

Thursday Evening Bible Study
Series: The Book of Isaiah

Teaching Summary: Isaiah 52:13-53:12, part 10

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The fulfillment of the 4th Servant Song

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

First, there are a significant number of New Testament references to the 4th Servant Song. Several are direct quotations. All are about Jesus Christ. This proves 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.

Third, the New Testament teachings on the blood of Christ have their roots in the teaching in Isaiah 53 that the Servant died as a substitute for us.

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

First;

We have now completed the table of New Testament references to the 4th Servant Song. **Revelation 5:9-14** describes the ultimate (future) fulfillment of this 4th Servant song.

Second;

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

But first, let's see what Isaiah 52:13-15 has to say about our Lord 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). See **Luke 22:66-70; Acts 1:6-11; 7:54-56.**

Isaiah 52:14 describes His suffering, as we saw in **Matthew 27:27-30.**

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. For “he grew up”, see **Luke 2:40-52**; for “root out of parched ground”, this is a reference to the royal house of David. See **Luke 1:26-33.**

Isaiah 53:3 describes His public ministry. For “he was despised”, See **Luke 18:31-33.**

[Isaiah 53:4-6 will be addressed under the Third section below.]

Isaiah 53:7-9 describe His trials, death, and burial. We saw this in the earlier gospel passages, such as **Luke 23:6-9; 32-33; 50-53.**

Isaiah 53:10 describes His resurrection. See **Luke 24:1-9; Acts 1:1-3**. For “He will see His offspring”, this refers to His spiritual offspring; See **John 12:24,32; 1Corinthians 15:20; Hebrews 2:9-14**.

[Isaiah 53:11 will be addressed under the Third section below.]

Isaiah 53:12 describes Christ’s Second Coming as the Messiah and King. See **Matthew 24:29-31; Mark 14:60-62**. For “divide the booty with the strong”, this refers to the blessings and rewards given to the remnant of Israel at Christ’s Second Coming. See Matthew **19:27-30** and **Revelation 22:12**.

Third;

The New Testament teachings on the blood of Christ are prefigured in the teaching in Isaiah 53 that the Servant died as a substitute for us, and was raised from the dead. See Isaiah 53:4-6,10-12.

Here are the teachings that we will examine in both Isaiah 53 and the New Testament epistles:

1. Substitution
2. Expiation
3. Propitiation
4. Redemption
5. Reconciliation
6. Justification

Next time, we will see the definitions of these teachings, and how they are prefigured in Isaiah 53.

After that, we will study the same teachings in the New Testament epistles.