

Thursday Evening Bible Study
Series: The Book of Isaiah

Teaching Summary: Isaiah 52:13-53:12, part 7

Isaiah 52:13-53:12

Overview

Isaiah 52:13 – 53:12 is a Hebrew poem. It is the fourth and final Servant song of Isaiah. It has five stanzas, with three verses in each stanza. See **Fifteen in Bullinger**. The stanzas serve as our outline:

| Stanza | Subject |
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| Isaiah 52:13-15 | The Servant will be exalted after He suffers. |
| Isaiah 53:1-3 | The Servant was despised and misunderstood. |
| Isaiah 53:4-6 | He suffered and died for us. |
| Isaiah 53:7-9 | He willingly suffered mistreatment at the hands of godless men, ending in His death. |
| Isaiah 53:10-12 | All this according to the will of God His Father, who put Him to grief and will exalt Him. |

The fulfillment of the 4th Servant Song

The New Testament records the fulfillment of Isaiah 52:13-53:12. It does so in three striking and convincing ways.

First, there are a significant number of New Testament references to passages in the 4th Servant Song. Several are direct quotations. All are about Jesus Christ. This shows that the Servant in Isaiah 52:13-53:12 is Jesus Christ.

Second, the narrative of the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ in the gospels matches the narrative of the Servant in Isaiah 53. And the prelude in Isaiah 52:13-15 presents the lowest and highest points of His life - His suffering, His resurrection, His ascension, His session, and His return in glory.

Third, the theological explanation for the death of the Servant in Isaiah 53 and what it accomplished is found in the teachings in the New Testament epistles. They instruct us about the blood of Christ: His death on the cross, and what He accomplished by His death, both for God and for the human race (especially believers).

The New Testament introduces us to Jesus Christ, and shows - convincingly - that He is indeed the promised Servant of the LORD who dies for our sins.

First;

We will now examine passages in the New Testament that quote, fulfill, and/or refer to passages in the 4th Servant Song.

Here are the key ones:

| Servant in Isaiah | Jesus Christ in the New Testament | feature |
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| Isaiah 52:14 | Matthew 27:27-30 | His appearance was marred |
| Isaiah 52:15 | Romans 15:21 | Direct quotation: They who had no news of Him will see. |
| Isaiah 53:1 | John 12:36-38; Romans 10:16 | Direct quotation: Who has believed our report? |
| Isaiah 53:3 | Mark 10:32-34; John 1:10-11 | Despised & forsaken; we did not esteem Him. |
| Isaiah 53:4 | Matthew 8:17 | Direct quotation: He healed our diseases. |
| Isaiah 53:5 | 1Pe 2:24-25; Rom 4:25a; 1Co 15:3; 2Co 5:21 | By His stripes you were healed; our transgressions |
| Isaiah 53:7 | Mat 27:12-14; Luk 23:6-9; Joh 1:29; 1Pe 2:23; Rev 5:6,12 | He did not open His mouth; Lamb led to slaughter |
| Isaiah 53:7-8 | Acts 8:32-35 | Direct quotation |
| Isaiah 53:9 | 1 Peter 2:22 | Quotation: Committed no sin; no deceit |
| Isaiah 53:9 | Luke 23:32-33, 50-53; Matt 27:57-60 | Fulfillment (grave with wicked...rich man in death) |
| Isaiah 53:10 | John 1:29 | Guilt offering/lamb of God |
| Isaiah 53:11 | Romans 4:25b; 5:18-19 | Justify many |
| Isaiah 53:12 | Mark 15:27-28 | Numbered with the transgressors |
| Isaiah 53:12 | Luke 22:35-38 | Quoted by Jesus about Himself |
| Isaiah 53:12 | Heb 7:27; 9:26,28; 10:10-14 | Poured Himself out to death |
| Isaiah 53:12 | Luke 23:34 | He interceded for the transgressors |

Second;

We will now examine how Isaiah 53 tracks the life of Jesus Christ from His birth to His resurrection.

We begin, however, with Isaiah 52:13-15 - the highest and the lowest moments in the life of Jesus Christ:

Isaiah 52:13 describes His ultimate prosperity. He will be high – His resurrection; and lifted up – His ascension; and greatly exalted – His session (seated in glory at the right hand of the Father).

Isaiah 52:14 describes His suffering,

Isaiah 52:15 describes His Second Coming, as well as the worldwide impact of the gospel in this age.

We continue now with chapter 53.

Isaiah 53:2 describes His childhood.

Isaiah 53:3 describes His public ministry.

Isaiah 53:7-9 describe His trials, death, and burial.

Isaiah 53:10 describes His resurrection.

Isaiah 53:12 describes His Second Coming as the Messiah and King.

Third;

Isaiah 53:4-6, &11 give the meaning of the death of Christ. We will dive into this next week.