

BOOK OF ISAIAH

Outline

Chapter 53

1. **CHAPTER 53** Isaiah's stunning revelation of the Messiah that Isaiah's Messianic nation would produce. He views the cross with such clarity, it is as if it had already happened instead of occurring 700 years into the future!

Verse 1: "...and to whom is the **ARM** of the Lord **REVEALED**?"

In the previous outline, numerous scriptures refer to the **outstretched ARM of the Lord** delivering His people. Chapter 53 begins with the **ARM** which would be **STRETCHED OUT** upon the **Cross of Calvary**, bringing the ultimate deliverance from sin. Notice that **WHO** this **ARM** is representative of has to be **REVEALED**. The Holy Spirit has to **REVEAL** Jesus to us. We can't understand through our intellect. Our fallen, carnal mind cannot comprehend the spiritual. **Revelation** is an act of **GRACE**. Luke 10:22:

"All things are delivered to me of my Father: and no man knoweth who the Son is, but the Father; and who the Father is, but the Son, and he to whom **the Son will REVEAL him.**"

Verse 2: "...**TENDER** plant, and as a **ROOT** out of a **DRY GROUND**..."

Jesus was **TENDER**. He was full of the **TENDER MERCIES** that King David spoke of. He was the **ROOT** out of Jesse, David's father, spoken of in Isaiah 11:10, Romans 15:12, and specifically the **ROOT of David** in Revelation 5:5 and 22:16.

IMPORTANT Revelation 22:16:

"I, Jesus have sent mine angel to testify unto you these things in the churches. **I AM** the **ROOT** AND the **OFFSPRING** of David, and the bright and morning star."

QUESTION: How can Jesus say that He is **BOTH** the **ROOT** (parentage) of David and also David's **OFFSPRING**? Isn't that physically impossible in this world? You can't be both parent and child of the same person!!!

ANSWER:

This scripture in Revelation 22:16 is another way of saying what Jesus said to the scribes in Luke 20:41-44 to confound them. *(Jesus effectively shut the mouths of these fault-finding "religious" people when he asked the following question. This is one of my favorite passages because I love it when certain smart alecky, high-minded people get put in their place! They had it comin' to them—I'm just sayin'.)*

"And He (Jesus) said unto them, How say they that **Christ is David's son**? And David himself saith in the book of Psalms, **The LORD** said unto **my Lord**, Sit thou on my right hand, Till I make thine enemies thy footstool . David therefore **calleth him Lord, how is he then his son?**"

The scribes couldn't answer this because their minds were veiled with their own acts of darkness. It seems they had missed the Old Testament references to...

THE INCARNATION!!! DUH!!!

It was just the **MAIN POINT** of their nation being **CHOSEN** and **CALLED OUT** by **GOD!!!** **THE PIVOTAL, MIND BOGGLING EVENT OF THE UNIVERSE—**

FOR ALL OF TIME AND ETERNITY!!!
FOR CRYING OUT LOUD!!!
HOW BLIND CAN SPIRITUAL BLINDNESS BE???



Jesus “grew” out of **DRY GROUND**. The **GROUND** was **CURSED** in the Fall of Adam and Eve. Out of this Fallen environment Jesus would come. Also, He was brought forth in a time of **spiritual** barrenness and **dryness**. Remember? There had been 400 years of silence between the Old and New Testament. He was brought forth out of **THE LAW**. The **LAW** contains the **Letter**, which **KILLS**. It is the **SPIRIT** of the **Law** that gives **LIFE**. The **LETTER** of the **LAW** was **without** the **“WATERS”** of the **SPIRIT** of the **LAW**.

Verse 2 continued: “...no **FORM** nor **COMELINESS**; and when we shall see Him, there is no **BEAUTY** that we should desire Him.”

This scripture is **NOT** saying that Jesus was physically unattractive, but is more directly related to His coming as an **ORDINARY, COMMON** person. Nothing about Him as He grew and began to preach would make someone think that He was a **KING** in the making, much less that He was God incarnate—carrying the very **GLORY** of **God within His Person**. Just like the **badger skin coverings** of the **Tabernacle of Moses** looked **ORDINARY AND COMMON** to the onlookers of Moses' day—a covering made by an animal of the **Earth**--yet beneath those badger skins of the **Tabernacle of Moses** were **GOLDEN GLORY** and the **SHEKINAH GLORY** of **GOD** over the **Ark of the Covenant**. The badger skins covering the **Tabernacle** were prescribed by God. The badger is an **EARTHEN** animal which closely associates itself with **DIRT**. It is a clear picture of **Jesus**, the **TRUE TABERNACLE OF GOD**, who would take upon Himself human **flesh**. **Human flesh** is a **DIRT** creation.

Verse 3: “He is **DESPISED** and **REJECTED** of men; a man of **SORROWS**, and acquainted with **GRIEF**: and we hid as it were our faces from Him; He was **DESPISED**, and we esteemed Him not.”

John 1:11 tells us that Jesus came unto His own people and they refused to receive Him. He was rejected as Messiah by the nation as a whole. Jesus' sorrows and grief were **DEEP anguish**—anguish of the soul.

QUESTION: What were such deep sorrows and grief (literally **ANGUISH**) that Jesus had?
ANSWER: _____

It states that He was **DESPISED** two times in this verse. This was an **intense LOATHING** of Him.

QUESTION: Why was He so despised—even loathed? He had done nothing but good.

ANSWER:

The people didn't **ESTEEM** Him. They didn't recognize Him for Who He was.

Verse 4: "Surely He hath borne **OUR** griefs, and carried **OUR SORROWS**: yet we did esteem Him **STRICKEN, SMITTEN** of God and afflicted."

Remember, when Adam fell God told Him that as a result of Sin's entrance into the world, "**cursed** is the **ground** for thy sake; in **SORROW** shalt thou eat of it all the days of thy life." (Genesis 3:17) The Book of Galatians tells us that Jesus **TOOK THE CURSE** for us. Jesus carried those **CURSED SORROWS!** HALLELUJAH!!!

He was **STRICKEN** and **SMITTEN**. These terms are fulfillment of the types and shadows in the Old Testament. The **Blood of the Passover Lamb** was to be **STRUCK** upon the two door posts and the top door post of the home of every Hebrew that God was delivering from Egyptian slavery during the time of Moses. The judgment upon Egypt (a symbol of the world's fallen system) was repeatedly called a **SMITING**. In this verse Isaiah sees **Jesus as that Lamb** whose **blood was STRUCK** on the doorposts of our hearts and he sees **Jesus as the One SMITTEN for the judgment of the world**. Jesus was also that "**ROCK**" which Moses was commanded to **STRIKE** with his rod in order to receive **LIFE-GIVING WATER**.

Verse 5: "But He was **WOUNDED** for our **TRANSGRESSIONS**, He was **BRUISED** for our **INIQUITIES**: the chastisement of our **PEACE** was upon Him: and with His **STRIPES** we are healed."

Proverbs 20:30 tells us that:

"The blueness of a **WOUND** cleanseth away evil: so do **STRIPES** the inward parts of the belly."

Here is a perfect example of "scripture interpreting scripture." This is an obscure scripture in Proverbs, but it gives insight as to the atoning work of Jesus upon the Cross of Calvary. His **WOUNDS** would **CLEANSE US** of **EVIL!!!** His **STRIPES** would be taken to get at the **HEART** of our problem—which is **our HEARTS!** The **WOUNDS** are for the **FRUIT** of sin (**TRANSGRESSIONS**) and the **STRIPES/BRUISING** are for the **ROOT** (**INIQUITIES**) of sin. Remember in God's promise to Adam and Eve that He said this coming Redeemer would be **BRUISED on His heel** (crucifixion), but that Satan's Head (authority) would receive a **deadly BRUISING!!!** Because of Jesus' wounding and bruising, we would be given back the authority Adam and Eve lost in the Garden—we would be given "power over all the power of the enemy." That's **SHOUTING NEWS!!!**

The judgment for our **loss of PEACE** with God, that is, fellowship with God in Holiness, was upon Jesus. **He fulfilled the PEACE OFFERING of the Old Testament**. The Cross of Christ has made us Holy so that we may commune with Holy God. We are reconciled unto God. We do not have to fear His Voice as Adam and Eve did after the Fall. Just as the **Old Testament Peace Offering** involved **EATING**, we can now fellowship with God and **dine**

on **HEAVENLY MANNA** because the chastisement (the penalty) **of our PEACE** was placed on Jesus!!!

Verse 6: “**ALL**...have gone astray...and the Lord hath laid on Him the **INIQUITY of us ALL.**”

Jesus bore it **ALL**---for **ALL PEOPLES**, every tribe, tongue and nation. We are all **infected** with the **ROOT OF INIQUITY**, but the **CROSS has HEALED us!!!**

Verse 7: “...He **opened not His mouth:** ...as a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before her shearers is dumb, so He **openeth not His mouth.**”

What a 700-year-old prophecy!!! Fulfilled in Matthew 27:12-14:

“And when He was accused of the chief priests and elders, **He answered nothing.** Then said Pilate unto Him, Hearst thou not how many things they witness against thee? And **He answered him to never a word;** insomuch that the governor marveled greatly.”

QUESTION: Do you think there were other reasons, besides the fact that Jesus was fulfilling prophecy, that Jesus did not open His mouth?

ANSWER: _____