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The Father Knows Best

School of the Bible Class

Isaiah

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Detectives looking for Eschatological Evidences in Isaiah

Tribulation and Kingdom Truth



Continuing



THE
NEW CREATION
MODEL

A Paradigm for Discovering
God's Restoration Purposes from
Creation to New Creation

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The Restoration of Israel The Nations and the Creation

Isaiah 40-66

Comprehensive Restoration



The Restoration of all Things

Will depend on the Son not on their Kings

Home is Where God is!

- As we jump into the text, the text will give us the introduction and background.
- Except to say that our approach to the Scripture is to see everything from “God’s point of view”— at all time.
- We will not be trapped in the idea that Redemption of Man is the beginning and ending of God’s restoration.
- We believe that if Man is to redeemed he must have his habitat back as well. (New Creation Model)

Finally Home!

- At the Rapture (for the church saints) we receive our glorified bodies and go to Heaven—immortally clothed!
- However, the spatial Heaven is a temporary place—for these new bodies. They long to return, to the place which God created for them.
- While we think of earthlings wanting to go to heaven it is just as true that the heavenlies will want to return to earth. The New Jerusalem is a part of the earth.

The Plan of Redemption



- ¹Who has believed our message? And to whom has the arm of the Lord (plan) been revealed?
 - The question is left unanswered for all to respond!
 - ²For He grew up before Him like a tender shoot, And like a root out of parched ground; He has no stately form or majesty That we should look upon Him, Nor appearance that we should be attracted to Him.
- Isaiah 53:1-2

The Plan of the Lord

- After their Fall in the Garden, the Lord gave Man an opportunity to redeem himself. He gave (line from Seth to Methuselah etc.) him nearly 1500 years to get it right.
- ²⁹Now he [Lamech] called his name Noah, saying, “This one will give us rest from our work and from the toil of our hands arising from the ground which the Lord has cursed.” Genesis 5:29
- But it was not Noah—
 - He couldn’t— ending the experiment in another disaster.

The Plan of the Lord

- But they couldn't ending the experiment in another disaster.
- The Flood event reset the effort with Noah and his family. It was but a short time (c. 178 years) that the restoration of righteousness failed again at the Tower. Then as the world has been colonized—
- — 367 years after the Flood— God calls Abram.

A Remarkable Departure

One Man through Whom Redemption of all things will be Realized

- Abraham is called to fill the “role of redemption” that would never be possible even after an infinite numbers of other trials.
- Abraham sits at the headwaters of “God’s arm,” His plan to restore His creation.
- Why one man? While there were millions born into the human race every one of them ended in failing to bring about even a personal redemption. Even Melchizedek the king of redemption peace cannot and towards the end of his life he passes the mantle (Shem) to Abraham. Connected to the promised redemption of Gen. 3:15 a Seed!


Abraham is the Man

- We know the history from Abraham. The Old Testament, includes Isaiah which is part of the record of that family.
- In the details, we learn that a “Forever King” will rule over the people, (2 Sam 7:14-16) and even over all the nations—in one Eternal Kingdom. Daniel 2 etc.
- But the sons have stumbled and struggled with obedience.
- **They—to the man have failed at every opportunity to get it right.**

Their Sons are Disappointing

- By the time we get to Isaiah the prophet (730 b.c.) after the Saul debacle and the death of David and Solomon the nation has fallen further down the hill of despair. There seems to be no bottom. Assyria will capture the north and threaten to wipe out the south.
- The people have been reminded of this failure in Isaiah's first 39 chapters— they are now poised to receive good news (The Report) which begins in chapter 40.

What Message?

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- ¹Who has believed our message? And to whom has the arm of the Lord (plan) been revealed?
 - Isaiah 53:1–2 Summarized in—
 - Isaiah 40:¹“Comfort, O comfort My people,” says your God. ²“Speak kindly to Jerusalem; And call out to her, that her warfare has ended, That her iniquity has been removed, That she has received of the Lord’s hand Double (grace) for all her sins.

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The Full Report of their Future

Four Parts

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What Will Not Work!

- In the chapters, last week (Isaiah 52) we are told that Israel should not depend on their “sons” to deliver them from the infernal loop of destruction. But—
- As the sun does not spring up suddenly to noon-day it rises ever so slowly—so does the “arm of the Lord” [plan] begin to flex its muscle slowly.

Not the Sons but A Son!

- Those who believe the report are prepared for another section of the Plan—the action is delivered by the Arm of the Lord.
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Unremarkable



- The dawn is caught here **earlier**—Isaiah 42:1
- “Behold, **My Servant**, whom I uphold; **My chosen one** in whom **My soul delights**.
- I have put **My Spirit upon Him; He will bring forth justice to the nations.**



- Isaiah 49:5 And now says the Lord, **who formed Me from the womb (human) to be His Servant, To bring Jacob back to Him, so that Israel might be gathered to Him (For I am honored in the sight of the Lord, And My God is My strength),**
- Isaiah 52:13 Behold, **My servant will prosper, He will be high and lifted up and greatly exalted.**



- **13**See, my servant shall prosper; he shall be exalted and lifted up, and shall be very high.
- **14**Just as there were many who were astonished at him — so marred was his appearance, beyond human semblance, and his form beyond that of mortals—
- **15**so he shall **startle many nations**; kings shall shut their mouths because of him; for that which had not been told them they shall see, and that which they had not heard they shall contemplate. Isaiah 52:13–15

The Servant Becomes the Suffering Servant

Suffering Servant

Explained

The Servant Must Suffer

- ³He was despised and forsaken of men, A man of sorrows and acquainted with grief; And like one from whom men hide their face He was despised, and we did not esteem Him. ⁴Surely our griefs He Himself bore, And our sorrows He carried; Yet we ourselves esteemed Him stricken, Smitten of God, and afflicted. Isaiah 53:3–4

The Servant Must Suffer

- ⁵But He was pierced through for our transgressions, He was crushed for our iniquities; The chastening for our well-being fell upon Him, And by His scourging we are healed. ⁶All of us like sheep have gone astray, Each of us has turned to his own way; But the Lord has caused the iniquity of us all To fall on Him. Isaiah 53:5–6

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- ⁷He was oppressed and He was afflicted, Yet He did not open His mouth; Like a lamb that is led to slaughter, And like a sheep that is silent before its shearers, So He did not open His mouth.
- ⁸By oppression and judgment He was taken away; And as for His generation, who considered That He was cut off out of the land of the living For the transgression of my people, to whom the stroke was due? Isaiah 53:7–8

The Servant Must Suffer

- ⁹His grave was assigned with wicked men, Yet He was with a rich man in His death, Because He had done no violence, Nor was there any deceit in His mouth. ¹⁰But the Lord was pleased To crush Him, putting Him to grief; If He would render Himself as a guilt offering,
- He will see His offspring, He will prolong His days, And the good pleasure of the Lord will prosper in His hand. Isaiah 53:9–10

The Servant Must Suffer

- ¹¹Out of his anguish he shall see light; he shall find satisfaction through his knowledge.
- The righteous one, my servant, shall make many righteous, and he shall bear their iniquities.
- ¹²Therefore I will allot him a portion with the great, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong; because he poured out himself to death, and was numbered with the transgressors; yet he bore the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors. Isaiah 53:11–12

The Cost of Redemption

- We will not dismantle the text here. There is no richer section in Scripture than Isaiah 52-53. We could add a Psalm 22, **but Isaiah 53 is without parallel.**
- There are likely three dozen (!) features of this Person that could generate a years (!) worth of sermons.
- **As a quick read it is a great section to test/relish one's own salvation—do we identify with the “sheep” in the account? Do we see the vicarious death in the record?**

The Cost of Redemption

- Surely the believer's heart will resonate with the message and identify with the sheep, the wicked one that went astray now longs for the Shepherd to rescue him.
- A believers heart is thrilled and satisfied with each and every truth.
- We must ask why did the Servant do this for the rebellious sheep—personally for me!?

The Plan

- What we (the Servant Plan) have is the last thing expected by the sons of Israel. Their sons may not get the job done—so they are happy with a Servant that might come.
- But a Servant that will suffer is unconscionable. It is below the dignity of the Messianic Office.
- A son of David, for sure, but a Son that suffers is disgraced is unacceptable.

Why is this Section Here?

Isaiah 53 Inscribes the Message

- These signs are given to make sure that the sons of Israel will recognize this “delivering” Son of Israel who is born of a womb, human.
- The Suffering Servant will not be recognized unless there is this kind of detailed description of His life and ministry.

The Template

- **The details (David's Ps 22) fit's a death by crucifixion. May not be known at David's time.**
- **[Probably originating with the Assyrians and Babylonians, it was used systematically by the Persians in the 6th century BC. josh.org]**
- **The details are not to extract our sympathy and buy our allegiance— that fits Catholic Theology.**

These are markers given so that
the **Servant will be recognized** by
his life and suffering death.

Prosperity in Children-Sons

- 1“Shout for joy, O barren one, you who have borne no child; Break forth into joyful shouting and cry aloud, you who have not travailed;
- For the sons of the desolate one will be more numerous Than the sons of the married woman,” says the Lord. Isaiah 54:1

Thus far—

