

# Isaiah 11:10

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And in that day there shall be a root of Jesse, which shall stand for an ensign of the people; to it shall the Gentiles seek: and his rest shall be glorious.

## Analysis

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This verse identifies the 'root of Jesse' as a rallying point for Gentiles. The 'root' refers to Messiah (also verse 1), to whom 'the Gentiles shall seek.' His 'rest' (dwelling place/kingdom) 'shall be glorious.' This explicitly prophesies Gentile inclusion in Messiah's kingdom—revolutionary for Isaiah's time when Israel was God's exclusive covenant people. Paul quotes this verse (Romans 15:12) to prove the gospel's inclusion of Gentiles was always God's plan. This universality distinguishes Christ's kingdom from David's earthly reign.

## Historical Context

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Fulfilled when Gentiles began entering the church at Pentecost and especially after Peter's Cornelius encounter (Acts 10) and Paul's missionary journeys. The 'glorious rest' describes the church as God's dwelling and ultimately the new creation. The prophecy that Gentiles would seek the Jewish Messiah seemed impossible, yet it's precisely what happened and continues. Christ's kingdom encompasses all nations, fulfilling Abrahamic promises (Genesis 12:3).

## Related Passages

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**Romans 1:17** — The righteous shall live by faith

**James 2:17** — Faith and works

**Psalms 19:1** — Heavens declare God's glory

**Colossians 1:16** — All things created through Christ

## Study Questions

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1. How does Gentile inclusion in God's kingdom demonstrate the gospel's universal scope?
2. What does it mean that Christ's 'rest' is glorious, and how do we experience this rest?
3. How should the multi-ethnic nature of Christ's kingdom affect our church communities?

## Interlinear Text

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And in that day		there shall be a root	of Jesse	
וְעָמַד H5975	לְנִסָּן H5251	עַמֵּי יִשְׂרָאֵל H5971	אֵל יִשְׂרָאֵל H413	גוֹיִם H1471
which shall stand	for an ensign	of the people	to it shall the Gentiles	
יִדְרֹשׁוּ H1875	וְהָיָה H1961	מִנְחָתוֹ H4496	כְּבוֹדוֹ H3519	
seek	and his rest	shall be glorious		

## Additional Cross-References

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**Isaiah 11:1** (Parallel theme): And there shall come forth a rod out of the stem of Jesse, and a Branch shall grow out of his roots:

**Luke 2:32** (Glory): A light to lighten the Gentiles, and the glory of thy people Israel.

**John 12:32** (Parallel theme): And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto me.

**Acts 11:18** (Glory): When they heard these things, they held their peace, and glorified God, saying, Then hath God also to the Gentiles granted repentance unto life.

**Matthew 8:11** (Parallel theme): And I say unto you, That many shall come from the east and west, and shall sit down with Abraham, and Isaac, and Jacob, in the kingdom of heaven.

**Matthew 12:21** (Parallel theme): And in his name shall the Gentiles trust.

**Revelation 22:16** (Parallel theme): I Jesus have sent mine angel to testify unto you these things in the churches. I am the root and the offspring of David, and the bright and morning star.

**Isaiah 49:22** (Parallel theme): Thus saith the Lord GOD, Behold, I will lift up mine hand to the Gentiles, and set up my standard to the people: and they shall bring thy sons in their arms, and thy daughters shall be carried upon their shoulders.

**Psalms 91:1** (Parallel theme): He that dwelleth in the secret place of the most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty.

**Haggai 2:9** (Glory): The glory of this latter house shall be greater than of the former, saith the LORD of hosts: and in this place will I give peace, saith the LORD of hosts.