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Introduction: Isaiah 11 gives us a picture that is both poetic and powerful. Animals that were once hostile to each other now live in harmony. But this is no literal zoo scene, it is a spiritual message, a symbolic revelation of what life looks like under the reign of the Messiah, Jesus Christ.

Main Points:

Isaiah 11:6-9 is symbolic, not literal

"And the wolf will dwell with the lamb, and the leopard will lie down with the young goat, and the calf and the young lion and the fattened steer will be together, and a little boy will lead them." (Isaiah 11:6, NASB)

These are not literal wild animals in harmony. This is a prophetic picture of peace, symbolizing Jews and Gentiles, clean and unclean, coming together in Christ's Kingdom.

Carnivorous animals represent nations

Daniel 7 describes Gentile empires as beasts: lion, bear, leopard. These are not random animals, they are the same types shown in Isaiah. Ferocious, dominant, and once hostile to God's people.

These beasts now lie down with clean, sacrificial animals: lambs, goats, calves. These were used in temple worship and represent God's people under the Old Covenant.

The wolf and the lamb symbolize peace between former enemies

In Christ, even enemies are reconciled. Paul explains this:

"But now in Christ Jesus, you who previously were far away have been brought near by the blood of Christ. For He Himself is our peace, who made both groups into one and broke down the barrier of the dividing wall," (Ephesians 2:13-14)

This is the essence of the New Covenant. Hostility is gone. Jew and Gentile are now one.

The child leading them is Christ and His followers

Isaiah 11:6 ends with, "And a little boy will lead them."

Jesus uses this imagery Himself:

"Truly I say to you, unless you change and become like children, you will not enter the kingdom of heaven." (Matthew 18:3)

It is the humility of a child that marks those who are greatest in His Kingdom.

Serpents and spiritual danger are conquered

"The nursing child will play by the hole of the cobra, and the weaned child will put his hand on the viper's den. They will not hurt or destroy in all My

holy mountain." (Isaiah 11:8-9)

This is spiritual protection. The most vulnerable are guarded in Christ's Kingdom. Even demons have no power over us.

Jesus said:

"Behold, I have given you authority to walk on snakes and scorpions, and authority over all the power of the enemy, and nothing will injure you."
(Luke 10:19)

We are God's little children with power over darkness

"You are from God, little children, and have overcome them, because greater is He who is in you than he who is in the world." (1 John 4:4)

This speaks of the spiritual dominion believers now walk in. Serpents, vipers, wolves, and beasts are all symbols of spiritual opposition. And we overcome them.

The Kingdom is now. The New Covenant has brought peace

Jesus is the Prince of Peace (Isaiah 9:6)

His gospel is the "gospel of peace" (Ephesians 6:15)

His Kingdom is "not of this world" (John 18:36)

The "wolf lays down with the lamb" every time a Jew and a Gentile, or Arab and Israeli, find unity in Christ. This is the New Creation.

People are often described as animals in scripture

Psalms 49:12, Psalm 22, Jeremiah 12:9, and Matthew 7:15 all show people symbolized as animals.

Pharisees were called "a brood of vipers" (Matthew 12:34)

False prophets are "wolves in sheep's clothing" (Matthew 7:15)

So Isaiah 11 is not about animal behavior, it is about human transformation.

We are in the Kingdom now

No need to wait for a future millennium where animals eat straw.

"The lion will eat straw like the ox" (Isaiah 11:7) is not biology, it is theology.

The Church, the Body of Christ, is that Kingdom. It is the mountain of the Lord where peace reigns and the knowledge of the Lord covers the earth.

Conclusion: This beautiful vision is not something we wait for, it is something we live in. Christ brought peace. Hostility is broken. The wolf lies with the lamb now. The New Covenant is here, and we, God's little children, walk in His mountain, untouched by the serpent's bite.

**Let us walk worthy of this calling, in peace, humility, and unity—
knowing the lion and the lamb have indeed come together in Christ.**

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