

The Suffering Servant/Isaiah 53

In Isaiah, God is most often portrayed as "the Holy One of Israel." God's holiness was indelibly inscribed on Isaiah's mind by the vision of God that he had in the temple (Isaiah 6). The fact that God is "the Holy One of Israel" involves a problem between God and His people. God is committed to Israel through covenant. But how does a holy God continue to have relationship with an unholy people? The answer: God can only continue to live with Israel by punishing their sin. Since this would ultimately mean Israel's complete destruction, God finds another way to heal Israel's sin sickness: "He was pierced for our transgressions, He was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was upon Him, and by His wounds we are healed....the LORD has laid on Him the iniquity of us all."

Part 1: The Book of Judgment (chapters 1-39)				
Introduction to the Prophecy			The Coming Kingdom	Description of Judgment
Israel's Sickness and It's Results	Repentance: The Cure for Israel's Sickness		Israel's Hope by means of Judgment	(The Day of the Lord)
1:1 1:9	1:10 1:20	1:21 1:31	2:1 2:5	2:6 4:1

Part 1: The Book of Judgment (chapters 1-39) continued					
Survivors of the Judgment	The Reason for Judgment	Isaiah's Call to Prophecy	The Book of Immanuel	Oracles Against the Nations	Historical Interlude: Hezekiah, Assyria, and Babylon
4:2 4:6	5	6	7 12	13 35	36 39

Part 2: The Book of Comfort (chapters 40-66)							
The Power of God	The Servant Songs						Israel's Future Glory
	1st Song Israel	2nd Song Messiah	3rd Song Israel	4th Song Israel & Messiah	5th Song Messiah	6th Song Messiah	
40	41:8-20	42:1-9	42:18-25	49:1-9	50:4-11	52:13-53:12	54 66

Notes on Isaiah 52:13 - 53:12

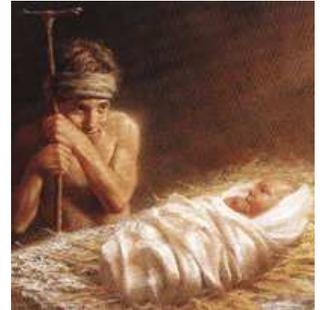
This passage is the longest of the servant songs. The song contains 5 stanzas of 3 verses each.

I. The Mystery of the Servant

- Raised up, lifted up, highly exalted by God (13)
- Mankind _____ at His humiliation (14)
- Kings silenced by what he does (15)

II. The Utter Rejection of the Servant

- Rejection of the _____ (1)
- Nothing attractive about him (2)
- We _____ him (3)



III. The Atonement of the Servant

- A good man, yet _____ by God (4)
- Punished as _____ substitute (5)
- Because of _____ sins (6)

IV. The Humiliation of the Servant

- In his _____ (7)
- In his _____ (8)
- In his _____ (9)



V. The Triumph of the Servant

- He will live to see his _____ (10)
- He will be _____ (11)
- God will reward him (12)