

**The Suffering Servant**  
**Isaiah 52:13-53:12**

**Isaiah 40:9 O Zion, that bringest good tidings, get thee up into the high mountain; O Jerusalem, that bringest good tidings, lift up thy voice with strength; lift *it* up, be not afraid; say unto the cities of Judah, Behold your God!**

**Isaiah 52:7 How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him that bringeth good tidings, that publisheth peace; that bringeth good tidings of good, that publisheth salvation; that saith unto Zion, Thy God reigneth!**

**The Preaching of the cross of Christ is God's way of sowing the seed:**

**Romans 10:15 And how shall they preach, except they be sent? as it is written, How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things!**

**Isaiah 52:8-11 Thy watchmen shall lift up the voice; with the voice together shall they sing: for they shall see eye to eye, when the LORD shall bring again Zion. 52:9 Break forth into joy, sing together, ye waste places of Jerusalem: for the LORD hath comforted his people, he hath redeemed Jerusalem. 52:10 The LORD hath made bare his holy arm in the eyes of all the nations; and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God. 52:11 Depart ye, depart ye, go ye out from thence, touch no unclean *thing*; go ye out of the midst of her; be ye clean, that bear the vessels of the LORD cf:**

**II Corinthians 6:17 Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean *thing*; and I will receive you,**

**I Peter 1:10 Of which salvation the prophets have enquired and searched diligently, who prophesied of the grace *that should come* unto you: 1:11 Searching what, or what manner of time the Spirit of Christ which was in them did signify, when it testified beforehand the sufferings of Christ, and the glory that should follow.**

**Isaiah 52:13 Behold, my servant shall deal prudently, he shall be exalted and extolled, and be very high. cf:**

**John 3:14 And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of man be lifted up:**

**John 8:28 Then said Jesus unto them, When ye have lifted up the Son of man, then shall ye know that I am *he*, and *that* I do nothing of myself; but as my Father hath taught me, I speak these things.**

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

**Isaiah 52:14 As many were astonished at thee; his visage was so marred more than any man, and his form more than the sons of men:**

**Today we have a very poor, at best, understanding of the suffering of Christ. We need to go back and read the accounts found near the end of each of the four Gospels and try to understand what Christ suffered for you and me.**

***(Watching "Passion of the Christ" is quite revealing as to what they put Jesus through. Diana)***

**Isaiah 52:15 So shall he sprinkle many nations; the kings shall shut their mouths at him: for *that* which had not been told them shall they see; and *that* which they had not heard shall they consider. cf:**

**V:15 "So shall He (the Messiah) sprinkle..." an unusual play on words here, not Hebrew *zaw-rak'*, to sprinkle fluid, to be here and there scatter, sprinkle or to strew. This is not the word used, but rather *naw-zaw'*, to spirit, be-sprinkle especially in expiation. This word is used only to describe the priests work of sprinkling blood (Exodus 29:21- Aaron himself), the household of Aaron, the priest, (Leviticus 4:6 & 17; 5:9; 14:7&51; 16:14-15 and 16:19), and the anointing of the cleansed first by the blood, with oil: (Leviticus 14:16 & 27). It is also interesting to note that Christ, our great high Priest, "entered by his own blood" and now when we are baptized (not sprinkled) into His**

**death (Romans 6:3-6) we come into contact with the blood and receive the gift of the Holy Spirit (Acts 2:38-39). The Holy Spirit also is also described as the Oil of gladness by which Christ was anointed cf:(Luke 4:18; Hebrews 1:9 and 11 Corinthians 1;21-22).**

**Who will the Messiah cleanse by the sprinkling of His blood? "Many nations". Again we see that the result of His work is the conversation of the Gentiles-fulfilled-Luke 24:44-47**

**V:15 "for *that* which had not been told them shall they see; and *that* which they had not heard shall they consider" cf:**

**Romans 15:21 But as it is written, To whom he was not spoken of, they shall see: and they that have not heard shall understand**

### **Isaiah 53**

**Isaiah wrote from about 750 B.C. to 700 B.C. Note the future perfect tense of the verbs used throughout this chapter. The prophecy some 750 in the future is so certain the prophet writes it as if it has already happened.**

**The Jews claim Isaiah 53 is talking about suffering of the nation of Israel. In this chapter, the personal pronoun "He" is used 18 times, "His" is used 13 times, & "Him" is used 10 times, which means God used personal pronouns 41 times to prove this coming Messiah will suffer for the sins of the people. Furthermore, He (the Messiah) is contrasted to the people in V:8.**

**Isaiah 53:1 Who hath believed our report? and to whom is the arm of the LORD revealed?**

**V;1 "Who hath believed our report?" Cf:**

**John 12:37-38 But though he had done so many miracles before them, yet they believed not on him: 12:38 That the saying of Esaias the prophet might be fulfilled, which he spake, Lord, who hath believed our report? and to whom hath the arm of the Lord been revealed?**

**Romans 10:16-17** But they have not all obeyed the gospel. For Esaias saith, Lord, who hath believed our report? 10:17 So then faith *cometh* by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

**V:1** “Arm of the Lord revealed?” Cf:

**Exodus 6:6** Wherefore say unto the children of Israel, I *am* the LORD, and I will bring you out from under the burdens of the Egyptians, and I will rid you out of their bondage, and I will redeem you with a stretched out arm, and with great judgments:

**Isaiah 53:2** For he shall grow up before him as a tender plant, and as a root out of a dry ground: he hath no form nor comeliness; and when we shall see him, *there is* no beauty that we should desire him.

**Isaiah 53:3** He is despised and rejected of men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief: and we hid as it were *our* faces from him; he was despised, and we esteemed him not.

**Isaiah 53:4** Surely he hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows: yet we did esteem him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted

**Matthew 8:16-17** When the even was come, they brought unto him many that were possessed with devils: and he cast out the spirits with *his* word, and healed all that were sick: 8:17 That it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Esaias the prophet, saying, Himself took our infirmities, and bare *our* sicknesses.

**Isaiah 53:5** But he *was* wounded for our transgressions, *he was* bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace *was* upon him; and with his stripes we are healed.

**V:5** “and with his stripes we are healed” cf:

**Matthew 27:26** Then released he Barabbas unto them: and when he had scourged Jesus, he delivered *him* to be crucified.

**I Peter 2:24-25** Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes ye were healed. **2:25** For ye were as sheep going astray; but are now returned unto the Shepherd and Bishop of your souls.

**Isaiah 53:6** All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned everyone to his own way; and the LORD hath laid on him the iniquity of us all.

**All are sinners cf:**

**Romans 3:10-19** As it is written, There is none righteous, no, not one: **Rom 3:11** There is none that understandeth, there is none that seeketh after God. **3:12** They are all gone out of the way, they are together become unprofitable; there is none that doeth good, no, not one. **3:13** Their throat *is* an open sepulchre; with their tongues they have used deceit; the poison of asps *is* under their lips: **3:14** Whose mouth *is* full of cursing and bitterness: **3:15** Their feet *are* swift to shed blood: **3:16** Destruction and misery *are* in their ways: **3:17** And the way of peace have they not known: **3:18** There is no fear of God before their eyes. **3:19** Now we know that what things soever the law saith, it saith to them who are under the law: that every mouth may be stopped, and all the world may become guilty before God.

**Isaiah 53:7** He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth: he is brought as a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before her shearers is dumb, so he openeth not his mouth.

**V:7** "He is brought as a lamb to the slaughter" this is quoted in Acts cf:

**Acts 8:26-39** And the angel of the Lord spake unto Philip, saying, Arise, and go toward the south unto the way that goeth down from Jerusalem unto Gaza, which is desert. **8:27** And he arose and went: and, behold, a man of Ethiopia, an eunuch of great authority under Candace queen of the Ethiopians, who had the charge of all her treasure, and had come to Jerusalem for to worship, **8:28** Was returning, and sitting in his chariot read Esaias the prophet. **8:29** Then

**the Spirit said unto Philip, Go near, and join thyself to this chariot. 8:30 And Philip ran thither to *him*, and heard him read the prophet Esaias, and said, Understandest thou what thou readest? 8:31 And he said, How can I, except some man should guide me? And he desired Philip that he would come up and sit with him. 8:32 The place of the scripture which he read was this, He was led as a sheep to the slaughter; and like a lamb dumb before his shearer, so opened he not his mouth: 8:33 In his humiliation his judgment was taken away: and who shall declare his generation? for his life is taken from the earth. 8:34 And the eunuch answered Philip, and said, I pray thee, of whom speaketh the prophet this? of himself, or of some other man? 8:35 Then Philip opened his mouth, and began at the same scripture, and preached unto him Jesus. 8:36 And as they went on *their way*, they came unto a certain water: and the eunuch said, See, *here is* water; what doth hinder me to be baptized? 8:37 And Philip said, If thou believest with all thine heart, thou mayest. And he answered and said, I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God. 8:38 And he commanded the chariot to stand still: and they went down both into the water, both Philip and the eunuch; and he baptized him. 8:39 And when they were come up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord caught away Philip, that the eunuch saw him no more: and he went on his way rejoicing.**

**V:7 yet he opened not his mouth cf:**

**Luke 23:8-12 And when Herod saw Jesus, he was exceeding glad: for he was desirous to see him of a long *season*, because he had heard many things of him; and he hoped to have seen some miracle done by him. 23:9 Then he questioned with him in many words; but he answered him nothing. 23:10 And the chief priests and scribes stood and vehemently accused him. 23:11 And Herod with his men of war set him at nought, and mocked *him*, and arrayed him in a gorgeous robe, and sent him again to Pilate. 23:12 And the same day Pilate and Herod were made friends together: for before they were at enmity between themselves.**

**V:7 as a sheep before her shearers is dumb, so he openeth not his mouth cf:**

**John 19:10** Then saith Pilate unto him, Speakest thou not unto me? knowest thou not that I have power to crucify thee, and have power to release thee?

**Isaiah 53:8** He was taken from prison and from judgment: and who shall declare his generation? for he was cut off out of the land of the living: for the transgression of my people was he stricken.

**He was taken from prison cf:**

**Matthew 27:27-30** Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus into the common hall, and gathered unto him the whole band *of soldiers*. **27:28** And they stripped him, and put on him a scarlet robe. **27:29** And when they had platted a crown of thorns, they put *it* upon his head, and a reed in his right hand: and they bowed the knee before him, and mocked him, saying, Hail, King of the Jews! **27:30** And they spit upon him, and took the reed, and smote him on the head.

**V:8 He was taken from prison and from judgment cf:**

**Matthew 27:19** When he was set down on the judgment seat, his wife sent unto him, saying, Have thou nothing to do with that just man: for I have suffered many things this day in a dream because of him.

**V:8 He was cut off out of the land of the living cf:**

**John 19:30-37** When Jesus therefore had received the vinegar, he said, It is finished: and he bowed his head, and gave up the ghost. **19:31** The Jews therefore, because it was the preparation, that the bodies should not remain upon the cross on the sabbath day, (for that sabbath day was an high day,) besought Pilate that their legs might be broken, and *that* they might be taken away. **19:32** Then came the soldiers, and brake the legs of the first, and of the other which was crucified with him. **19:33** But when they came to Jesus, and saw that he was dead already, they brake not his legs: **19:34** But one of the soldiers with a spear pierced his side, and forthwith came there out blood and water. **19:35** And he that saw *it* bare record, and his record is true: and he knoweth that he saith true, that ye might believe. **19:36**

**For these things were done, that the scripture should be fulfilled, A bone of him shall not be broken. 19:37 And again another scripture saith, They shall look on him whom they pierced.(Zechariah 12:10)**

**Isaiah 53:9 And he made his grave with the wicked, and with the rich in his death; because he had done no violence, neither *was any* deceit in his mouth.**

**V:9 And he made his grave with the wicked cf:**

**Matthew 27:38 Then were there two thieves crucified with him, one on the right hand, and another on the left**

**V:9 and with the rich in his death cf:**

**Matthew 27:57-60 When the even was come, there came a rich man of Arimathaea, named Joseph, who also himself was Jesus' disciple: 27:58 He went to Pilate, and begged the body of Jesus. Then Pilate commanded the body to be delivered. 27:59 And when Joseph had taken the body, he wrapped it in a clean linen cloth, 27:60 And laid it in his own new tomb, which he had hewn out in the rock: and he rolled a great stone to the door of the sepulchre, and departed.**

**V:9 he had done no violence, neither *was any* deceit in his mouth”**

**I Peter 2:22 Who did no sin, neither was guile found in his mouth:**

**Isaiah 53:10 Yet it pleased the LORD to bruise him; he hath put *him* to grief: when thou shalt make his soul an offering for sin, he shall see *his* seed, he shall prolong *his* days, and the pleasure of the LORD shall prosper in his hand.**

**V:10 “He (God) shall see *his* seed (child), he (God) shall prolong *his* days” How when He killed Him in V:8 & buried Him V:9 ? He will raise Him from the grave cf:**

**Genesis 3:15** And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel.

**Galatians 3:16** Now to Abraham and his seed were the promises made. He saith not, And to seeds, as of many; but as of one, And to thy seed, which is Christ.

**John 20:24-29** But Thomas, one of the twelve, called Didymus, was not with them when Jesus came. **20:25** The other disciples therefore said unto him, We have seen the Lord. But he said unto them, Except I shall see in his hands the print of the nails, and put my finger into the print of the nails, and thrust my hand into his side, I will not believe. **20:26** And after eight days again his disciples were within, and Thomas with them: *then* came Jesus, the doors being shut, and stood in the midst, and said, Peace *be* unto you. **20:27** Then saith he to Thomas, Reach hither thy finger, and behold my hands; and reach hither thy hand, and thrust *it* into my side: and be not faithless, but believing. **20:28** And Thomas answered and said unto him, My Lord and my God. **20:29** Jesus saith unto him, Thomas, because thou hast seen me, thou hast believed: blessed *are* they that have not seen, and *yet* have believed.

**Isaiah 53:11** He shall see of the travail of his soul, *and* shall be satisfied: by his knowledge shall my righteous servant justify many; for he shall bear their iniquities.

**V:11** “by His knowledge shall my righteous servant” hereafter Christ is called God’s righteous servant cf:

**II Corinthians 5:21** For he hath made him *to be* sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him.

**Romans 1:16-17** For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek. **1:17** For therein is the righteousness of God revealed from faith to faith: as it is written, The just shall live by faith

**V:11 “shall my righteous servant justify many”**

***This term “Justify many”.* Justify is a legal term in that the court of Almighty God rules that the person is to be counted as if righteous, reckoned as if righteous, and vindicated because the debt is already vicariously paid by Christ. His righteousness is therefore reckoned, counted, accounted, or imputed to us in place of our filthy rags (Isaiah 64:6). Justification is an act of God (Isaiah 4:17), by imputing or accounting a historical event, the Blood gospel which is the death, burial and Resurrection of Christ (Romans 4:25 and 5:9) to those who have saving faith which is trust with reliance in Christ to save me (Romans 5:1) and the person comes in the appointed way by obeying the Gospel of Christ (Romans 6:3-6).**

**Romans 3:21-26 But now the righteousness of God without the law is manifested, being witnessed by the law and the prophets; 3:22 Even the righteousness of God *which is* by faith of Jesus Christ unto all and upon all them that believe: for there is no difference: 3:23 For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God; 3:24 Being justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus: 3:25 Whom God hath set forth *to be* a propitiation through faith in his blood, to declare his righteousness for the remission of sins that are past, through the forbearance of God; 3:26 To declare, *I say*, at this time his righteousness: that he might be just, and the justifier of him which believeth in Jesus.**

**Isaiah 53:12 Therefore will I divide him *a portion* with the great, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong; because he hath poured out his soul unto death: and he was numbered with the transgressors; and he bare the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors.**

**V:12 he was numbered with the transgressors**

**Mark 15:28 And the scripture was fulfilled, which saith, And he was numbered with the transgressors.**

**Luke 22:37 For I say unto you, that this that is written must yet be accomplished in me, And he was reckoned among the transgressors: for the things concerning me have an end.**

**I Timothy 2:5 For *there is* one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus;**

**Hebrews 4:9-15 There remaineth therefore a rest to the people of God. 4:10 For he that is entered into his rest, he also hath ceased from his own works, as God *did* from his. 4:11 Let us labour therefore to enter into that rest, lest any man fall after the same example of unbelief. 4:12 For the word of God *is* quick, and powerful, and sharper than any two edged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and *is* a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart. 4:13 Neither is there any creature that is not manifest in his sight: but all things *are* naked and opened unto the eyes of him with whom we have to do. 4:14 Seeing then that we have a great high priest, that is passed into the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast *our* profession. 4:15 For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as *we are, yet* without sin. 4:16 Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need.**

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