

## Isaiah Chapter 53 – The Sin-Bearing Servant

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### APPLICATION

#### **THERE IS A FOUNTAIN FILLED WITH BLOOD** – William Cowper, Marantha Singer

*1 There is a fountain filled with blood, Drawn from Immanuel's veins, And sinners plunged beneath that flood  
Lose all their guilty stains: Lose all their guilty stains, Lose all their guilty stains; And sinners plunged beneath  
that flood Lose all their guilty stains.*

*2 The dying thief rejoiced to see That fountain in His day; And there may I, though vile as he, Washed all my  
sins away: Washed all my sins away, Washed all my sins away; And there may I, though vile as he, Washed all  
my sins away.*

*3 E'er since by faith I saw the stream Thy flowing wounds supply, Redeeming love has been my theme, And shall  
be till I die: And shall be till I die, And shall be till I die; Redeeming love has been my theme, And shall be till I  
die. And shall be till I die.*

#### **GENERAL OUTLINE OF ISAIAH:** Referred to as the “Fifth Gospel” since the third century!

*Possible date of kings reign” - Uzziah, - 792-740; Jotham, - 750-736; Ahaz, - 735-720 Northern Kingdom of  
Israel falls to Assyria in 722BC; Hezekiah, - 715-699/686; Manasseh – 687-642*

*Isaiah's time of prophecy - About a minimum of 40 years and possibly more than 60 years!*

*In the tenth year of Nabopolassar (616 BC) the Babylonians defeated the Assyrian army.*

*Cyrus takes Babylon. In October (539 BC), the Persian king Cyrus took Babylon.*

#### **ISAIAH 40:1-66:24**

*The prophecies of chapters 1-39 addressed Judah in her situation during Isaiah's ministry (739 B.C. until about  
686 B.C.). The prophecies of chapters 40-66 address Judah as though the prophesied Babylonian captivity  
(Isa 39:5-7) were already a present reality, though that captivity did not begin until 605-586 B.C. The words  
"There is no peace," says the Lord, "for the wicked" (Isa 48:22; Isa 57:21) signal the divisions of this section  
into three parts: chapters 40-48 (Comfort of Jehovah), chapters 49-57 (Salvation of Jehovah) and chapters 58-66  
(Glory of Jehovah).*

*Four Messianic Prophecies-Songs of the Suffering Servant: #1 Chapter 42:1-9 -Servant of Jehovah-Jesus; #2  
Chapter 49:1-13-Servant of God; Savior of the World; #3 Chapter 50:4-9-Jehovah Adonai-Humility of Rejected  
Prophet; #4 Chapter 52:13-53:12-Suffering Servant-Jehovah's Servant-Sin Bearer.*

#### **ISAIAH 49-57**

*Starting with Isaiah chapters 49 through 57, there is no longer a mention of Cyrus, now the focus is on the  
ultimate deliverer, the Messiah. Though there is still reference to the deliverance from Babylon's captivity, the  
real focus is on the ultimate deliverance the Messiah will bring.*

#### **Isaiah – Bible Timeline**

739 BC	Isaiah Complains of Zion's Corruption	<u>Isaiah 1 - 5</u>
739 BC	Isaiah's Vision and Commission	<u>Isaiah 6</u>
735 BC	Isaiah's Prophecy of Immanuel	<u>Isaiah 7</u>
734 BC	Uriah/Zechariah Verification	<u>Isaiah 8</u>
730 BC	Isaiah Prophecies a Child Is Born	<u>Isaiah 9</u>
730 BC	Isaiah Prophecies Judgments Upon Israel	<u>Isaiah 9:8</u>
730 BC	Isaiah Prophecies Judgment on Assyria	<u>Isaiah 10</u>
730 BC	Isaiah Prophecies The Root of Jesse	<u>Isaiah 11</u>
730 BC	Isaiah's Joyful Thanksgiving	<u>Isaiah 12</u>
725 BC	Isaiah Prophecies against the Nations	<u>Isaiah 13 - 22</u>
725 BC	Isaiah's Valley of Vision	<u>Isaiah 22</u>
725 BC	Isaiah's Burden of Tyre	<u>Isaiah 23</u>
725 BC	Devastation on the Earth	<u>Isaiah 24</u>
725 BC	Isaiah's Songs of Praise	<u>Isaiah 25 - 27</u>
725 BC	Isaiah's Further Warnings	<u>Isaiah 28 - 32</u>
725 BC	Isaiah Prophecies a King Shall Reign	<u>Isaiah 32</u>
725 BC	Isaiah Declares God's Judgments	<u>Isaiah 33, 34</u>
725 BC	Isaiah Declares the Joyful Will Flourish in Zion	<u>Isaiah 35</u>
712 BC	Hezekiah's Illness and Healing	<u>2 Kings 20, Isaiah 38</u>
711 BC	Hezekiah Shows Treasures	<u>2 Kings 20:12, Isaiah 39</u>
711 BC	<b>Isaiah Prophecies Captivity and Restoration</b>	<u>Isaiah 40 - 66</u>
701 BC	Sennacherib Threatens Jerusalem	<u>2 Kings 18, Isaiah 36, 2 Chron. 32</u>
701 BC	Hezekiah's Prayer	<u>2 Kings 19, Isaiah 37</u>

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### OBSERVATION

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### APPLICATION

*Isa 53:1 Who has believed our report? And to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed?*

*Isa 53:2 For He shall grow up before Him as a tender plant, And as a root out of dry ground. He has no form (beauty) or comeliness; And when we see Him, There is no beauty (physical handsomeness) that we should desire Him. (His face is so marred you can't recognize Him as a human being!)*

*Isa 53:3 He is despised and rejected by men, A Man of sorrows and acquainted with grief (grieved in the Spirit). And we hid, as it were, our faces from Him; He was despised, and we did not esteem Him.*

#### **Isaiah 53:1-12 - THE ATONING SUFFERING AND VICTORY OF THE MESSIAH**

“This chapter foretells the sufferings of the Messiah, the end for which he was to die, and the advantages resulting to mankind from that illustrious event . . . This chapter contains a beautiful summary of the most peculiar and distinguishing doctrines of Christianity.” (Adam Clarke)

*vs. 1-3 Who has believed our report?* Prophetically, Isaiah anticipates at least two things here. First, he anticipates how strange and contradictory it seems that this suffering Messiah, whose *visage is marred more than any man*, is at the same time *salvation* and *cleansing* to the nations. Second, he *anticipates the rejection of the Messiah*, that many would not believe *our report*. *To whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed?* To the believers the arm of the Lord has been revealed. The Holy Spirit has given understanding of, of the work of Jesus Christ, of His death for us. We've been brought into this relationship with God through Him. We've been redeemed from our old life, and now walk in fellowship with God, and so to believers, this arm of the Lord, the work of the Lord, has been revealed! The *arm of the LORD* is a picture of His strength, power, and might. Yet we will see a Messiah weak and suffering. But the strength, power, and might of God will be **expressed in the midst of this suffering**, seemingly weak Messiah. *He shall grow up before Him as a tender plant:* Jesus did *grow up – before Him*, not before Israel, as He *increased in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and men (Luk 2:52)*. But all the while, He was as *a tender plant* - of seeming weakness and insignificance, not like a mighty tree. A *tender plant* is weak and vulnerable - unless it is *before Him*, that is, **before the LORD God**. In God's presence, that what seems to be weak is strong. If the plant is *before Him*, it doesn't even matter that the ground is dry. God will sustain it with His presence. *As a root out of dry ground:* Jesus grew up in a small, insignificant town, Nazareth, in the Galilee region of Roman occupied Israel. In respect to spiritual, political, and standard of living matters, it was indeed *dry ground*. God can bring the most wonderful things out of *dry ground!* *He has no form or comeliness . . . no beauty that we should desire Him:* Prophetically, Isaiah gives a more compelling description of Jesus than we find anywhere in the gospel accounts. Jesus was not a man of remarkable *beauty* or physical attractiveness (*comeliness*). This doesn't mean that Jesus was *ugly*, but it does mean that **He did not have the “advantage” of good looks**. This means that when we try to attract people to Jesus through *form or comeliness*, or *beauty*, we are using methods that run counter to the nature of Jesus. *He is despised and rejected by men, a Man of sorrows and acquainted with grief:* Jesus was not a “life of the party” man, but He was not sad and morose; indeed, He certainly showed great joy (such as in *Luk 10:21*). Yet He knew sorrow and *grief* so intimately that He could be called *a Man of sorrows*. This, among other reasons, made Him *despised and rejected by men*. Most of our sorrow is really just self-pity. It is feeling sorry for ourselves. Jesus never once felt sorry for Himself. His sorrow was for others, and for the fallen, desperate condition of humanity. *And we hid, as it were, our faces from Him; He was despised, and we did not esteem Him:*

*vs. 1-3 Because there was nothing outwardly beautiful or charismatic about the Messiah, mankind's reaction was to withdraw from Him, to despise Him, and hold Him in low esteem. Men tend to value physical beauty and charisma far more than God does, and when we don't see it, we can reject the ones God accepts. On what does our evaluation of men depend? Their outward appearance and worldly accomplishments, or can we visualize them, at least in part, as God see them? How clearly do we see Jesus?*

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*Isa 53:4 Surely He has borne our griefs And carried our sorrows; Yet we esteemed Him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted.*

*Isa 53:5 But He was wounded (pierced through) for our transgressions, He was bruised (crushed) for our iniquities; The chastisement for our peace was upon Him, And by His stripes we are healed.*

*Isa 53:6 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.*

s. 4-6 Surely, **He has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows**: At this point, the prophet does not have in mind the way the Messiah took our guilt and God’s wrath upon Himself. Here, he has in view how the Messiah took our **pain** upon Himself. He made **our griefs** His own, and **our sorrows** as if they were His. The image is that He loaded them up and **carried** them on His back, so we wouldn’t have to. How many people carry around pain - **griefs and sorrows** - that Jesus really carried for them? He took them from us, but for it to do us any good, we must release them. **Yet we esteemed Him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted**: Curiously, this estimation was accurate. Certainly, the Messiah was **stricken**. He was **smitten by God**. He was **afflicted**. The problem was not in seeing these things, but in **only** seeing these things. Man saw the suffering Jesus, but didn’t understand the reasons **why**. **But He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities; the chastisement of our peace was upon Him (Eph. 2:14-16; Col. 1:20-22)**; Yes, the Messiah was **stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted**. But now, the prophet explains **why**. It was **for us - for our transgressions . . . for our iniquities**. It was in our place that the Messiah suffered. **Wounded** is literally “pierced through.” **And by His stripes we are healed**: Here, the prophet sees through the centuries to know that the Messiah would be beaten with many stripes (Mar 15:15). More so, the prophet announces that provision for **healing** is found in the suffering of Jesus, so **by His stripes we are healed**. Does Isaiah have in mind **spiritual** healing or **physical** healing? In Mat 8:16-17, the view seems to be of **physical** healing. In 1Pe 2:24-25, the view seems to be of **spiritual** healing. We can safely say that God has **both** aspects of healing in view. Both our physical and spiritual healing is provided for by the suffering of Jesus. This does not mean that every believer has the right - the promise - to perfect health right now, and if there is any lack of health, it is because this promise has not been claimed in faith. We can say without reservation that perfect, total, complete healing is God’s promise to every believer in Jesus Christ, paid for by **His stripes** and the totality of His work for us. God’s ultimate healing is called “resurrection,” and it is a glorious promise to every believer. Every “patch-up” healing in this present age simply anticipates the ultimate healing that will come. No Christian is to foolishly “claim” to be healed, despite “mere symptoms” that say otherwise, and believe they are standing on the promise of Isa 53:5. What Christians **must do is pray boldly and trust God’s goodness and mercy** in granting gifts of healing now, even before the ultimate healing of resurrection. **All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned, every one, to his own way**: Here the prophet describes our **need** for the Messiah’s atoning work. Sheep are stupid, headstrong animals, and we, like they, **have gone astray**. We have **turned** - against God’s way, **every one, to his own way**. We all have our own **way** of sin. The constant temptation is to condemn your way of sin, and to justify my way of sin. But each way that is our **own way** instead of the LORD’s way is a sinful, destructive, damned way. **And the LORD has laid on Him the iniquity of us all**: Here we see the partnership between the Father and the Son in the work on the cross. If the Messiah **was wounded for our transgressions**, then it was also **the LORD** who **laid on Him the iniquity of us all**. The Father judged our **iniquity** as it was **laid on** the Son.

vs. 4-6 “**by His stripes we are healed.**” **We need to notice the healing of a sinner does not lie in himself, what he is, nor in what he feels, what he does or vows or promises. It is not in himself at all; but there, at Gabbatha, where the pavement is stained with His blood, and there, at Golgotha, where the place of a skull beholds the agonies of Christ. It is in His stripes that the healing lies. We also need to notice the inclusion in this Isaiah account of not only physical issues suffered on the cross, but doctrinal issues as well – It’s like the Book of Romans with the gospel included!... But He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities; The chastisement for our peace was upon Him, And by His stripes we are healed. 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.**

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*Isa 53:7 He was oppressed and He was afflicted, Yet He opened not His mouth; He was led as a lamb to the slaughter, And as a sheep before its shearers is silent, So He opened not His mouth.*  
*Isa 53:8 He was taken from prison and from judgment, And who will declare His generation? For He was cut off from the land of the living; For the transgressions of My people He was stricken.*  
*Isa 53:9 And they made His grave with the wicked—But with the rich at His death, Because He had done no violence (He was innocent), Nor was any deceit (He was pure) in His mouth.*

*vs. 7-9* The suffering and death of the Servant of the LORD. *He was oppressed and He was afflicted, yet He opened not His mouth:* Despite the pain and the suffering of the Messiah, He never *opened . . . His mouth* to defend Himself. He only opened His mouth to answer the question as to who He is and was: - *Mat 27:11 Now Jesus stood before the governor. And the governor asked Him, saying, "Are You the King of the Jews?" Jesus said to him, "It is as you say."* He was silent before His accusers (*Mar 15:2-5*), never speaking to defend Himself, only to glorify God. *He was led as a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before its shearers is silent, so He opened not His mouth:* Isaiah repeats his previous point, that the Messiah will suffer without speaking to defend Himself. When Isaiah uses the phrase *He was led as a lamb to the slaughter*, we should **not** take this as indicating that Jesus was a helpless victim of circumstances, and was helpless as a lamb. Quite the contrary; even in His suffering and death, Jesus was in control (*Joh 10:18; 19:11; 19:30*). Isaiah's point is that Jesus was **silent, not helpless. He was taken from prison and from judgment, and who will declare His generation?** This not only refers to the confinement of the Messiah before His crucifixion, but it also speaks of the fact that the Messiah died childless. There was no one to *declare His generation. For He was cut off from the land of the living; for the transgressions of My people He was stricken:* This is the first indication in this passage that the suffering Servant of the LORD, the Messiah Himself, **would die.** Up to this point, we might have thought He would only have been severely beaten. But there is no mistaking the point: He is to be *cut off from the land of the living.* This, as well as other aspects of this prophecy, demonstrates again that Isaiah cannot be speaking of Israel as the suffering Servant. As badly as Israel has suffered through the centuries, she has never been *cut off from the land of the living.* She has always endured, even as God promised Abraham. The prophet brings the point home again and again. The Servant of the LORD, the Messiah, suffers, but not for Himself, but for *the transgressions of My people. And they made His grave with the wicked:* Jesus died in the company of *the wicked (Luk 23:32-33)*, and it was the intention of those supervising His execution to cast Him into a common *grave with the wicked. But with the rich at His death, because He had done no violence, nor was any deceit in His mouth:* Despite the intention of others to make *His grave with the wicked*, God allowed the Messiah to be **with the rich at His death**, buried in the tomb of the wealthy Joseph of Arimathea (*Luk 23:50-56, Mat 27:57-60*). The phrase *because He had done no violence, nor was any deceit in His mouth* is important. It shows that even in His death, even in His taking the transgressions of God's people, the Messiah never sinned. He remained the Holy One, despite all the pain and suffering. As a recognition of that, He was buried *with the rich at His death*, and would indeed be resurrected.

*v. 7-9 Another significant thing to notice!* If I were to die for any one of you, what would it amount to but that I paid the debt of nature a little sooner than I must ultimately have paid it? For we must all die, sooner or later. But Christ needed not to die at all, so far as He was personally concerned. There was no cause within Him why He should go to the cross to lay down His life. He yielded himself up, a willing sacrifice for our sins. Now some nine times in our text here, it is affirmed by Isaiah that the suffering of Jesus, and the death of Jesus was for us. **He was bearing our sins, our iniquities, our transgressions.** Here again, God is crying, “*For the transgression My people, He was stricken.*”

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<p><i>Isa 53:10 Yet it pleased the LORD to bruise Him; He has put Him to grief. When You 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.</i></p> <p><i>Isa 53:11 He shall see the labor of His soul, and be satisfied. By His knowledge My righteous Servant shall justify many, For He shall bear their iniquities.</i></p>	<p><i>vs. 10-11</i> The victory of the Servant of the LORD - The Messiah's satisfaction. <i>Yet it pleased the LORD to bruise Him; He has put Him to grief:</i> The prophet gloriously, and emphatically, states that the suffering of the Servant of the LORD was ordained by the LORD, even for His <i>pleasure!</i> This was <i>God's doing!</i> <i>He has put Him to grief!</i> Jesus was no victim of circumstance or at the mercy of political or military power. It was the planned, ordained work of the LORD God, prophesied by Isaiah over 700 years before it happened. This was <b>God's victory</b>, not Satan's or man's triumph. Paul says in <b>(2Co 5:19)</b>, <i>God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself.</i> The Father and the Son worked together at the cross. Though Jesus was <b>treated</b> as if He were an enemy of God, <b>He was not.</b> Even as Jesus was punished as if He were a sinner, He was performing the most profound and holy service unto God the Father ever offered. This is why Isaiah can say, <i>Yet it pleased the LORD to bruise Him (Isa 53:10).</i> In and of itself, the suffering of the Son did not please the Father. But as it accomplished the work of <i>reconciling the world to Himself</i>, it was completely pleasing to God the Father. <i>When you make His soul an offering for sin:</i> The Hebrew speaks of a specific, sacrificial sin-offering as described in Leviticus chapter 5. <b>The idea of a substitutionary atonement for sin cannot be more specifically stated!</b> <i>He shall see His seed, He shall prolong His days, and the pleasure of the LORD shall prosper in His hand:</i> The death, the burial, the offering of the Messiah does not end the story. He lives on! He lives to <i>see His seed</i>, His spiritual descendants. <i>He shall prolong His days</i>, and not be under the curse of death. And the life He lives after His death and burial is glorious; His life shall be lived prospering in <i>the pleasure of the LORD.</i> <i>He shall be see the travail of His soul, and be satisfied:</i> The Messiah will look upon His work - with full view of <i>the travail of His soul</i> - and in the end, He shall <i>be satisfied.</i> The Messiah will have no regrets. Every bit of the suffering and agony was worth it, and brought about a satisfactory result. <i>By His knowledge My righteous Servant shall justify many, for He shall bear their iniquities:</i> It is in knowing the Messiah, in both who He is and what He has done, that makes us justified before God.</p>	<p><i>v. 10-11 Just think of this! Jesus seeing the fruit, seeing you and seeing me, who He's able to redeem, and cleanse from our sin, able to bring us to God, and reconcile us to God, able to make us children of God, that we might be joint heirs with Him in the glory of God's eternal kingdom! For these things He sees, and He saw the fruit of His death on the cross, and He was satisfied!</i></p> <p><i>By His knowledge My righteous Servant shall justify many, For He shall bear their iniquities.</i> I'm justified before God. My sins have been taken care of. They've all been wiped off the slate, and I am, before God justified. <u>I am as though I had never ever done any wrong. God sees me pure and clean and righteous, in His Son Jesus Christ! Because Jesus did pay this price and redeem my soul!! How grateful and thankful are we?</u></p>
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*Isa53:12 Therefore I will divide Him a portion with the great, And He shall divide the spoil with the strong, Because He poured out His soul unto death, And He was numbered with the transgressors, And He bore the sin of many, And made intercession for the transgressors.*

*v.12 Therefore I will divide Him a portion with the great, and He shall divide the spoil with the strong:* The Messiah’s glorious work will be rewarded. With the image of **dividing the spoil after a victorious battle**, we see that the Messiah ultimately triumphs! Who does the Messiah *divide the spoil* with? *With the strong*; those strong in Him. We can share in the spoil of Jesus’ victory! *If children, then heirs; heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if indeed we suffer with Him, that we may also be glorified together. (Rom 8:17). Because He poured out His soul unto death:* This speaks of the **totality** of Jesus’ sacrifice on the cross. *Poured out* means that it was all gone. There was nothing left, nothing more He could give. “‘*Because He poured out His soul unto death.*’ We need to see how complete it was! Jesus gave poor sinners everything. His every faculty was laid out for them. To His last rag He was stripped upon the cross. No part of His body or of His soul was kept back from being made a sacrifice. The last drop was poured out till the cup was drained. He made no reserve: He kept not back even His innermost self: ‘*He poured out His soul unto death.*’ *He was numbered with the transgressors:* Jesus could never become a sinner; He could never be a transgressor Himself. Yet willingly, loving, *He was numbered with the transgressors*. Is there a roll-call taken for *transgressors*? Jesus says, “Put My name down with them.” We would be shocked if a godly woman looked at a list of prostitutes and said, “Put my name down among them.” Or what if a godly man looked at a list of murderers and said, “Number me among them.” But that is what Jesus did for us, only to an even greater degree. *He bore the sin of many:* Over and over again, the prophet emphasizes the point. The Servant of the LORD, the Messiah, suffers **on behalf of and in the place of guilty sinners. And made intercession for the transgressors:** We know that presently, Jesus has a ministry of intercession ([Rom. 8:34](#); [Heb 7:25](#)), which speaks of intercession for the saints. This passage probably refers to Jesus’ prayers on the cross itself. This means the work of the Messiah is made available to *transgressors*. It is when we see ourselves as *transgressors* that we can reach out and receive His salvation.

#### Isaiah 52:13-53:12 Speaks of a single individual, not of Israel, who will be the Messiah!

- Israel never died for the sin of the world, in fact, the preceding 52 chapters speak of the coming judgment on Israel because of their idolatry and immorality.
- V.8 tells us the Messiah would come to provide forgiveness for His people
- The pronouns describing the Messiah are singular, not plural as Israel is referred to.

Father, thank You for that finished work of Jesus Christ, who, once, and for all offered Himself as the sacrifice for our sins. That He might reconcile us Lord unto You, through the blood of the cross, and make us children of God. Lord we thank You that You were willing to bear our sins, that you were *wounded and pierced for our transgressions*, You were *crushed for our iniquities*. Lord may we walk in the glorious light of the gospel, drawn by Your love to this fellowship with God. In His name we pray. Amen.

*v. 12 He bore the sin of many*”, in fact, He bore the sin of all, but not all have accepted the provision. So those who have accepted the provision, their sins have been borne by Jesus Christ. But those who do not accept the provision, their sins are not borne by Him. They will have to answer for their own sins. There is only one of two things that can happen to your sin, and that is it is totally and completely forgiven through Jesus Christ, and the work of Jesus Christ by your trusting in Him, and your faith in Him, or one day, you’re going to have to stand before God and answer for your sin. Those are the only two things that can happen. “*He bore the sin of many.*” For those who have come to trust in Him, and believe in Him, their sins have been washed away. Oh, what beautiful, wonderful, redemptive work of Jesus Christ for you and me! We ought to read this chapter once a week, just to rejoice in what God has wrought for us! The price that Jesus was willing to pay, in order to bring each of us unto God!

- Do you ever doubt God’s love? Read [Is. 52:13-53:12](#) and [Psalm 22!](#)
- We should never doubt God’s love for us, when we see in these passages His awesome and complete sacrifice for us!
- Are you really moved to tell everyone He puts in your path about the death, burial and resurrection of our LORD? That He has paid the price for all our sins and adopted us as his sons and daughters forever!

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#### ARM, ARMS IN ISAIAH (Ref. Is. 53:1))

The *arm of the LORD* is a picture of His strength, power, and might. We will see a Messiah weak and suffering, however, the strength, power, and might of God will be expressed in the midst of this suffering, seemingly weak Messiah.

*In Isa 30:30 The LORD will cause His glorious voice to be heard, And show the descent of His arm, With the indignation of His anger And the flame of a devouring fire, With scattering, tempest, and hailstones.*

*Isa 33:2 O LORD, be gracious to us; We have waited for You. Be their arm every morning, Our salvation also in the time of trouble.*

*Isa 40:10 Behold, the Lord GOD shall come with a strong hand, And His arm shall rule for Him; Behold, His reward is with Him, And His work before Him.*

*Isa 40:11 He will feed His flock like a shepherd; He will gather the lambs with His arm, And carry them in His bosom, And gently lead those who are with young.*

*Isa 44:12 The blacksmith with the tongs works one in the coals, Fashions it with hammers, And works it with the strength of his arms. Even so, he is hungry, and his strength fails; He drinks no water and is faint.*

*Isa 48:14 "All of you, assemble yourselves, and hear! Who among them has declared these things? The LORD loves him; He shall do His pleasure on Babylon, And His arm shall be against the Chaldeans.*

*Isa 49:22 Thus says the Lord GOD: "Behold, I will lift My hand in an oath to the nations, And set up My standard for the peoples; They shall bring your sons in their arms, And your daughters shall be carried on their shoulders;*

*Isa 51:5 My righteousness is near, My salvation has gone forth, And My arms will judge the peoples; The coastlands will wait upon Me, And on My arm they will trust.*

*Isa 51:9 Awake, awake, put on strength, O arm of the LORD! Awake as in the ancient days, In the generations of old. Are You not the arm that cut Rahab apart, And wounded the serpent?*

*Isa 52:10 The LORD has 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.*

*Isa 53:1 Who has believed our report? And to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed?*

*Isa 59:16 He saw that there was no man, And wondered that there was no intercessor; Therefore His own arm brought salvation for Him; And His own righteousness, it sustained Him.*

*Isa 62:8 The LORD has sworn by His right hand And by the arm of His strength: "Surely I will no longer give your grain As food for your enemies; And the sons of the foreigner shall not drink your new wine, For which you have labored.*

*Isa 63:5 I looked, but there was no one to help, And I wondered That there was no one to uphold; Therefore My own arm brought salvation for Me; And My own fury, it sustained Me.*

*Isa 63:12 Who led them by the right hand of Moses, With His glorious arm, Dividing the water before them To make for Himself an everlasting name*

**Ref re Isaiah 53:1 –Act 8:32-34 The place in the Scripture which he read was this: "HE WAS LED AS A SHEEP TO THE SLAUGHTER; AND AS A LAMB BEFORE ITS SHEARER IS SILENT, SO HE OPENED NOT HIS MOUTH. [33] IN HIS HUMILIATION HIS JUSTICE WAS TAKEN AWAY, AND WHO WILL DECLARE HIS GENERATION? FOR HIS LIFE IS TAKEN FROM THE EARTH." [34] So the eunuch answered Philip and said, "I ask you, of whom does the prophet say this, of himself or of some other man?"**

**Joh 12:38 that the word of Isaiah the prophet might be fulfilled, which he spoke: "LORD, WHO HAS BELIEVED OUR REPORT? AND TO WHOM HAS THE ARM OF THE LORD BEEN REVEALED?"**

**From 10:13-16 For "WHOEVER CALLS ON THE NAME OF THE LORD SHALL BE SAVED." [14] How then shall they call on Him in whom they have not believed? And how shall they believe in Him of whom they have not heard? And how shall they hear without a preacher? [15] And how shall they preach unless they are sent? As it is written: "HOW BEAUTIFUL ARE THE FEET OF THOSE WHO PREACH THE GOSPEL OF PEACE, WHO BRING GLAD TIDINGS OF GOODTHINGS!" [16] But they have not all obeyed the gospel. For Isaiah says, "LORD, WHO HAS BELIEVED OUR REPORT?"**

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#### PSALM 22 - Why Have You Forsaken Me?

*Psa 22:1 To the Chief Musician. Set to "The Deer of the Dawn." a Psalm of David. My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me? Why are You so far from helping Me, And from the words of My groaning?*

*Psa 22:2 O My God, I cry in the daytime, but You do not hear; And in the night season, and am not silent.*

*Psa 22:3 But You are holy, Enthroned in the praises of Israel.*

*Psa 22:4 Our fathers trusted in You; They trusted, and You delivered them.*

*Psa 22:5 They cried to You, and were delivered; They trusted in You, and were not ashamed.*

*Psa 22:6 But I am a worm, and no man; A reproach of men, and despised by the people.*

*Psa 22:7 All those who see Me ridicule Me; They shoot out the lip, they shake the head, saying,*

*Psa 22:8 "He trusted in the LORD, let Him rescue Him; Let Him deliver Him, since He delights in Him!"*

*Psa 22:9 But You are He who took Me out of the womb; You made Me trust while on My mother's breasts.*

*Psa 22:10 I was cast upon You from birth. From My mother's womb You have been My God.*

*Psa 22:11 Be not far from Me, For trouble is near; For there is none to help.*

*Psa 22:12 Many bulls have surrounded Me; Strong bulls of Bashan have encircled Me.*

*Psa 22:13 They gape at Me with their mouths, Like a raging and roaring lion.*

*Psa 22:14 I am poured out like water, And all My bones are out of joint; My heart is like wax; It has melted within Me.*

*Psa 22:15 My strength is dried up like a potsherd, And My tongue clings to My jaws; You have brought Me to the dust of death.*

*Psa 22:16 For dogs have surrounded Me; The congregation of the wicked has enclosed Me. They pierced My hands and My feet;*

*Psa 22:17 I can count all My bones. They look and stare at Me.*

*Psa 22:18 They divide My garments among them, And for My clothing they cast lots.*

*Psa 22:19 But You, O LORD, do not be far from Me; O My Strength, hasten to help Me!*

*Psa 22:20 Deliver Me from the sword, My precious life from the power of the dog.*

*Psa 22:21 Save Me from the lion's mouth And from the horns of the wild oxen! You have answered Me.*

*Psa 22:22 I will declare Your name to My brethren; In the midst of the assembly I will praise You.*

*Psa 22:23 You who fear the LORD, praise Him! All you descendants of Jacob, glorify Him, And fear Him, all you offspring of Israel!*

*Psa 22:24 For He has not despised nor abhorred the affliction of the afflicted; Nor has He hidden His face from Him; But when He cried to Him, He heard.*

*Psa 22:25 My praise shall be of You in the great assembly; I will pay My vows before those who fear Him.*

*Psa 22:26 The poor shall eat and be satisfied; Those who seek Him will praise the LORD. Let your heart live forever!*

*Psa 22:27 All the ends of the world Shall remember and turn to the LORD, And all the families of the nations Shall worship before You.*

*Psa 22:28 For the kingdom is the LORD's, And He rules over the nations.*

*Psa 22:29 All the prosperous of the earth Shall eat and worship; All those who go down to the dust Shall bow before Him, Even he who cannot keep himself alive.*

*Psa 22:30 A posterity shall serve Him. It will be recounted of the Lord to the next generation,*

*Psa 22:31 They will come and declare His righteousness to a people who will be born, That He has done this.*

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## **INSERTING THE PRECIOUS NAME OF JESUS INTO ISAIAH 52:13-53:12**

### **JESUS Was Pierced for Our Transgressions**

**Isa 52:13 Behold, My Servant JESUS shall deal prudently; JESUS shall be exalted and extolled and be very high.**

**Isa 52:14 Just as many were astonished at you, So JESUS’ visage was marred more than any man, And JESUS’ form more than the sons of men;**

**Isa 52:15 So shall JESUS sprinkle many nations. Kings shall shut their mouths at JESUS; For what had not been told them they shall see, And what they had not heard they shall consider.**

**Isa 53:1 Who has believed our report? And to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed?**

**Isa 53:2 For JESUS shall grow up before Him as a tender plant, And as a root out of dry ground. JESUS has no form or comeliness; And when we see JESUS, There is no beauty that we should desire JESUS.**

**Isa 53:3 JESUS is despised and rejected by men, A Man JESUS of sorrows and acquainted with grief. And we hid, as it were, our faces from JESUS; JESUS was despised, and we did not esteem JESUS.**

**Isa 53:4 Surely JESUS has borne our griefs And carried our sorrows; Yet we esteemed JESUS stricken, Smitten by God, and afflicted.**

**Isa 53:5 But JESUS was wounded for our transgressions, JESUS was bruised for our iniquities; The chastisement for our peace was upon JESUS, And by JESUS’ stripes we are healed.**

**Isa 53:6 All we like sheep have gone astray; We have turned, every one, to his own way; And the LORD has laid on JESUS the iniquity of us all.**

**Isa 53:7 JESUS was oppressed and JESUS was afflicted, Yet JESUS opened not His mouth; JESUS was led as a lamb to the slaughter, And as a sheep before its shearers is silent, So JESUS opened not His mouth.**

**Isa 53:8 JESUS was taken from prison and from judgment, And who will declare JESUS’ generation? For JESUS was cut off from the land of the living; For the transgressions of My people JESUS was stricken.**

**Isa 53:9 And they made JESUS’ grave with the wicked—But with the rich at JESUS’ death, Because JESUS had done no violence, Nor was any deceit in JESUS’ mouth.**

**Isa 53:10 Yet it pleased the LORD to bruise JESUS; He has put JESUS to grief. When You make JESUS’ soul an offering for sin, JESUS shall see His seed, JESUS shall prolong His days, And the pleasure of the LORD shall prosper in JESUS’ hand.**

**Isa 53:11 JESUS shall see the labor of His soul, and be satisfied. By JESUS’ knowledge My righteous Servant JESUS shall justify many, For JESUS shall bear their iniquities.**

**Isa 53:12 Therefore I will divide JESUS a portion with the great, And JESUS shall divide the spoil with the strong, Because JESUS poured out His soul unto death, And JESUS was numbered with the transgressors, And JESUS bore the sin of many, And made intercession for the transgressors.**