

# Isaiah 11:8

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And the sucking child shall play on the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put his hand on the cockatrice' den.

## Analysis

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The most vulnerable (nursing child, weaned child) play safely near deadly serpents (cobra, viper). This reverses Genesis 3:15's enmity between woman's seed and serpent. Children handling snakes without harm depicts complete safety in Messiah's kingdom—all danger removed. This may be literal (millennial safety) or figurative (spiritual victory over Satan, the serpent). Either way, it shows comprehensive triumph over curse and evil under Christ's righteous rule.

## Historical Context

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Connects to Jesus's promise that believers would handle serpents without harm (Mark 16:18, though debated text). Symbolically fulfilled in Christ's victory over Satan (Colossians 2:15; Revelation 20:10). The church experiences spiritual authority over demonic powers through Christ. Ultimate fulfillment awaits new creation where Satan is permanently defeated and no danger exists. The serpent—symbol of sin and death—poses no threat in Messiah's perfected kingdom.

## Related Passages

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

**Genesis 1:1** — Creation of heavens and earth

## Study Questions

1. How does Christ's victory over Satan, the ancient serpent, fulfill this prophecy?
2. What does complete safety in God's kingdom teach about the removal of all curse effects?
3. How do we exercise spiritual authority over evil while awaiting physical transformation?

## Interlinear Text

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