

ISAIAH 53: THE SUFFERING SERVANT

An Urgent Message for Today

Isaiah 1:1, 53:5

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1. Isaiah was God's man for his day (Isaiah 1:1).

His Name: "The Lord is Salvation"

His Ministry: 739-686 BC

- King Uzziah – commissioned upon his death (6:1)
- King Jotham – Assyria's rise and threat to Israel & Judah
- King Ahaz – refused to trust the Lord (7:9)
- King Hezekiah – strengthened Jerusalem and led the nation back to the Lord

Isaiah was a man in touch with God (vision)

Isaiah loved his nation (my people)

Isaiah hated sin and sham religion (repent)

"The whole story of the prophet Isaiah, as it is revealed to us in this one book, is that of a man who spoke to an inattentive age or to an age which, if attentive, mocked him and refused to obey his message, until, as the prophetic period drew to a close, he inquired in anguish, 'Who hath believed our report? And to whom hath the arm of the Lord been revealed?'" (G. Campbell Morgan)

2. Isaiah is God's messenger for our day (Isaiah 53:5).

2 Divisions

The Judgement of God (Isaiah 1-39)

The Deliverance of God (Isaiah 40-66)

3 Assurances

Deliverance from Babylon (Isaiah 40-48)

"There is no peace," says the LORD, "for the wicked." (Is 48:22)

Redemption from sin (Isaiah 49-57)

"There is no peace," says my God, "for the wicked." (Is 57:21)

Emancipation from the fall's curse (Isaiah 58-66)

4 Songs ("My Servant")

The Servant of the Lord chosen by God (Isaiah 42:1-9)

The Servant of the Lord would restore Israel and be a light to the Gentiles (Isaiah 49:1-7)

The Servant of the Lord vindicated through suffering (Isaiah 50:4-11)

The Servant of the Lord dying for the sins of the world (Isaiah 52:13-53:12)

The Centerpiece Isaiah 53:5

The punishment that brought us peace was on him (Is 53:5)

The Way Back

Wash and make yourselves clean. Take your evil deeds out of my sight; stop doing wrong. Learn to do right; seek justice. Defend the oppressed. Take up the cause of the fatherless; plead the case of the widow.

“Come now, let us settle the matter,” says the LORD. “Though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red as crimson, they shall be like wool. If you are willing and obedient, you will eat the good things of the land; but if you resist and rebel, you will be devoured by the sword.” For the mouth of the LORD has spoken. (Is 1:16–20)

Surely the arm of the LORD is not too short to save, nor his ear too dull to hear. But your iniquities have separated you from your God; your sins have hidden his face from you, so that he will not hear. (Is 59:1–2)

For our offenses are many in your sight, and our sins testify against us. Our offenses are ever with us, and we acknowledge our iniquities: rebellion and treachery against the LORD, turning our backs on our God, inciting revolt and oppression, uttering lies our hearts have conceived. (Is 59:12–13)

I, even I, am the LORD, and apart from me there is no savior. (Is 43:11)