

BOOK OF ISAIAH
Outline
Chapter 53 continued

1. **CHAPTER 53** Continues with Isaiah's "eye-witness" account of an event 700 years into the future!

Verse 8: "...for He was **CUT OFF** out of the land of the living: for the transgression of my people He was stricken."

The Hebrew words "**CUT OFF**" are very significant. It can mean "**TO SEPARATE COMPLETELY.**" Do you remember Jesus' words on the Cross, "My God, My God, why has Thou forsaken me?" In other words, because of the sins placed vicariously upon Christ at the Cross, **Jesus felt COMPLETE SEPARATION** from His Father. He felt the total Spiritual Darkness and alienation from His Father that we have grown accustomed to, since **we are born SEPARATED** from God. It is interesting that the Hebrew meaning for "**CUT OFF**" here in Isaiah is similar, though not the same, to the words "**CUT OFF**" in **Daniel 9:26** where Daniel is given the "**70 weeks**" calendar of God's timetable in dealing with His people. Daniel predicted through these weeks that in the **69th "week"** Messiah would be **CUT OFF**, or **COVENANTED!** When we study Daniel, we will see the astonishing fulfillment of the timetable that God gave Daniel! Here's a little peek at it:

The term "**weeks**" are God's "**calendar**" which dates back to **CREATION** being one "**WEEK.**" in **Genesis.** The word "**weeks**" means a **group** of "**SEVENS.**" In Daniel it is obvious that it means **groups of "SEVEN YEARS."** After Daniel had read in the book of **Jeremiah** that the Southern Kingdom Judah would be in **Babylonian captivity for 70 YEARS,** He began praying for God to give him understanding about it. God used the angel Gabriel to personally speak to Daniel and give him insight.

*The **first 7 weeks** of the 70 would be **7 times 7 years** or **49 years** from the time the command would go forth to rebuild Jerusalem. It did, indeed, take **49 years** to rebuild Jerusalem and it began in 445 B.C.

*The **62 weeks** would be **62 times 7 years** or **434 years** and would begin when the walls were rebuilt (under Nehemiah). So the first 7 weeks plus the 62 weeks makes **69 weeks or 484 years.** Daniel was told that in the **69th week Messiah would be CUT OFF or COVENANTED.** It is incredible, but true, that Daniel was given the precise timing of the appearance of Messiah and His crucifixion in **the 69th week,** for Jesus walked up the Via Dolorosa bearing His Cross for the sins of Israel and the world **EXACTLY 483 YEARS** (69 times 7) from the time the command was given to rebuild Jerusalem! This type of information can only be given by a **BEING that exists OUTSIDE OF TIME!**

*Now, the **big question** for Bible readers everywhere is...

"What about the 70th week? If Jesus was crucified in the 69th week and the weeks up unto that time were each 7 YEARS and the time was

PERFECTLY FULFILLED at His crucifixion, then why didn't this present world-age **END** in the 70th week, which would be 49 years after His death?

THE ANSWER???. Some scholars say that God has “suspended” the time between 69th week and 70th week in order for the Gentiles to be brought into the family of God. These scholars believe that the 70th week will resume in the “7 years of tribulation,” at which time God will resume His dealings with His original covenant people of Israel. Other scholars believe that the final 70th “week” is representative of the “7th day of rest or Sabbath” that God instituted in the creation account of Genesis when He rested on the 7th day. On that day in Genesis and unlike the other days of creation, there is no specific delineation of time as “evening and morning.” It is signifying a “**PERPETUAL REST.**” These scholars believe we are in the “70th week of **REST**” from our labors to be righteous, because Jesus has become our **SABBATH REST.**

Verse 9: “And He made His grave with the **WICKED...**”

The “**WICKED**” refers to Jesus dying between two **THIEVES**—an amazing prophecy.

Verse 9: “...and with the **RICH** in His death...”

QUESTION: Do you remember in whose tomb was Jesus laid?

ANSWER: Poor people of that day did not have tombs for burial like the tomb where Jesus laid. His tomb belonged to a very wealthy man by the name of Joseph of Arimathea, a member of the religious council, the Sanhedrin, but not consenting to the death sentence imposed upon Jesus.

Verse 10: “Yet it **PLEASED** the Lord to **BRUISE** Him...make His **SOUL** an **OFFERING** for sin, He shall **SEE** His **SEED**, He shall **PROLONG** His days...”

God was **PLEASED** in this **BRUISING**, for, as He had promised in Genesis at the Fall, this **BRUISING** would **BRUISE** Satan's **HEAD!** Hallelujah!!! The very **SOUL** of **Jesus** became our **SIN OFFERING**, perfectly **FULFILLING** the **SIN OFFERING** prescribed by God to **Moses** in the **Old Testament** worship. The Omniscient God who **KNOWS** all and **SEES** all could **SEE** the **SEED** that would be **born out of the crucifixion of Christ—THE SEED OF THE RIGHTEOUS—US—THE CHURCH!!!** And Jesus' **DAYS** will be **PROLONGED.** This is saying that His **KINGDOM** will be an **EVERLASTING KINGDOM** with **EVERLASTING PEOPLE** with **EVERLASTING RIGHTEOUSNESS** purchased by the **DIVINE BLOOD** of Jesus Christ, that is, **THE VERY BLOOD OF GOD!**

Verse 10: “...and the **PLEASURE** of the Lord **SHALL PROSPER** in His Hand.”

Hebrews 12:2 is the **FULFILLMENT** of this scripture. It says a remarkable thing—that while Jesus was enduring the very **ANGUISH** and **MISERY** of the Crucifixion, He pressed on because of the “**JOY** that was set before Him.” The **JOY** that Jesus saw down through the

telescope of time while the blood yet trickled into His eyes and He laid hamstrung with Roman nails was **YOU AND ME!!!** We could be delivered from the **SNARE** of the enemy. We could **again** be **MADE IN THE IMAGE OF GOD! EDEN RESTORED!!! SATAN WHIPPED and DEFEATED FOREVER!!! OH BOY, DID JESUS EVERMORE PROSPER ON THAT CROSS!!!**

Verse 11: "...shall my righteous Servant **JUSTIFY MANY**; for **HE** shall **BEAR THEIR INIQUITIES.**"

"**JUSTIFY**"—"Just" as though we had never sinned.

"**INIQUITIES**"—He bore the penalty for the **ROOT** of sin *in* us, not just our **TRANSGRESSIONS**.

The Great Physician got to the **ROOT** of our **PROBLEM—INIQUITY in us**—that same iniquity that was found in **SATAN**. (Like Jesus told the unbelieving Jews, "You are of your daddy, the **DEVIL.**" John 8:44)

Dr. Jesus **REMOVED** the **INIQUITY** with the operating equipment of a wooden cross, a crown of thorns, and three rusty nails and the **SURGERY** has been **SUCCESSFUL** for untold **MILLIONS** of souls and perhaps, one day should the world last that long, untold **BILLIONS!** That is **POWERFUL SURGERY!!!**

Verse 12: "...because He hath **POURED** out His soul unto death..."

This terminology is a **FULFILLMENT** of the **DRINK OFFERINGS** that were **POURED** out in the Old Testament worship instituted by Moses.

God has put His Divine Fingerprint upon the Holy Scriptures in that everything is **PERFECTLY FULFILLED**. Scripture interprets scripture! Only a Being which exists outside of time can perfectly declare the **FUTURE!** Remember, **Revelation 19:10:**

"for the **testimony** of Jesus is the Spirit of **PROPHECY.**"

NO OTHER RELIGION BUT TRUE BIBLICAL CHRISTIANITY CAN MAKE THE DECLARATION OF SUCH PERFECTLY FULFILLED PROPHECY!

I am so thankful for God's trusted servants of the Bible who faithfully recorded what He revealed to them!