

THE WOLF WILL DWELL WITH THE LAMB

Isaiah 11:6-9 is commonly quoted and applied to a paradise on earth during the 1000 year reign of Jesus on the earth. This is typical of those who not only literally, but carnally, apply prophetic passages which are spiritually fulfilled in Christ.

When we look at the context of verses six through nine, we see that these verses are describing the **effect** of the rule of Jesus, the rightful heir to the throne of David. **Verses one** and **ten** identify the subject of the prophecy, and **Matthew 1** confirms that it is Jesus.

The **same day** the wolf dwells with the lamb is the day that the Gentiles will seek Christ (**Isaiah 11:10**). "*In that day*" in **verse ten** puts it in the same time period as **verses six** through **nine**.

This is significant because Paul quotes **Isaiah 11:10** in **Romans 15:12** and applies it to the inclusion of the Gentiles in the church Jesus built. This is no longer in the future; **Isaiah 11** was fulfilled by the time Paul wrote **Romans 15**, which is specifically addressing the issue of the acceptance of Gentiles in the church.

Since Romans 15:12 says that Isaiah 11:10 is fulfilled, then Isaiah 11:6-9 must be fulfilled.

So what is the point of **Isaiah 11:6-9**? It is the same as **Isaiah 11:10-12**—Gentiles would peacefully coexist with the Jews in the church of Christ ("*my holy mountain*" in **Isaiah 11:9**)

Universal dominion passages are about the authority of Christ over the Gentiles ("*nations*"), and restoration prophecies are pointing to the Jews' obedience to the gospel of Christ. **Isaiah 11** foresees both.