

Christ In The Old Testament
“Behold, My Servant!”
Isaiah 53

Introduction:

1. Tonight - We Are Going To Turn To:
 - Isaiah 53 - For Our Last Instalment:
 - In Our Sunday Night Series On:
 - Christ In The Old Testament!
 - We Will Have One Final Message:
 - On January 1st - But:
 - This Is The Last Specific Prophecy:
 - That We Will Look At:
 - In Our Series!
2. In 1 Corinthians 15:
 - The Apostle Paul Tells Us That:
 - The Entire Gospel:
 - Is “According To The Scriptures!”
 - And - So Far:
 - We’ve Seen Just About Every Element:
 - Of The Gospel:
 - Revealed In Specific Prophecies About Jesus!
 - Like:
 - The Coming Of Jesus!
 - The Life Of Jesus! And:
 - The Death Of Jesus!
 - The Only Element That:
 - We Have Not Looked At Yet:
 - Is The Resurrection Of Jesus!
3. But - This Element Of The Gospel:
 - Was Specifically Prophetised In Scripture:
 - As Well!
 - Especially In Psalm 16 - Where David Speaks Again On Behalf Of Christ:
 - In This Prayer To God The Father:
 - “For thou wilt not leave my soul in hell; neither wilt thou suffer thine Holy One to see corruption!”
- Well - In The Remarkable Prophecy:
 - We Come To In Isaiah 53:
 - We Have All The Elements Of The Gospel:
 - Revealed In One Passage!
4. And - Its All About:
 - A Mysterious Person:
 - Called - Back In Isaiah 52:13:
 - “My Servant!”
 - That Is - The Special Servant:
 - Of God!
5. And - All Throughout Isaiah 53:
 - We Are Given Specific Details:
 - About This Servant:
 - That Have Never Been Fulfilled:
 - Except By One Person!
 - Jesus Of Nazareth:
 - Who Is The Messianic Servant Referred To In These Verses!
- So - Tonight - We Are First:
 - Going To Read Through:
 - Isaiah 53 - And Notice:
 - How The Elements Of The Gospel:
 - Are Given To Us:
 - In This Passage!
- And Then - We Are Going To Watch:
 - A Video About:

- How Only Jesus:
- Can Be The Servant Described:
- In These Verses!

1. *The Coming Of Christ:*

- Is Described First In:
 - 53:1-2 - “Who hath believed our report? and to whom is the arm of the LORD revealed? / For he shall grow up before him as a tender plant, and as a root out of a dry ground: he hath no form nor comeliness; and when we shall see him, [there is] no beauty that we should desire him!”
 - Here - We Are Told About:
 - The Humble Beginnings Of This Servant!
 - Which Were Fulfilled:
 - In The Coming Of Jesus:
 - In All Humility!

2. *The Life Of Christ:*

- Is Described Next:
 - In 53:3-4 - “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. / Surely he hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows: yet we did esteem him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted!”
 - Here - We Are Told How:
 - The Servant Would Be Received:
 - In Spite Of His Ministry:
 - Of Healing & Helping His People!
 - This Too Was Fulfilled:
 - When - In Spite Of All Jesus Did For His People:
 - Still - “He Came Unto His Own, And His Own Received Him Not!”
 - And So:

3. *The Suffering Of Christ:*

- Is Then Described:
 - In 53:5-7 - “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. / All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the LORD hath laid on him the iniquity of us all. / He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth: he is brought as a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before her shearers is dumb, so he openeth not his mouth!”
 - Though The Physical Suffering:
 - Was Fulfilled By Jesus:
 - In That He Was Wounded & Bruised & Chastised - Even With The Stripes Of A Whip!
 - It Was The Vicarious Suffering:
 - That No Ordinary Man:
 - Could Fulfill - But Jesus Could!
 - By Having “The Iniquity Of Us All” - “Laid On Him!”
 - And - Of Course - This All Led Up To:

4. *The Death Of Christ:*

- Which We Are Told About Next:
 - In 53:8 - “He was taken from prison and from judgment: and who shall declare his generation? for he was cut off out of the land of the living: for the transgression of my people was he stricken!”
 - But - Like His Suffering:
 - His Death - Was Not For Anything:
 - He Had Done - But For:
 - “The Transgression Of (His) People!”
 - Of Course - So Much Of This:
 - We Already Saw In Matthew’s Review:
 - Of Old Testament Prophecies!
 - But - Then - We Learn Evenn About:

5. *The Burial Of Christ:*

- In 53:9 - “And he made his grave with the wicked, and with the rich in his death; because he had done no violence,

neither [was any] deceit in his mouth!”

- This Too Was Fulfilled:

- In The Burial Of Jesus:

- In A Unique Way!

- Because - Even Though Jesus Died:

- As A Common Criminal:

- On A Cross!

- He Was Buried In The Tomb:

- Of A Rich Man:

- Named Joseph Of Arimathaea!

- So - Jesus Indeed:

- “Made His Grave With The Wicked, And With The Rich In His Death!”

- But - That’s Not All!

- Because - Even:

6. ***The Resurrection Of Christ:***

- Is Described Here!

- In 53:10-11 - “Yet it pleased the LORD to bruise him; he hath put [him] to grief: when thou shalt 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. / He shall see of the travail of his soul, [and] shall be satisfied: by his knowledge shall my righteous servant justify many; for he shall bear their iniquities!”

- So - Even Though This Special Servant:

- Would Be Cut Off:

- “Out Of The Land Of The Living!” (53:8)

- Yet - God Himself:

- “Shall Prolong His Days!”

- So That - He Might “Justify Many” By “Bearing Their Iniquities!”

- This Too Can Only Be Fulfilled By Jesus!

- Who Is The Only One Who Can Truthfully Say - What He Does In:

- Revelation 1:18 - “I am] he that liveth, and was dead; and, behold, I am alive for evermore!”

- But - Even More Is Given To Us:

- In This Prophecy! And That Is:

7. ***The Ministry Of Christ:***

- Even After Coming Back To Life!

- Because In 53:12 - We Are Told That:

- “Therefore will I divide him [a portion] with the great, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong; because he hath poured out his soul unto death: and he was numbered with the transgressors; and he bare the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors!”

- Now - Jesus Himself:

- Is Enthroned In Victory:

- And - According To Hebrews 7:25:

- Is “Able Also To Save Them To The Uttermost That Come Unto God By Him, Seeing He Ever Liveth To Make Intercession For Them!”

Conclusion:

1. What A Remarkable Prophecy:

- We Have In Isaiah 53!

- And We Only Just Scratched The Surface!

- But - There’s Only One:

- Who These Verses Can Describe!

- And That Is The Lord Jesus Christ!

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