

Isaiah 11:10,11
AN ENSIGN OF THE PEOPLE

- I. The ensign.
 - A. "That day" refers to a brief period of time in the future which climaxes in this eternal kingdom of glory and peace.
 - 1. Isaiah uses "that day" to refer to the entire new dispensation.
 - 2. The "day" begins with the sprouting of the shoot which brings the spiritual rule of the prince of peace.
 - B. The "root of Jesse" refers to the chopped down stump of David's royal house, the heart of the Old Testament theocracy.
 - C. An ensign is a highly displayed symbol of unity (cf. 5:26; 13:2; 18:3; Psalm 60:4).
 - 1. "Of the people" is literally of the nations, meaning that the kingdom is international or catholic, beyond one nation.
 - 2. The banner went up when Jesus was exalted to God's right hand when He receive "all power ... in heaven and in earth."
- II. The "people" (Gentiles) come contact with and see the ensign (banner).
 - A. The banner is the proclamation of Jesus Christ, with forgiveness and righteousness in Him for ungodly sinners.
 - B. When "the Gentiles seek" the ensign they are desirous to know the gospel of Jesus Christ.
 - 1. People out of every nation will hear of Him and hunger and thirst after Him.
 - 2. This also means that they will acknowledge Christ as their spiritual King.
 - C. That any child of Adam would seek Jesus Christ as their ensign/banner implies a previous work of His Spirit in them.
- III. In that same day Israel will be gathered ("recover").
 - A. The recovery of the remnant of God's people refers to the gathering of spiritual Israel, Jew and Gentile in this dispensation.
 - B. The root of Jesse is now the spiritual banner of the kingdom of heaven.
 - C. And they know each other, not according to their differences, but as fellow-subjects of the one, spiritual King.