

Thou Rod of Jesse

Isaiah 11:1-10*

O Come, O Come Emmanuel. Each stanza in this twelfth-century Christmas carol begins with a different reference to the Christ, Jesus. Today we will look at the ascription, *Rod of Jesse*. This “Rod” or “Root” is identified as the Savior, Jesus Christ (Romans 15:8ff) who provides us with eternal life and carries out His providential plan in time and space. In this passage the prophet Isaiah gives us a glimpse of the future a portion of which has already been fulfilled in Christ's first advent.

Emmanuel's family-tree & character (1-3a)

Emmanuel's righteous judgments (3b-5)

Emmanuel's future kingdom (6-9)

Emmanuel's future supremacy & world-wide status (10)

Messianic Prophecies in the Book of Isaiah

1. He will be called before His birth to be God's Servant (49:1).
2. He will be born of a virgin (7:14).
3. He will be a Descendant of Jesse and thus in the Davidic line (11:1, 10).
4. He will be empowered by the Holy Spirit (11:2; 42:1).
5. He will be gentle toward the weak (42:3).
6. He will be obedient to the Lord in His mission (50:4-9).
7. He will voluntarily submit to suffering (50:6; 53:7-8).
8. He will be rejected by Israel (49:7; 53:1, 3).
9. He will take on Himself the sins of the world (53:4-6, 10-12).
10. He will triumph over death (53:10).
11. He will be exalted (52:13; 53:12).
12. He will come to comfort Israel and to bring vengeance on the wicked (61:1-3).
13. He will manifest God's glory (49:3).
14. He will restore Israel spiritually to God (49:5) and physically to the land (49:8).
15. He will reign on David's throne (9:7).
16. He will bring joy to Israel (9:2).
17. He will make a new covenant with Israel (42:6; 49:8-9).
18. He will be a light to the Gentiles (42:6; 49:6).
19. He will restore the nations (11:10).
20. He will be worshiped by the Gentiles (49:7, 52:15).
21. He will govern the world (9:6).
22. He will judge in righteousness, justice, and faithfulness (11:3-5; 42:1-4).²

*These notes are prayerfully prepared to aid, not replace, your personal study of God's word.

² John A. Martin, "Isaiah," in *The Bible Knowledge Commentary: An Exposition of the Scriptures*, ed. J. F. Walvoord and R. B. Zuck, vol. 1 (Wheaton, IL: Victor Books, 1985), 1049.