

Study 94: Isaiah, Part 50

Isaiah 52 (cont.)

⁸ Listen! Your watchmen lift up their voices;
together they shout for joy.

**When the Lord returns to Zion,
they will see it with their own eyes.**

⁹ Burst into songs of joy together,
you ruins of Jerusalem,
for the Lord has comforted his people,
he has redeemed Jerusalem.

¹⁰ The Lord will lay bare his holy arm
in the sight of all the nations,
and all the ends of the earth will see
the salvation of our God. ["Jesus" = Y'shua = God saves, i.e. salvation]

¹¹ Depart, depart, go out from there!
Touch no unclean thing!

Come out from it and be pure,
you who carry the articles of the Lord's house.

¹² But you will not leave in haste
or go in flight;

for the Lord will go before you,
the God of Israel will be your rear guard.

¹³ See, my servant will act wisely; ^[b]
he will be raised and lifted up and highly exalted.

¹⁴ Just as there were many who were appalled at him— ^[c]
**his appearance was so disfigured beyond that of any human being
and his form marred beyond human likeness—**

¹⁵ **so he will sprinkle many nations,** ^[d]
and kings will shut their mouths because of him.

For what they were not told, they will see,
and what they have not heard, they will understand.

Footnotes:

b. Isaiah 52:13 Or *will prosper*

c. Isaiah 52:14 Hebrew *you*

d. Isaiah 52:15 Or *so will many nations be amazed at him* (see also Septuagint)

Isaiah 53

Who has believed our message
and to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed?

² He grew up before him like a tender shoot,
and like a root out of dry ground.

He had no beauty or majesty to attract us to him,
nothing in his appearance that we should desire him.

³ He was despised and rejected by mankind,
a man of suffering, and familiar with pain.

Like one from whom people hide their faces
he was despised, and we held him in low esteem.

⁴ Surely he took up our pain
and bore our suffering,
yet we considered him punished by God,
stricken by him, and afflicted.

⁵ But he was pierced for our transgressions,
he was crushed for our iniquities;

the punishment that brought us peace was on him,
and by his wounds we are healed.

⁶We all, like sheep, have gone astray,
each of us has turned to our own way;
and the LORD has laid on him
the iniquity of us all.

⁷He was oppressed and afflicted,
yet he did not open his mouth;
he was led like a lamb to the slaughter,
and as a sheep before its shearers is silent [**Mark 15:4-5**],
so he did not open his mouth.

⁸By oppression^[a] and judgment he was taken away.
Yet who of his generation protested?
For he was cut off from the land of the living;
for the transgression of my people he was punished.^[b]

⁹He was assigned a grave with the wicked,
and with the rich in his death [**Matt 27:57-60**],
though he had done no violence,
nor was any deceit in his mouth.

¹⁰Yet it was the LORD's will to crush him and cause him to suffer,
and though the LORD makes^[c] his life an offering for sin,
he will see his offspring and prolong his days,
and the will of the LORD will prosper in his hand.

¹¹After he has suffered,
he will see the light of life^[d] and be satisfied^[e];
by his knowledge^[f] my righteous servant will justify many,
and he will bear their iniquities.

¹²Therefore I will give him a portion among the great,^[g]
and he will divide the spoils with the strong,^[h]
because he poured out his life unto death,
and was numbered with the transgressors.

For he bore the sin of many,
and made intercession for the transgressors [**Luke 23:34**].

Footnotes:

- a. [Isaiah 53:8](#) Or *From arrest*
- b. [Isaiah 53:8](#) Or *generation considered / that he was cut off from the land of the living, / that he was punished for the transgression of my people?*
- c. [Isaiah 53:10](#) Hebrew *though you make*
- d. [Isaiah 53:11](#) Dead Sea Scrolls (see also Septuagint); Masoretic Text does not have *the light of life*.
- e. [Isaiah 53:11](#) Or (with Masoretic Text) ¹¹ *He will see the fruit of his suffering / and will be satisfied*
- f. [Isaiah 53:11](#) Or *by knowledge of him*
- g. [Isaiah 53:12](#) Or *many*
- h. [Isaiah 53:12](#) Or *numerous*