

# THE GOSPEL OF ISAIAH

## Isaiah 52:13-53:12

*(This is the central, deepest, loftiest and most important text in the OT)*

### I. SUFFERING AND EXALTATION OF MESSIAH [ISAIAH 52:13-15].

- vs. 13. **SERVANT**. Matthew 20:26... but whoever wishes to become great among you shall be your servant. (NASB)  
John 12:26 "If anyone serves Me, let him follow Me; and where I am, there shall My servant also be; if anyone serves Me, the Father will honor him. (NASB)
- vs. 13. **PROSPER**. Is to achieve the goal of God. Results are high, lifted up, and exalted [Phil. 2:5-11]
- vs. 14. **ASTONISHED**. He was a appalling disappointment to their hopes for a military/ political leader.
- vs. 15. **STARTLE**. Shocked and offended at His actions. Matt. 16:21-23.
- vs. 15. **SHUT THEIR MOUTH**. Philippians 2:10 that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those who are in heaven, and on earth, and under the earth, (NASB)

### II. REJECTION OF MESSIAH [ISAIAH 53:1-3].

- vs. 1. **MESSAGE** and Messenger were totally rejected.
- vs. 1. **ARM** or the message are still the arm of the Lord. Romans 1:16 For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek. (NASB)
- vs. 2. **SHOOT**. Incarnation; not a fully grown conquering hero. *Isa 11:1 Then a shoot will spring from the stem of Jesse, And a branch (netser) from his roots will bear fruit.*
- vs. 2. **GROUND**. Barren soil of human nature.
- vs. 2. **BEAUTY**. Undesirable, unattractive. No kingly form, no royal appearance, nor regal majesty; just a carpenter.
- vs. 3. **REJECTED**. Avoided, despised and forsaken. Indignity of rejection by experience.
- vs. 3. **GRIEF**. Trouble, woe, misfortune or evil without self-pity and sin. A true friend of sinners. Heb. 4:15-16.
- vs. 3. **WE DID NOT ESTEEM HIM**. We reckoned Him as nothing . Why we live a random lifestyle.

### III. SUBSTITUTIONARY DEATH OF MESSIAH [ISAIAH 53:4-6].

- vs. 4. **OUR/ WE**. We were the reason and **YET** we are the beneficiary What a thought.
- vs. 4. **PAINS/ SICKNESS**. Dealt with in His earthly three year ministry. See Matt. 4:23-24; 8:17
- vs. 4. **YET**. Means 'besides and in addition.' After all the goodness & healing we still delivered Him up. Acts 10:38 ...He went about doing good, and healing all who were oppressed by the devil;
- vs. 4. **SMITTEN OF GOD**. God was the source of His death. Contrast this with Isa. 52:13.
- vs. 5. **PIERCED**. Perforate, puncture to death. John 19:34 but one of the soldiers pierced His side with a spear, and immediately there came out blood and water. (NASB)
- vs. 5. **CRUSHED**. The full force of Divine wrath came upon Him. 2 Cor. 5:21 He made Him who knew no sin [to be] sin on our behalf, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.
- vs. 5. **CHASTENING**. Punishment, estrangement, horror and suffering.
- vs. 6. **ALL OF US**. Three time repeated. A tragic, accurate picture.
- vs. 6. **FALL**. Laid, encounter Him. Full measure of the penalty of sin.

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#### IV. SUFFERING AND DEATH OF MESSIAH [ISAIAH 53:7-9].

- vs. 7. **OPPRESSED/ AFFLICTED.** Infinite, physical, emotional and spiritual anguish for friend/ foe.
- vs. 8. **OPPRESSION/ JUDGMENT.** Hurried, forcible and violent treatment resulting in death.  
John 19:4 And Pilate came out again, and said to them, "Behold, I am bringing Him out to you, that you may know that I find no guilt in Him." (NASB)
- vs. 8. **CUT OFF.** Violent, premature and unnatural death. We are cut off in the likeness of His death through Baptism. Colossians 2:11 and in Him you were also circumcised with a circumcision made without hands, in the removal of the body of the flesh by the circumcision of Christ;
- vs. 9. **GRAVE.** Matthew 27:57-60 And when it was evening, there came a rich man from Arimathea, named Joseph, who himself had also become a disciple of Jesus. 58 This man went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. Then Pilate ordered [it] to be given over [to him.] 59 And Joseph took the body and wrapped it in a clean linen cloth, 60 and laid it in his own new tomb, which he had hewn out in the rock; and he rolled a large stone against the entrance of the tomb and went away. (NASB)

#### V. TRIUMPH OF THE MESSIAH [ISAIAH 53:10-12].

- vs. 10. **THE LORD WAS PLEASED TO CRUSH HIM. Rom 8:3** For what the Law could not do, weak as it was through the flesh, God *did*: sending His own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and *as an offering* for sin, He condemned sin in the flesh,
- vs. 10. **HE WILL.** The verb change from "would render" to "will prolong" indicates resurrection.
- vs. 11. **SATISFY.** Propitiate or atone for sin.
- vs. 12. Praise God there is victory and triumph over sin and death for us! He ever lives!

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#### “PRAY THESE PRAYERS IN WEDNESDAY’S ‘PRAYER MEETING’”

**Matthew 9:37-38** Then He said to His disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. 38 "Therefore beseech the Lord of the harvest to send out workers into His harvest." (NASB)

**Colossians 4:2-4** Devote yourselves to prayer, keeping alert in it with [an attitude of] thanksgiving; 3 praying at the same time for us as well, that God may open up to us a door for the word, so that we may speak forth the mystery of Christ, for which I have also been imprisoned; 4 in order that I may make it clear in the way I ought to speak. (NASB)

**2 Thessalonians 3:1-2** Finally, brethren, pray for us that the word of the Lord may spread rapidly and be glorified, just as [it did] also with you; 2 and that we may be delivered from perverse and evil men; for not all have faith. (NASB)

**1 Timothy 2:1-2** First of all, then, I urge that entreaties [and] prayers, petitions [and] thanksgivings, be made on behalf of all men, 2 for kings and all who are in authority, in order that we may lead a tranquil and quiet life in all godliness and dignity. (NASB)

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