

The Suffering Servant Isaiah 53

Introduction

Isaiah is quoted 411 times in the New Testament. The book prophesizes in stunning detail a broad range of the ministry of Jesus Christ 700 years before Jesus was born.

Date 740 – 680 BC. Judah (Southern Kingdom) was about to follow the same example of disobedience as the Northern Kingdom, who were taken captive by the Assyrians in 722 BC.

The book has two overall parts:

Chapters 1-39 Judgment

Chapters 40-66 Comfort, including the *My Servant* passages

The Dilemma of the Prophets, 1 Peter 1:10-11

Two seemingly contradictory messages: They were making careful search,

The _____ of Christ and

the _____ to follow

They were unable to put this together.

My Servant Chapters, (chap 42-53)

Uses of *My Servant*:

1) Is 41:8-9; 44:1-2 the nation _____ (a group of people)

2) Is 42:1, 52:13 the coming _____ (a Man)

The Symmetry of the Servant Song, Is 53:13 – 53:12

vs 13-15 The Exaltation of the Servant

vs 1-3 The Rejection of the Servant

vs 4-6 The Atoning Suffering Servant

vs 7-9 The Rejection of the Servant

vs 10-13 The Exaltation of the Servant

vs 13-15 The Servant will be Exalted, even though Physically Abused

vs 13 My Servant will _____ and be _____.

vs 14 Appearance marred more than any man (scourged & beaten)

vs 1-3 The Servant was Insignificant to the World

vs 2 There is no appearance of royalty or significance (born in a manger)

vs 3 He is _____ and _____ of man (rejected and crucified)

vs 4-6 The Servant Suffered in Our Place

- vs 4 He bore our griefs and sorrows 1 Pet 2:24
 vs 5 He was pierced through for our transgressions John 19:34
 vs 6 All of us are like _____ have gone astray, John 1:29
 But the Lord has caused the iniquity of us all to fall on Him

vs 7-9 The Servant Suffered Innocently

- vs 7 He did not defend Himself Matt 26:63; 27:12-14
 vs 9 Condemned with criminals, buried by a rich man Matt 27:57-60

vs 10-12 The Servant will be Rewarded for His Suffering

- vs 10 The Lord was pleased to crush Him, ...
 If He would render Himself as a guilt offering Heb 10:9-10
 The good pleasure of the Lord will prosper in His hand
 vs 11 **My Servant** will justify the many, He will bear their iniquities
 vs 12 I will allot Him a portion with the great
 Because He poured out Himself to death Heb 2:9
 He Himself bore the sin of many 2 Cor 5:21

Main Points

Is 53, written 700 years before Christ, lays out in stunning detail the suffering of the Messiah to bear the penalty of our sin. God's Plan was fulfilled by the Lord Jesus Christ on the cross.

God has also laid out the coming reign of the Messiah over all the earth, Is 2:1-4, establishing a kingdom of justice, righteousness, and fairness, Is 11:1-10. The Word of God promises that Jesus will return to fulfill those kingdom promises, John 21:22; Acts 1:6-7, 11; 1 Cor 11:26.

We need to Remember what the Lord has Done, (the past)
 and Look Forward to what He will do, (the future).

*Therefore if you have been raised up with Christ, keep seeking the things above,
 where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God.*

Set your mind on things above, not on the things that are on earth. (the Present)

For you have died and your life is hidden with Christ in God. (the Past)

*When Christ, who is our life, is revealed,
 then you also will be revealed with Him in glory.* (the Future)

Col 3:1-4