

THE SERVANT OF JEHOVAH IN ISAIAH - Isaiah 52:13-53:12

INTRODUCTION:

1. Many antichrists have been since time of the Christ. I John 2:18 and 22
2. The rabbi now saying Christ's coming is near and allowing some to believe he is Christ.
3. They have not believed the report.
4. Let's begin with a prophet and a prophecy of the Messiah in Isaiah 53.

I. THE CONTEXT:

A. Isaiah's time: Isaiah 1:1.

B. The place of Isaiah 53 in the whole book of prophecy.

C. The servant of Jehovah passages:

1. Begin in Isaiah 42:1.
2. Interspersed throughout through Isaiah 53.
3. Isaiah 53 is the crown of this prophecy of the suffering servant.

D. Immediate context:

1. Isaiah 52:1 begins to speak of a different Jerusalem, or Zion;
 - a. Before he had dealt with earthly Jerusalem.
 - b. Now he is speaking of the Israel of God: Galatians 6:16.
 - c. The heavenly Jerusalem: Hebrews 12:22.
2. Nothing unclean or uncircumcised will enter into this Jerusalem: Rev. 21:27; 22:14.
3. Verse 3: Even though the inhabitants of this city had sold themselves for nothing; Romans 7:14 and Romans 6:16.
4. They are redeemed or bought back without money: 1 Peter 1:18-19.
5. Verse 7: How beautiful are the feet of those who teach this salvation: Romans 10:15.
6. Verse 8: The watchmen shall see face to face: Luke 2:22-38, Simeon and Anna.
7. Verse 10: The Lord has bared his arm...His power is exposed to the world; Rom.1:16-17
8. These introductory verses usher in the theme of the Messiah.

II. THE CONTENTS: Isaiah 52:13-53:12 is a poem of 5 strophes of 3 verses each:

A. The Messiah's Destiny: 52:13-15.

1. The servant shall prosper or "deal prudently";
 - a. "This is my beloved son..." Mat. 3:17.
 - b. The transfiguration: Mat. 17:5.
 - c. He was the very Word of God which will not go forth without accomplishing God's intended purpose; Isa. 55:11.
2. He will be exalted and extolled: Phil. 2:8-10.
3. His visage and form marred more than any man...not physical but spiritual; He was made SIN for us...2 Corinthians 5:21.
4. "Sprinkle many nations..." The blood which was shed for many for remission of sins..."
5. Kings shall shut their mouths at him: 1 Corinthians 2:8 "Which none of the princes..."

B. The Messiah's Career; 53:1-3.

1. Who has believed the report...that Messiah has come...His strength is revealed.
2. The strength of the Lord is His Messiah and what He did.

3. Not how He looked...He was totally rejected. Didn't look the part?
 Despised used 2x; forsaken of men – Matthew 26:30ff
 Only mention of His appearance in NT (before resurrection) is transfiguration – Matt. 17; MK 9; LK 9

C. The Messiah's Suffering: 53:4-6.

1. He bore our griefs, sorrows and sins.
2. But all those around him could think was "He must really be bad that God would strike him so."
3. He was wounded or "tormented" for our transgressions.
4. Bruised for our iniquities: Genesis 3:14-15.
5. Peace between ourselves and God was gained by his being chastised.
6. By that suffering those in spiritual Jerusalem are made well.
7. The iniquity of all of us was laid upon Him; the just suffering for the unjust!
 The Hebrew here would read "The Lord had made the iniquity of us all to meet on him."
 - a. Be careful that you don't say in your heart "How could God do that to Him?"
 - b. God did not do it to Him...WE DID!
 - c. The Lord volunteered to take OUR punishment.
 - d. If He hadn't YOU would be eternally condemned to hell and torment.
 - e. It was OUR transgressions and iniquities that were laid upon Him and God only allowed it for our sakes!
 - f. The penalty for sin MUST BE PAID BY SOMEONE!
 - g. If you are smart...you will allow yours to have been paid by Christ!

D. The Messiah's Submission: 53:7-9.

1. Oppressed and afflicted without opening His mouth; so much so that Pilot marveled: Mark 15:4-5.
2. He was not granted justice...but was railroaded.
3. He has no posterity according to the flesh...no children.
4. He was crucified between two thieves.
5. He was buried in a rich man's tomb.
6. Because He was deemed free of sin by the man who gave his tomb over to Him.

E. The Messiah's Reward: 53:10-12.

1. In this act the Lord, the Father was pleased.
2. It did not give Him pleasure to see this suffering of His Son.
3. The Father couldn't even look on it; Psalm 22:1; Mark 15:34.
4. "When thou shalt make his soul an offering for sin,"
 - a. May read "when his soul shall make an offering..."
 - b. The phrase "an offering" is the Hebrew word for "a substitution."
 Romans 3:35-26 – He was displayed publicly as a "propitiation"
5. He shall see His seed...His posterity...those He has begotten through His word and work.
6. Prolong His days...eternally.
7. The travail of his [Christ's] soul shall be forever satisfaction for sins.
8. Knowledge of Him and His work will bring justification to many...not all.
9. He shall "bear away" their iniquities.
10. Therefore, God the Father, will make Him Lord and Christ: Acts 2:36; Philippians 2:8-9.

III. THE CONCLUSION:

- A. He has made intercession for transgressors.
- B. He ever makes intercession for us: 1 John 2:1.