

for the LORD will go before you,  
and the God of Israel will be your rear guard.

4th Servant Song  
The Suffering Servant



13 Behold, my servant shall act wisely;  
he shall be high and lifted up, (John 3:14-15)  
and shall be exalted. *pay attention*

14 As many were astonished at you — (Negative reaction)  
his appearance was so marred, beyond human  
semblance, *shocked, horrified*  
and his form beyond that of the children of  
mankind — *DISFIGURED*

15 so shall he sprinkle many nations. — peoples *\* sprinkling as done in the offering in the temple.*  
Kings shall shut their mouths because  
of him,  
for that which has not been told them they see,  
and that which they have not heard they  
understand.

**53** Who has believed what he has heard from us? *\*uncovered revealed*  
And to whom has the arm of the LORD been *revealed*  
*Jesus*

2 **1** For he grew up before him like a young plant, (sucker branch)  
and like a root out of dry ground; (ordinary, not much hope)  
he had no form or majesty that we should look (no resume)  
at him, (nothing to draw attention to him)  
and no beauty that we should desire him.

3 He was despised and rejected by men,  
a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief;  
and as one from whom men hide their faces  
he was despised, and we esteemed him not.

\* Nothing like Paul's image.

(12) The reason they will not fear or rush is the presence of God. He was there for the Hebrews leaving Egypt but they focused on their fears instead of God and lost their way.

- (13-15) serve as the introduction for chapter 53 and an outline of His ministry v.13 obedience & victory v.14 His suffering v.15 His triumph.
- (13) The servant is shown as acting wisely or working to achieve His goal. Because of this He will succeed and be rewarded or exalted. The New T. shows this in Phil. 2:9-11 where Jesus is worshipped.
- (14) The reason He has been exalted is His suffering for others. The magnitude of this suffering so disfigures Him to look unhuman.
- (15) starts by stating the reason for His suffering. The sprinkling (of His blood) for the nations. Another reference to the scope of His purpose to redeem all the nations not just Israel. His suffering will conquer Kings and Kingdoms. His message will be universally known and understood. Paul applied this to the message of the sharing of the "Good News" in Romans 15:21. "So shall He sprinkle is a direct reference to O.T. sacrifices. (see Lev 14:7; Lev 4:6; 8:11) This is done to obtain ritual purity through the sacrifice and the shedding of blood. Here is the ministry, purpose and victory of CHRIST.
- 1) This prophecy starts in the past tense as if it was history. To God it was. Existing outside of time to Him this was both future and past. John 12:38, 41; Rom 10:16 point to those who did not believe His message. Here the question is both negative and positive. Some did not believe and rejected Him while others believed in Him.
- 2) Here we see the servant's appearance both physically and socially. His surroundings are humble and wanting but he is being watched over by God. That there is no form of majesty is a reference that the exterior of a man does not show his true qualities or destiny. His outward appearance is not striking or exceptional. Here is a picture of God's son hidden in a poor village totally unrecognizable - except to His heavenly father who is carefully caring for Him.
- 3) "To neglect to accept Him is to reject Him." John 13:8 His ministry was filled w/controversy and conflict. The Jewish leaders who should have followed Him, rejected Him. Today, He is rejected and replaced by over 4200 various religions. His emotions place Him as understanding our grief. The we is an ongoing problem of unbelief.

→ certainly → accepted

4 Surely he has borne our griefs (the consequences of our sins) and carried our sorrows;

yet we esteemed him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted.

5 But he was pierced for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities;

upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace,

and with his wounds we are healed.

6 All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned—every one—to his own way; and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

7 He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth; like a lamb that is led to the slaughter, and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent, so he opened not his mouth.

8 By oppression and judgment he was taken away; and as for his generation, who considered that he was cut off out of the land of the living, stricken for the transgression of my people? And they made his grave with the wicked and with a rich man in his death, although he had done no violence, and there was no deceit in his mouth.

10 Yet it was the will of the LORD to crush him; he has put him to grief;

NAB

beat to pieces

BUT THE LORD WAS PLEASED TO CRUSH HIM, PUTTING HIM TO GRIEF:

grief - to make sick, in reference to His bearing our sins, he was made ill with our sins of disobedience.

THE ATONEMENT FOR US COMPLETE

3rd Stanza

THE SUFFERING SERVANT suffering, death & burial of the servant 5th stanzas

\* See NLT & NRSV 4th Servant Song For clearer Translation

\* beaten

THIS IS OUR PUNISHMENT FROM GOD. WE HOLD HIM UP FOR DOING THIS FOR US.

(1 Peter 2:24) (MATH 2:5-11)

violating the Law of God GOD'S AUTHORITY

SINS-DEPRAVITY

discipline - correction

RAW-PHA

ARRESTED & ABUSED

HUMILIATE & DESTROY

ARREST & TRIAL of Jesus

CONVICTION & EXECUTION

DEATH & BURIAL

- 4 This is not just removing them but He carried them as a full weight. He has taken our sins upon Himself, including the full consequences of doing so. That He carried our sorrow shows His complete commitment to taking the weight from us, for us. He is not pictured here as a savior but as a man so overcome by sin & sorrow as He cannot be looked upon. Here He is "smitten by God," or punished 4 us.
- 5 Pierced is in reference to wounds that is mortal. "The transgressions ... here refer not to the transgression of human laws but of the Law of God." Young p. 347. THESE ARE NOT ERRORS OF JUDGMENT but in direct conflict w/ the will and directions of God. It is His substitutional suffering and death that provides the healing from sin. His suffering offers us peace we could never attain if left responsible for our sins against God.
- 6 THE NEED and cure are included here. There is a human condition that all sin. This personal action separates us from God and places us on a self determined path away from God and His will for us. To deal or rectify this God put on the sinless servant all our sins to free us and restore or redeem us.
- 7-9 Is clearly about Christ Jesus as shown in Acts 8:32-35
- 7 This is more than what happened. This is what He allowed to happen. Here is direct reference to Christ as a SACRIFICIAL LAMB. A lamb who is a sacrifice for another has no voice. Here Christ chooses to remain silent as the process unfolds. He is actively choosing to accept this position for Himself.
- 8 Here is reference to Christ Arrest and trials) where He was put on display. Here is direct reference to His death. He dies not because of justice but for the transgressions of others.
- 9 He dies w/ thieves on either side of Him. He is buried in a rich man's tomb. Here 700 years in advance Isaiah writes about events with striking details. It clearly restates this was not because of anything He had done. He was w/out sin at any kind.
- 10 ALL SACRIFICES ARE DONE TO PLEASE GOD. TO ATONE FOR SIN OR REMOVE IT BRINGS GOD "PLEASURE." THIS IS ABOUT THE REMOVAL OF SIN. HIS DEATH LIKE ANY SACRIFICE WAS NECESSARY.

ISAIAH 53:11

\*pleasure

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intellect, will, emotions

Hebrew word 'asham (offering) same word used in Lev. 5:1-19; 7:1-38 & 1 Sam 6:3 for trespass offering.

when his soul makes an offering for guilt,

he shall see his offspring; he shall prolong his days; (resurrection)  
the will of the LORD shall prosper in his hand.

11 Out of the anguish of his soul he shall see and be  
satisfied; LABORER SINNER PERSON

by his knowledge shall the righteous one, my servant,  
make many to be accounted righteous,  
and he shall bear their iniquities.

12 Therefore I will divide him a portion with the many,  
and he shall divide the spoil with the strong,  
because he poured out his soul to death  
and was numbered with the transgressors; (stood and preached in hell)  
yet he bore the sin of many,  
and makes intercession for the transgressors.

The Eternal Covenant of Peace - THE CHURCH - THE BRIDE OF CHRIST

**54** "Sing, O barren one, who did not bear;  
break forth into singing and cry aloud,  
you who have not been in labor!  
For the children of the desolate one will be more  
than the children of her who is married," says  
the LORD.

2 "Enlarge the place of your tent,  
and let the curtains of your habitations be  
stretched out;  
do not hold back; lengthen your cords  
and strengthen your stakes.

3 For you will spread abroad to the right and to the left,  
and your offspring will possess the nations  
and will people the desolate cities.

**SOUL**: Jesus has something to offer the animals did not have. Jesus had a soul, a sinless soul to place up as a sacrifice for each of us.

(10) The trespass offering for sin is referenced here. This offering is a payment for sin. A Redemptive offering designed to remove sin & any further consequences. "Compare to N.T. Rom. 3.25; 8.3; 2 Cor. 5.21; 1 John 2.2; 4.10; Heb. 9.14. Surely this is one of the high points of the whole Bible, and the heart of its great Good News." Jones p.140. Here is also a picture of the resurrection and the Kingdom of God. Here we see this is all part of God's will & plan to redeem man.

(11) All his suffering will be rewarded through his knowing that sin has been paid for because unlike other sacrifices his was complete and he actually carried them in himself on the cross. Christ was well aware of what was happening and the need for his death. He had to surrender his will to the father's to complete the transaction.

(12) God will reward the servant sacrifice with riches. In his case he is the King of the Kingdom of God. The reason for this reward is restated. He lowered himself to live and die for "the transgressors." In doing this he served as the perfect redemptive sacrifice, clearing the sins of any who accept him in their place on the cross.

(1) Paul quotes this verse in Gal. 4.27 in reference to the church. Isaiah returns to the restoration of the People of God and the blessings that are planned for them. Here, as seen by Paul, the church or barren one replaces the unfaithful wife which up to now has been described as Zion or Jerusalem. Here God is about to bless the nations w/ the church and eternal salvation. New children of God are born to those who previously were estranged to him.

(2) Here is a prophecy to make preparations for growth that is coming. The picture of a tent in reference to the growth of the church is symbolic of the temporary dwelling on earth of its members. The promise is for unexpected and unprecedented growth. All preparations must be made as God plans to fill it to overflowing.

(3) Here, as Young points out (p.36), "the conquest here depicted is spiritual and not physical." The growth of the church reaches in all directions and the nations of the earth are conquered. The populating of desolate cities is the life of Christ coming to the people as they are born into the family of God. Here we see the growth and spiritual conquest of the earth by God's people.