

## 2nd Week of Advent – Year A

The readings today all show us how God has worked in our past, to bring us to the present – that our future may glorify God

We are in Advent – and we look forward to the Messianic Age, Alleluia!

IS 11:1-10

This reading starts with a shoot coming from the stump of Jesse – Who is Jesse?

**David's Father** – recall God's displeasure with Saul

Prophet sent to Jesse - selection of David (not in the room)

Saul still King – David and Goliath

David's popularity grows – Saul gets jealous – tries to kill David

Eventually Saul dies – David becomes King

Then Solomon – then others – some good, some not – faith fades

Assyrians rise up – AND THEN THIS PROPHECY

READ IT

“There shall be a shoot from the stump of Jesse” (David's father)

(all that is left is a stump) AND THAT IS ENOUGH!

“The spirit will be upon him” WISDOM, UNDERSTANDING, COUNSEL,

STRENGTH, KNOWLEDGE, FOTL

Judge with justice, Faithfulness as his belt

THEN NATURE CHANGES

Wolf/Lamb – Leopard/Kid – Calf/Lion – Cow/Bear

Baby playing with snakes, No harm, ruin

Earth is filled with Knowledge of Lord as water/sea

FROM THE STUMP -- FROM A REMNANT

In our sin, in jail, a stump of what our potential is (made in image & likeness)

What God prepared in David, brings us to where we are (stump), to what will be

In Confidence – PS 72 - **Justice will flourish in His time & fullness of peace forever**

**This brings us to ROM** – Everything in IS shows us what has come before, has brought us to the present and leads us to the future.

READ IT

‘Christ came to minister to Jews to confirm , to fulfill prophecies, SO THAT –

Gentiles too might glorify God **THAT'S US**

Again – what God has done, brought us here today, in preparation for future

WHAT FUTURE – The Kingdom of God – where our Messianic King rules.

**MATT J the B** “prepare, get ready” “It was of him IS had spoken when he said ‘A voice of one crying out in the desert, prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths’”

AGAIN – God, in past, told us this was coming:

J the B, from desert, has a ministry foretold by IS to bring us to this point, right now

REPENT – CONVERT – CHANGE – Why? KOG is at hand – not future NOW!

Get ready

Use Advent