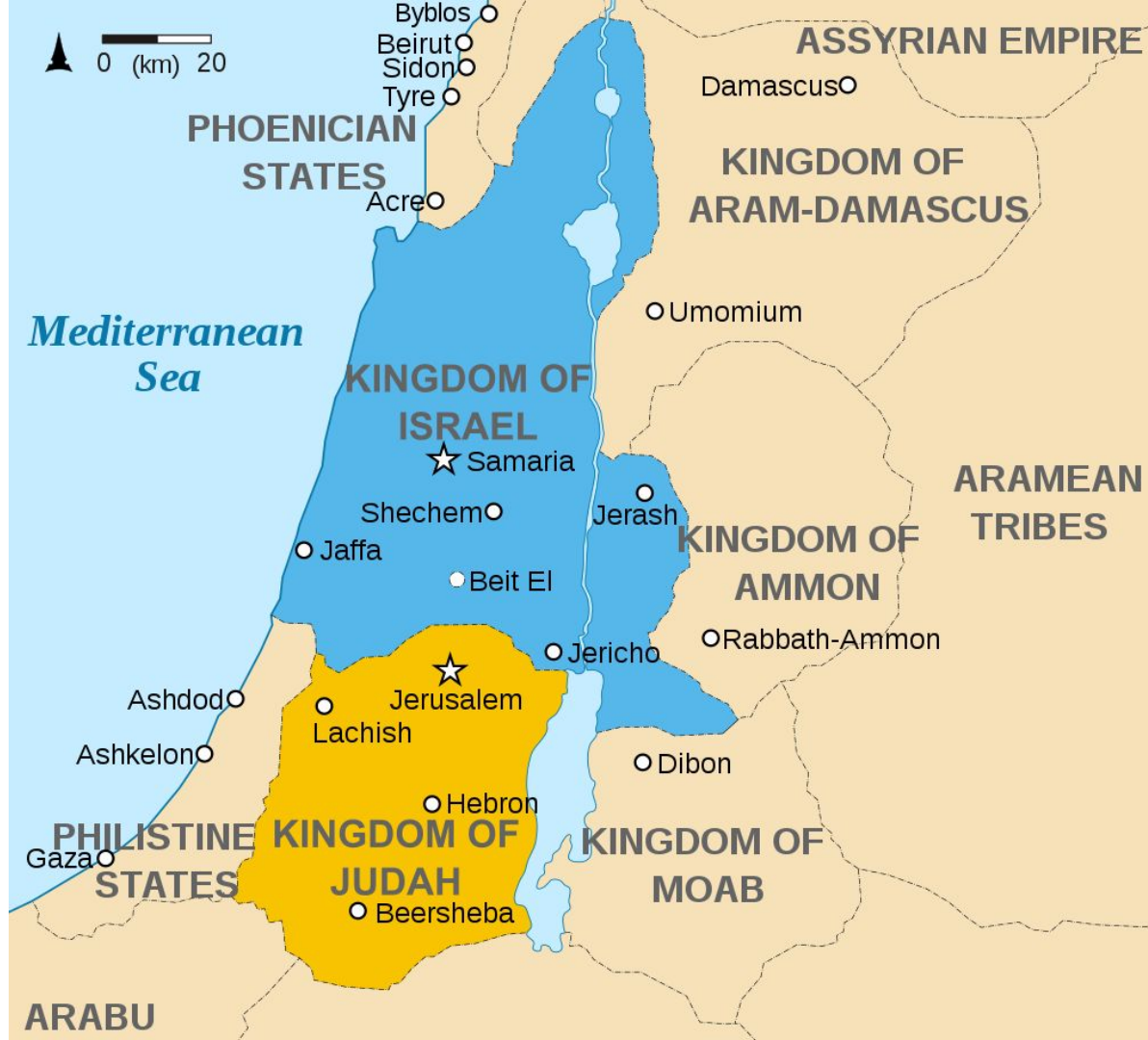
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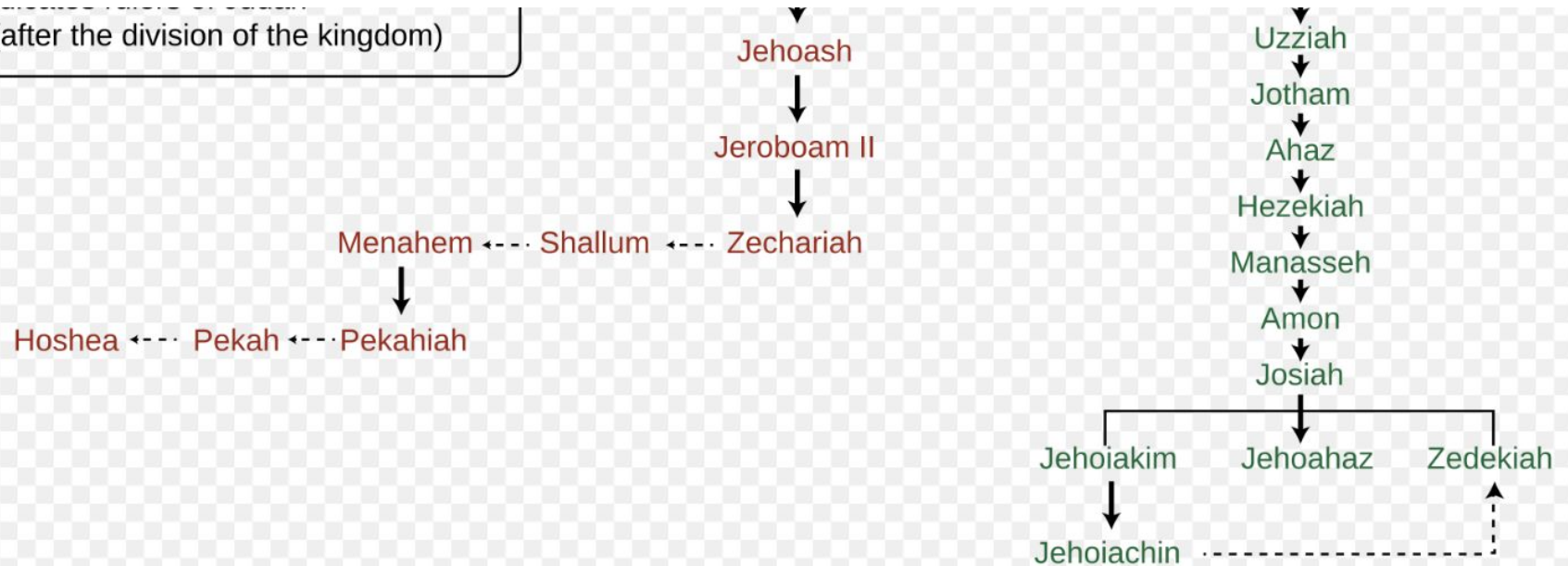
God-with-Us

The Genealogy of the Kings of Ancient Israel and Judah





(after the division of the kingdom)

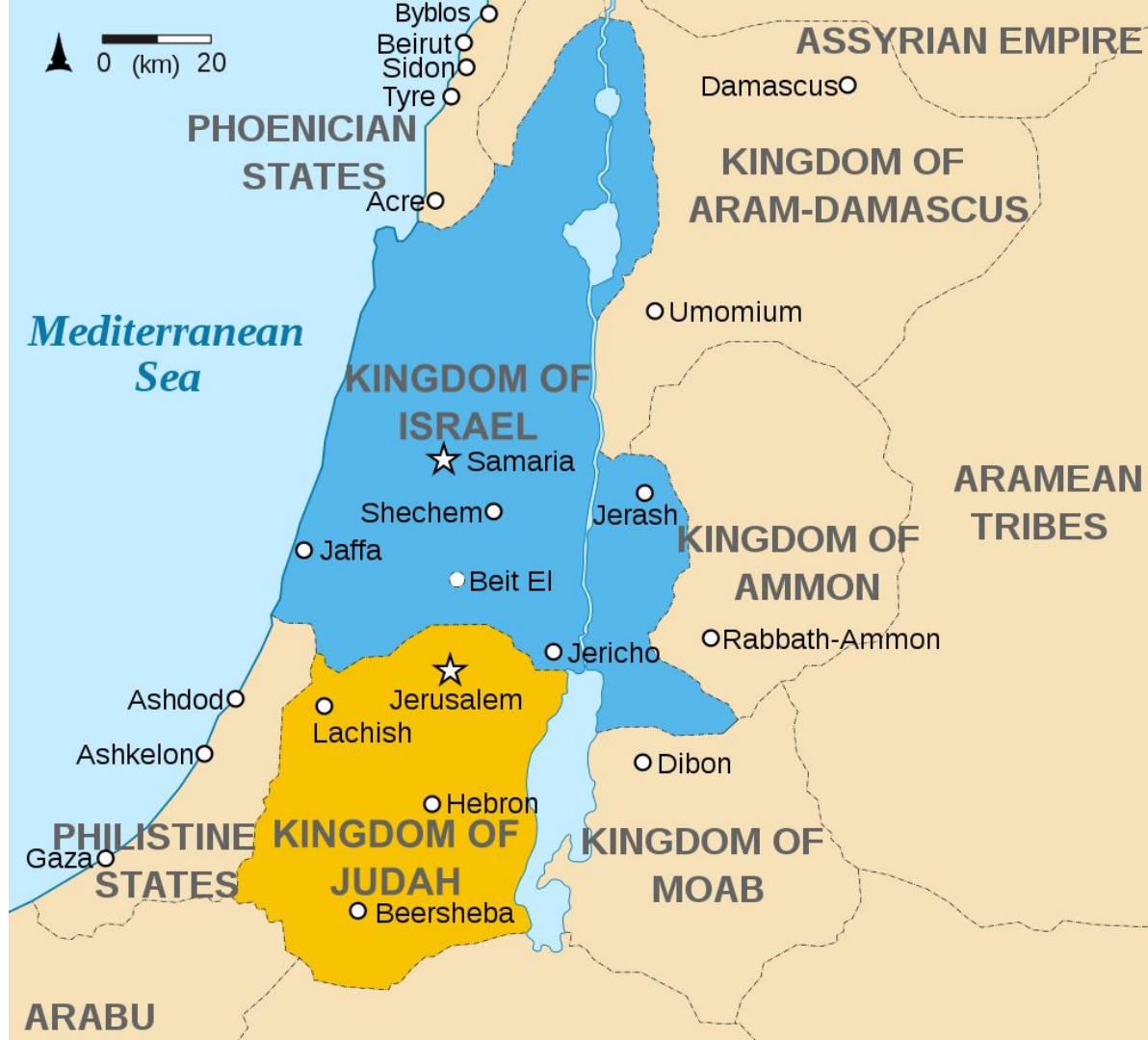


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Isaiah 7:7-8

It shall not stand,

and it shall not come to pass.

For the head of Aram is Damascus,

and the head of Damascus is Rezin.

Within sixty-five years Ephraim will be shattered, no longer a people.

Isaiah 7:9

The head of Ephraim is Samaria,
and the head of Samaria is the
son of Remaliah.

**If you do not stand firm in faith,
you shall not stand at all."**

Habakkuk 2:4

“The righteous
shall live by his faith.”

Isaiah 7:10-12

10 Again the Lord spoke to Ahaz, saying,

11 “Ask a **sign of the Lord your God**; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven.”

12 But Ahaz said, “I will not ask, and I **will not put the Lord to the test.**”

Isaiah 7:10-12

13 Then Isaiah said, "Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary mortals that you weary my God also? **14** Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. **Look, the young woman is with child and shall bear a son and shall name him Immanuel.**

Council of Ephesus, first anathema

If anyone does not confess that
Emmanuel is God in truth, and therefore
that the holy virgin is the mother of God
(for she bore in a fleshly way the Word of
God become flesh), let him be anathema.

Isaiah 7:15-17

He shall eat curds and honey by the time he knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good. For before the child knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good, **the land before whose two kings you are in dread will be deserted.**

Isaiah 7:15-17

The Lord will bring on you and on your people and on your ancestral house such days as have not come **since the day that Ephraim departed from Judah**—the king of Assyria."

Isaiah 8:1-2

Then the Lord said to me, "Take a large tablet and write on it in common characters, 'Belonging to **Maher-shalal-hash-baz**,' and have it attested for me by reliable witnesses, the priest Uriah and Zechariah son of Jeberechiah."

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Commentary of St. Jerome

Now we especially who live in this region cannot doubt that Shiloah is a spring at the foot of Mount Zion. **It bubbles up not with perennial waters, but at certain hours and days**, and with a great roar it passes through the deep places of the lands and the caves of very hard rock.



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...therefore the Lord is bringing up against it the mighty flood waters of **the River**, the king of Assyria and all his glory; it will **rise above all its channels and overflow all its banks**; it will **sweep on into Judah as a flood** and, **pouring over**, will **reach up to the neck**, and its outspread wings will fill the breadth of your land, O Immanuel.





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Isaiah 8:9-10

Take notice, you peoples, and be dismayed;
listen, all you far countries;
gird yourselves and be dismayed!
Take counsel together, but it shall be
brought to naught;
**speaking a word, but it will not stand,
for God-is-with-us."**

Isaiah 8:11-13

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1 Peter 2:7-8

Therefore, its value is for you who have faith, but for those without faith:

“The stone which the builders rejected has become the cornerstone,”
and

**“A stone that will make people stumble,
and a rock that will make them fall.”**

1 Corinthians 1:23

But we preach Christ crucified,
a **stumbling block** to Jews
and folly to Gentiles.

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stumbling block

σκάνδαλον

Isaiah 8:5-8

16 Bind up the testimony; seal the teaching among my disciples. **17** I will wait for the Lord, who is hiding his face from the house of Jacob, and I will hope in him. **18** See, I and the children whom the Lord has given me are signs and portents in Israel from the Lord of hosts, who dwells on Mount Zion.

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1 Corinthians 4:9

For I think that God has exhibited us apostles as last of all, like men sentenced to death; because we have become **a spectacle to the world**, to angels and to men.

Isaiah 8:19-20

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לְתוֹרָה וְלַתְּעוּדָה

For Torah and Witness

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Isaiah 8:5-8

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1 Kings 9:11

HEB: עִיר בְּאֶרֶץ הַגָּלִיל:

NAS: cities in the land *of Galilee*.

KJV: cities in the land *of Galilee*.

INT: cities the land *of Galilee*

2 Kings 15:29

HEB: הַגִּלְעָד וְאֶת־הַגָּלִילָה כָּל־אֶרֶץ

KJV: and Gilead, *and Galilee*, all the land

INT: and Hazor and Gilead *and Galilee* all the land

1 Chronicles 6:76

HEB: אֶת־קֶדֶשׁ בִּנְגִלִיל וְאֶת־מִגְרָשָׁהּ

NAS: Kedesh *in Galilee* with its pasture

KJV: Kedesh *in Galilee* with her suburbs,

INT: of Naphtali Kedesh *Galilee* pasture Hammon

Joshua 20:7

HEB: אֶת־קֶדֶשׁ בִּנְגִלִיל בְּתֹר־נַפְתָּלִי

NAS: Kedesh *in Galilee* in the hill

KJV: Kedesh *in Galilee* in mount

INT: set Kedesh *Galilee* the hill of Naphtali

Joshua 21:32

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The Land of the 12 Tribes





Haifa

Cabul

ZEBULUN

Rimmon

Nazareth

Tabor

Gezer

ISSACHAR

Dor

Megiddo

Jezreel

Taanach

Bet-Shean

Sea of Galilee



Matthew 4:12-16

12 Now when he heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew into Galilee; **13** and leaving Nazareth he went and dwelt in Caper'na-um by the sea, **in the territory of Zeb'ulun and Naph'tali, 14** that what was spoken by the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled:

Matthew 4:12-16

15 “The land of Zeb'ulun and the land of Naph'tali, toward the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles— **16** the people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, and **for those who sat in the region and shadow of death light has dawned.**”

Isaiah 9:2

The people who walked in
darkness

have seen a great light;
those who lived in a land of deep
darkness—
on them light has shined.





John 1:4-5

In him was life, and the life
was the light of men. The light
shines in the darkness, **and**
the darkness has not
overcome it.

Isaiah 9:3

You have multiplied exultation;
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Judges 7:19-20

So Gideon and the hundred who were with him came to the outskirts of the camp at the beginning of the middle watch, when they had just set the watch, **and they blew the trumpets and smashed the jars that were in their hands.** So the three companies blew the trumpets and broke the jars, holding in their left hands the torches and in their right hands the trumpets to blow, and they cried,
“A sword for the Lord and for Gideon!”

Judges 7:24

Then Gideon sent messengers throughout all the hill country of Ephraim, saying, **“Come down against the Midianites and seize the waters against them, as far as Beth-barah and the Jordan.”** So all the men of Ephraim were called out, and they seized the waters as far as Beth-barah and the Jordan.

Judges 7:22-23

Then the Israelites said to Gideon, "Rule over us, you and your son and your grandson also, for you have delivered us out of the hand of Midian." Gideon said to them, **"I will not rule over you, and my son will not rule over you; the Lord will rule over you."**

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George MacDonald (title page of *Great Divorce*)

“No, there is no escape. There is no heaven with a little of hell in it—no plan to retain this or that of the devil in our hearts or our pockets. **Out Satan must go**, every hair and feather.”

Psalms 125:3

For the scepter of wickedness shall
not rest

upon **the land allotted to the
righteous,**

lest the righteous put forth
their hands to do wrong.

Akathist of Thanksgiving

“Glory to You Who has broken the power of the spirits of darkness, and Who has **doomed to annihilation every kind of evil.**”

Isaiah 9:6

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Luke 1:32-33

He will be great, and will be called the Son
of the Most High;
and the Lord God will give to him the
throne of his father David,
and he will reign over the house of Jacob
forever;
and of his kingdom there will be no end."

Isaiah 9:8-21

Build back better!

Isaiah 10:20-21

20 On that day the remnant of Israel and the survivors of the house of Jacob will **no longer lean on the one who struck them but will lean on the Lord**, the Holy One of Israel, in truth. **21** A remnant will return, the remnant of Jacob, to the mighty God.

Isaiah 10:22-23

For though your people, O Israel,
were like the sand of the sea, only
a remnant of them will return.

Destruction is decreed, an
overwhelming verdict.

Isaiah 10:24-27

Therefore thus says the Lord God of hosts: "O my people who live in Zion, do not be afraid of the Assyrians when they beat you with a rod and lift up their staff against you as the Egyptians did. For in a very little while my indignation will come to an end, and my anger will be directed to their destruction."

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Isaiah 10:27-30

He has gone up from Samaria; he has come to Aiath;
he has passed through Migron; at Michmash he
stores his baggage;

they have crossed over the pass; at Geba they lodge
for the night;

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Isaiah 11:1

There shall come forth a shoot
from the stump of Jesse, and a
branch [*nezer*] shall grow out of his
roots.

Matthew 2:23

And he went and lived in a town called **Nazareth** [*branch*]. So was fulfilled what was said through the prophets, that he would be called a Nazarene.

Isaiah 11:2-3

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Et requiescet super eum spiritus Domini:
spiritus sapientiæ et intellectus,
spiritus consilii et fortitudinis,
spiritus scientiæ et **pietatis**;
et replebit eum spiritus **timoris Domini**.

***Summa Theologica* Prima Secundae, Quest. 68**

Accordingly, for the *apprehension of truth*, the speculative reason is perfected by "**understanding**"; the practical reason, by "**counsel**." In order to judge aright, the speculative reason is perfected by "**wisdom**"; the practical reason by "**knowledge**." The *appetitive power*, in matters touching a man's relations to another, is perfected by "**piety**"; in matters touching himself, it is perfected by "**fortitude**" against the fear of dangers; and against inordinate lust for pleasures, by "**fear**."

Hebrew 6:4-5

...enlightened, who have tasted the heavenly gift, and have become **partakers of the Holy Spirit**, and have tasted the goodness of the word of God and the powers of the age to come

Isaiah 11:3-4

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2 Corinthians 5:10

For we must all appear before the **judgment seat of Christ**, so that each one may receive good or evil, according to what he has done in the body.

Psalm 103:14

For **he knows our frame;**
he remembers that we are dust.

Hebrews 4:15-16

For we have not a high priest who is unable to **sympathize with our weaknesses**, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sinning. **Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace**, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

Isaiah 11:4-5

He shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and **with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked.**

Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist and faithfulness the belt around his loins.

2 Thessalonians 2:8

And then the lawless one will be revealed, and the Lord Jesus will **slay him with the breath of his mouth** and destroy him by his appearing and his coming.

Isaiah 11:6

The wolf shall live with the lamb;
the leopard shall lie down with the
kid;
the **calf** and the **lion** will feed
together,
and a little child shall lead them.



Isaiah 11:7-8

The cow and the bear shall graze;
their young shall lie down together;
and the lion shall eat straw like the ox.
The nursing child shall play over the
hole of the asp,
and **the weaned child shall put its
hand on the adder's den.**

Isaiah 11:13

**The jealousy of Ephraim shall
depart; the hostility of Judah shall
be cut off;**

Ephraim shall not be jealous of
Judah, and Judah shall not be hostile
toward Ephraim.

Isaiah 11:9

They will not hurt or destroy
on all my holy mountain,
for the earth will be full of the
knowledge of the Lord
as the waters cover the sea.

Isaiah 11:10

On that day the root of Jesse
shall **stand as a signal to the
peoples**; the nations shall
inquire of him, and **his
dwelling shall be glorious.**







Isaiah 11:11

On that day the Lord will again raise his hand to **recover the remnant that is left of his people**, from Assyria, from Egypt, from Pathros, from Cush, from Elam, from Shinar, from Hamath, and from the coastlands of the sea.

Isaiah 11:12

He will **raise a signal for the
nations and will assemble**

the outcasts of Israel

and gather the dispersed of Judah
from the four corners of the earth.

Isaiah 11:15

And the Lord will dry up
the tongue of the sea of Egypt
and will wave his hand over the River
with his scorching wind
and will split it into seven channels
and **make a way to cross on foot.**

Isaiah 11:16

...so there shall be

a highway [Gr. δῖ-οδος] 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.

Acts of the Apostles 9:2

...so that if he found any
belonging to the Way [Ὁδοῦ],
men or women, he might
bring them bound to
Jerusalem.

Isaiah 12:1

You will say on that day:

“I will give thanks to you, O Lord,
for though you were angry with
me, your anger turned away,
and you comforted me.

Isaiah 12:2

Surely God is my salvation;

I will trust and will not be afraid,
for the Lord is my strength
and my might;

he has become my salvation."

Isaiah 12:3

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



Isaiah 12:4

And you will say on that day:

“Give thanks to the Lord;

call on his name;

make known his deeds among the
nations;

proclaim that his name is exalted.

Isaiah 12:5-6

Sing praises to the Lord, for he has done gloriously; let this be known in all the earth.

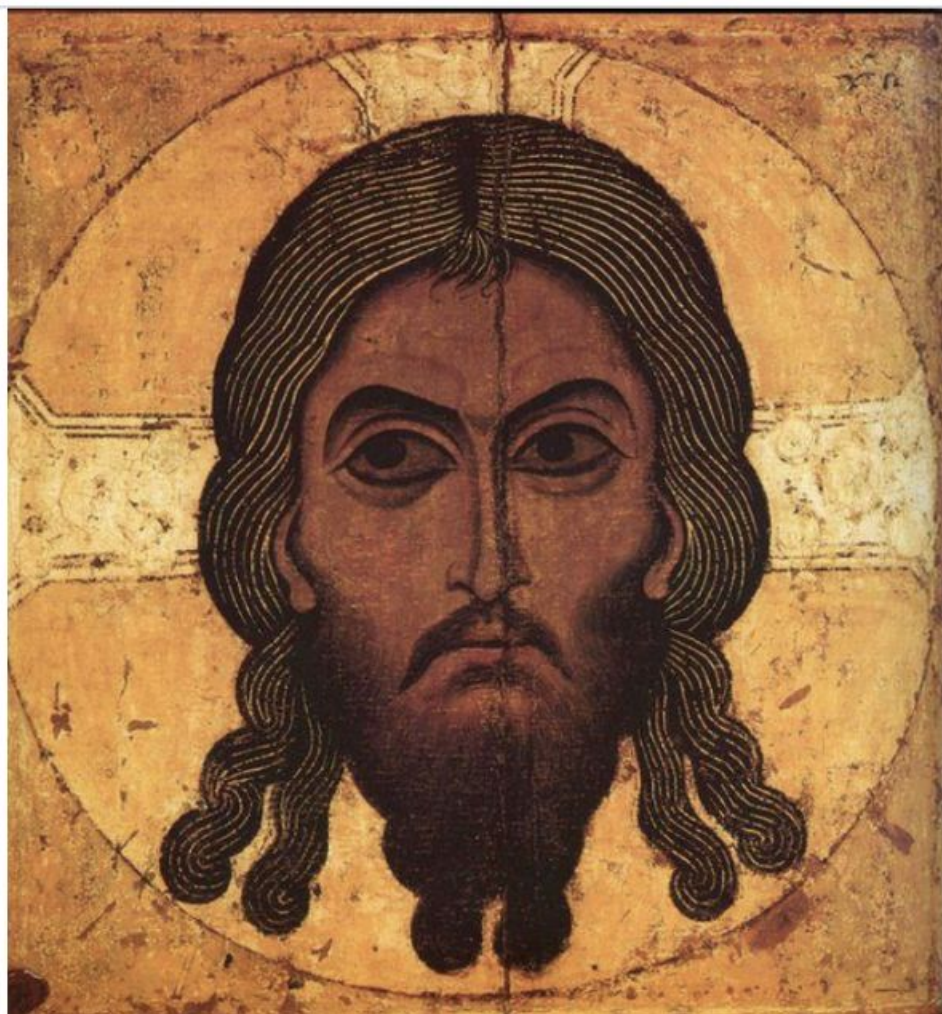
Shout aloud and sing for joy, O royal Zion, for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel."

Schedule

Next Class:

Isaiah 13-23

Glorious Saint Raymond of
Peñafort, wise and holy patron,
come to the aid of those entrusted
to your care, and all who flee to
your protection. Intercede for us
in our need, and help us through
your prayers, example, and
teaching, to proclaim the truth of
the Gospel to all we meet. And
when we have reached the
fullness of our years, we beseech
you to guide us home to heaven,
to live in peace with you, Our
Mother Mary, and Our Lord
Jesus Christ. Amen.



Isaiah 6:8

8 And I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" Then I said, "Here am I! Send me."

Matthew 4:18-20

18 As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon who is called Peter and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea; for they were fishermen. **19** And he said to them, **“Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men.”** **20** Immediately they left their nets and followed him.

Mark 3:14

And he appointed twelve (**whom he also named apostles**) so that they might be with him and he might send them out to preach

Isaiah 6:9

9 And he said, “Go, and say to this people:

‘Hear and hear, but do not understand;

see and see, but do not perceive.’

Isaiah 6:10

10 Make the heart of this people fat, and
their ears heavy,
and shut their eyes;
lest they see with their eyes,
and hear with their ears,
and understand with their hearts,
and turn and be healed."

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Luke 7:22

“Go and tell John what you have seen and heard: **the blind receive their sight, the lame walk**, lepers are cleansed, and **the deaf hear**, the dead are raised up, the poor have good news preached to them.”

Romans 11:25-26

25 Lest you be wise in your own conceits, I want you to understand this mystery, brethren: **a hardening has come upon part of Israel**, until the full number of the Gentiles come in, **26** and so all Israel will be saved.

Romans 11:23-24

23 And even the others, if they do not persist in their unbelief, will be grafted in, for God has the power to graft them in again. 24 For if you have been cut from what is by nature a wild olive tree, and grafted, contrary to nature, into a cultivated olive tree, how much more will these natural branches be grafted back into their own olive tree.

Isaiah 6:11

Then I said,
“How long, O Lord?”

Isaiah 6:11-12

11 And he said:

“Until cities lie waste
without inhabitant,

and houses without men,

and the land is utterly desolate,

12 and the Lord removes men far away,

and the forsaken places are many in the
midst of the land.

Isaiah 6:13

13 And though a tenth remain in it,
it will be burned again,
like a terebinth or an oak,
whose stump remains standing
when it is felled."

The holy seed is its stump.