

Twelve Messianic Prophecies #6-Isaiah 53-The Suffering

10-6-21...led by Terry Cooper

- These 12 prophecies will be from 10 different Bible Books and this will be the breakdown (Genesis-2, Micah-1, Daniel-1, Isaiah-2, Psalm-1, Luke-1, Matthew-1, 1 Thessalonians-1, Zechariah-1, Revelation-1).
- They were not ranked necessarily by any order of important, but rather in chronological order and now for **Messianic Prophecy #6 from Isaiah 53...THE SUFFERING**

Isaiah 53:3-9 (NLT2)

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⁴ Yet it was our weaknesses he carried; it was our sorrows that weighed him down. And we thought his troubles were a punishment from God, a punishment for his own sins!

⁵ But he was pierced for our rebellion, crushed for our sins. He was beaten so we could be whole. He was whipped so we could be healed.

⁶ All of us, like sheep, have strayed away. We have left God's paths to follow our own. Yet the LORD laid on him the sins of us all.

⁷ He was oppressed and treated harshly, yet he never said a word. He was led like a lamb to the slaughter. And as a sheep is silent before the shearers, he did not open his mouth.

⁸ Unjustly condemned, he was led away. No one cared that he died without descendants, that his life was cut short in midstream. But he was struck down for the rebellion of my people.

⁹ He had done no wrong and had never deceived anyone. But he was buried like a criminal; he was put in a rich man's grave.

This is a quote from Dr. Reagan about this Isaiah 53 prophecy... ***"Because this prophecy so clearly and precisely describes the suffering that Jesus experienced right before His crucifixion, Jews will not allow it to be read in their synagogues. It is the passage that Philip the Evangelist used to convert the Ethiopian eunuch."***

- How is it possible for the prophet Isaiah to write such detail of the suffering and crucified Christ more than 700 years in advance unless God had revealed it to him.
 - I would like to list the detail of Isaiah's prophecy and then list the New Testament fulfillment of Jesus.
 - Notice that all of these Messianic Prophecies are fulfilled in **the first coming of Christ**.
- 1. He was despised and rejected.**
 - 2. He carried our sickness, weaknesses and punishment.**
 - 3. He was punished for our sins.**
 - 4. He was the Lamb of God...led to the slaughter.**
 - 5. He had no sin, and no deception was found in Him.**
 - 6. He was buried in a rich man's grave.**

Isaiah 53:3 (NLT2) DESPISED AND REJECTED

³ He was despised and rejected—a man of sorrows, acquainted with deepest grief. We turned our backs on him and looked the other way. He was despised, and we did not care.

John 1:11 (NLT2)

¹¹ He came to his own people, and even they rejected him.

Matthew 21:33-46 (NLT2)

³³ “Now listen to another story. A certain landowner planted a vineyard, built a wall around it, dug a pit for pressing out the grape juice, and built a lookout tower. Then he leased the vineyard to tenant farmers and moved to another country. ³⁴ At the time of the grape harvest, he sent his servants to collect his share of the crop. ³⁵ But the farmers grabbed his servants, beat one, killed one, and stoned another. ³⁶ So the landowner sent a larger group of his servants to collect for him, but the results were the same. ³⁷ “Finally, the owner sent his son, thinking, ‘Surely they will respect my son.’ ³⁸ “But when the tenant farmers saw his son coming, they said to one another, ‘Here comes the heir to this estate. Come on, let’s kill him and get the estate for ourselves!’ ³⁹ So they grabbed him, dragged him out of the vineyard, and murdered him. ⁴⁰ “When the owner of the vineyard returns,” Jesus asked, “what do you think he will do to those farmers?” ⁴¹ The religious leaders replied, “He will put the wicked men to a horrible death and lease the vineyard to others who will give him his share of the crop after each harvest.” ⁴² Then Jesus asked them, “Didn’t you ever read this in the Scriptures? ‘The stone that the builders rejected has now become the cornerstone. This is the LORD’s doing, and it is wonderful to see.’ ⁴³ I tell you, the Kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a nation that will produce the proper fruit. ⁴⁴ Anyone who stumbles over that stone will be broken to pieces, and it will crush anyone it falls on.” ⁴⁵ When the leading priests and Pharisees heard this parable, they realized he was telling the story against them—they were the wicked farmers. ⁴⁶ They wanted to arrest him, but they were afraid of the crowds, who considered Jesus to be a prophet.

Isaiah 53:4 (NLT2) HE CARRIED OUR SICKNESS, WEAKNESSES AND PUNISHMENT

⁴ Yet it was our weaknesses he carried; it was our sorrows that weighed him down. And we thought his troubles were a punishment from God, a punishment for his own sins!

Matthew 8:16-17 (NLT2)

¹⁶ That evening many demon-possessed people were brought to Jesus. He cast out the evil spirits with a simple command, and he healed all the sick. ¹⁷ This fulfilled the word of the Lord through the prophet Isaiah, who said, “He took our sicknesses and removed our diseases.”

Isaiah 53:5 (NLT2) PUNISHED FOR OUR SINS

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John 19:30-37 (NLT2)

³⁰ When Jesus had tasted it, he said, “**It is finished!**” Then he bowed his head and released his spirit. ³¹ It was the day of preparation, and the Jewish leaders didn’t want the bodies hanging there the next day, which was the Sabbath (and a very special Sabbath, because it was the Passover). So they asked Pilate to hasten their deaths by ordering that their legs be broken. Then their bodies could be taken down. ³² So the soldiers came and broke the legs of the two men crucified with Jesus. ³³ But when they came to Jesus, they saw that he was already dead, so they didn’t break his legs. ³⁴ One of the soldiers, however, **pierced his side with a spear**, and immediately blood and water flowed out. ³⁵ (This report is from an eyewitness giving an accurate account. He speaks the truth so that you also can believe.) ³⁶ **These things happened in fulfillment of the Scriptures that say, “Not one of his bones will be broken,”** ³⁷ **and “They will look on the one they pierced.”**

1 Peter 2:21-25 (NLT2)

²¹ For God called you to do good, even if it means suffering, just as Christ suffered for you. He is your example, and you must follow in his steps. ²² He never sinned, nor ever deceived anyone.

²³ He did not retaliate when he was insulted, nor threaten revenge when he suffered. He left his case in the hands of God, who always judges fairly. ²⁴ He personally carried our sins in his body on the cross so that we can be dead to sin and live for what is right. **By his wounds you are healed.**

²⁵ Once you were like sheep who wandered away. But now you have turned to your Shepherd, the Guardian of your souls.

1 Corinthians 15:3 (NLT2)

³ I passed on to you what was most important and what had also been passed on to me. Christ died for our sins, just as the Scriptures said.

2 Corinthians 5:21 (NLT2)

²¹ For God made Christ, who never sinned, to be the offering for our sin, so that we could be made right with God through Christ.

Hebrews 9:27-28 (NLT2)

²⁷ And just as each person is destined to die once and after that comes judgment,

²⁸ so also Christ died once for all time as a sacrifice to take away the sins of many people. He will come again, not to deal with our sins, but to bring salvation to all who are eagerly waiting for him.

- These next two “pierced” prophecies will **ultimately be fulfilled at Jesus’ second coming.**

Zechariah 12:8-11 (NLT2)

⁸ On that day the LORD will defend the people of Jerusalem; the weakest among them will be as mighty as King David! And the royal descendants will be like God, like the angel of the LORD who goes before them! ⁹ For on that day I will begin to destroy all the nations that come against Jerusalem.

¹⁰ “Then I will pour out a spirit of grace and prayer on the family of David and on the people of Jerusalem. **They will look on me whom they have pierced and mourn for him as for an only son.** They will grieve bitterly for him as for a firstborn son who has died. ¹¹ The sorrow and mourning in Jerusalem on that day will be like the great mourning for Hadad-rimmon in the valley of Megiddo.

Revelation 1:4-8 (NLT2)

⁴ This letter is from John to the seven churches in the province of Asia. Grace and peace to you from the one who is, who always was, and who is still to come; from the sevenfold Spirit before his throne;

⁵ and from Jesus Christ. He is the faithful witness to these things, the first to rise from the dead, and the ruler of all the kings of the world. All glory to him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by shedding his blood for us. ⁶ He has made us a Kingdom of priests for God his Father. All glory and power to him forever and ever! Amen. ⁷ **Look! He comes with the clouds of heaven. And everyone will see him— even those who pierced him. And all the nations of the world will mourn for him. Yes! Amen!** ⁸ “I am the Alpha and the Omega—the beginning and the end,” says the Lord God. “I am the one who is, who always was, and who is still to come—the Almighty One.”

Isaiah 53: 6-7 (NLT2) THE LAMB OF GOD...LED TO THE SLAUGHTER

All of us, like sheep, have strayed away. We have left God's paths to follow our own. Yet the LORD laid on him the sins of us all.⁷ He was oppressed and treated harshly, yet he never said a word. He was led **like a lamb to the slaughter**. And **as a sheep** is silent before the shearers, he did not open his mouth.

John 1:29 (NLT2)²⁹ The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him and said, "Look! The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!"

Acts 8:29-36 (NLT2)

²⁹ The Holy Spirit said to Philip, "Go over and walk along beside the carriage."

³⁰ Philip ran over and heard the man reading from the prophet Isaiah. Philip asked, "Do you understand what you are reading?"³¹ The man replied, "How can I, unless someone instructs me?" And he urged Philip to come up into the carriage and sit with him.³² **The passage of Scripture he had been reading was this: "He was led like a sheep to the slaughter. And as a lamb is silent before the shearers, he did not open his mouth."**³³ He was humiliated and received no justice. Who can speak of his descendants? For his life was taken from the earth."³⁴ The eunuch asked Philip, "Tell me, was the prophet talking about himself or someone else?"³⁵ **So beginning with this same Scripture,** Philip told him the Good News about Jesus.³⁶ As they rode along, they came to some water, and the eunuch said, "Look! There's some water! Why can't I be baptized?"

Revelation 5:1-14 (NLT2)

¹ Then I saw a scroll in the right hand of the one who was sitting on the throne. There was writing on the inside and the outside of the scroll, and it was sealed with seven seals.

² And I saw a strong angel, who shouted with a loud voice: "Who is worthy to break the seals on this scroll and open it?"³ But no one in heaven or on earth or under the earth was able to open the scroll and read it.⁴ Then I began to weep bitterly because no one was found worthy to open the scroll and read it.

⁵ But one of the twenty-four elders said to me, "Stop weeping! Look, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the heir to David's throne, has won the victory. He is worthy to open the scroll and its seven seals."

⁶ **Then I saw a Lamb that looked as if it had been slaughtered,** but it was now standing between the throne and the four living beings and among the twenty-four elders. He had seven horns and seven eyes, which represent the sevenfold Spirit of God that is sent out into every part of the earth.

⁷ He stepped forward and took the scroll from the right hand of the one sitting on the throne.

⁸ And when he took the scroll, the four living beings and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb. Each one had a harp, and they held gold bowls filled with incense, which are the prayers of God's people.⁹ And they sang a new song with these words: "You are worthy to take the scroll and break its seals and open it. **For you were slaughtered, and your blood has ransomed people for God from every tribe and language and people and nation.**"¹⁰ And you have caused them to become a Kingdom of priests for our God. And they will reign on the earth."¹¹ Then I looked again, and I heard the voices of thousands and millions of angels around the throne and of the living beings and the elders.

¹² And they sang in a mighty chorus: **"Worthy is the Lamb who was slaughtered"**— to receive power and riches and wisdom and strength and honor and glory and blessing."

¹³ And then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea. They sang: "Blessing and honor and glory and power belong to the one sitting on the throne and to the Lamb forever and ever."¹⁴ And the four living beings said, "Amen!" And the twenty-four elders fell down and worshiped the Lamb.

Isaiah 53:9 (NLT2) NO SIN OR DECEPTION FOUND IN HIM

⁹ He had done no wrong and had never deceived anyone. But he was buried like a criminal;

Hebrews 4:14-15 (NLT2)

¹⁴ So then, since we have a great High Priest who has entered heaven, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold firmly to what we believe. ¹⁵ This High Priest of ours understands our weaknesses, **for he faced all of the same testings we do, yet he did not sin.**

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Isaiah 53:9 (NLT2) BURIED IN A RICH MANS GRAVE

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Matthew 27:57-60 (NLT2)

⁵⁷ As evening approached, Joseph, a rich man from Arimathea who had become a follower of Jesus,

⁵⁸ went to Pilate and asked for Jesus' body. And Pilate issued an order to release it to him.

⁵⁹ Joseph took the body and wrapped it in a long sheet of clean linen cloth.

⁶⁰ He placed it in his own new tomb, which had been carved out of the rock. Then he rolled a great stone across the entrance and left.

- Can you see why the Jews won't allow Isaiah 53 to be read in their synagogue?
- The Ethiopian Eunuch was Jewish, and the revelation of Isaiah 53 caused him to believe in Jesus as Messiah.
- I realize that tonight's class is very heavy on Scripture, and yes, that's for a reason.
- Jesus did something and revealed something that applies to all of us today.
- First, the revelation of Jesus just before He went to the cross and yes it fulfills Isaiah 53.

Luke 22:35-38 (NLT2)

³⁵ Then Jesus asked them, "When I sent you out to preach the Good News and you did not have money, a traveler's bag, or extra clothing, did you need anything?" "No," they replied.

³⁶ "But now," he said, **"take your money and a traveler's bag. And if you don't have a sword, sell your cloak and buy one!"**

³⁷ **For the time has come for this prophecy about me to be fulfilled: 'He was counted among the rebels.' Yes, everything written about me by the prophets will come true."**

³⁸ "Look, Lord," they replied, "we have two swords among us." "That's enough," he said.

- Do you see the Isaiah 53 connection?

Isaiah 53:10-12 (NLT2)

¹⁰ But it was the LORD's good plan to crush him and cause him grief. Yet when his life is made an offering for sin, he will have many descendants. He will enjoy a long life, and the LORD's good plan will prosper in his hands.

¹¹ When he sees all that is accomplished by his anguish, he will be satisfied. And because of his experience, my righteous servant will make it possible for many to be counted righteous, for he will bear all their sins.

¹² I will give him the honors of a victorious soldier, because he exposed himself to death. **He was counted among the rebels. He bore the sins of many and interceded for rebels.**

- Now, the final one...this one was revealed right after the resurrection.

Luke 24:37-45 (NLT2)

³⁷ But the whole group was startled and frightened, thinking they were seeing a ghost!

³⁸ "Why are you frightened?" he asked. "Why are your hearts filled with doubt?"

³⁹ Look at my hands. Look at my feet. You can see that it's really me. Touch me and make sure that I am not a ghost, because ghosts don't have bodies, as you see that I do."

⁴⁰ As he spoke, he showed them his hands and his feet.

⁴¹ Still they stood there in disbelief, filled with joy and wonder. Then he asked them, "Do you have anything here to eat?"

⁴² They gave him a piece of broiled fish,

⁴³ and he ate it as they watched.

⁴⁴ Then he said, **"When I was with you before, I told you that everything written about me in the law of Moses and the prophets and in the Psalms must be fulfilled."**

⁴⁵ **Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures.**

- That's why we covered so much Scripture tonight...everything written about Him is going to happen.
 - The first coming of Jesus proved the authority of Scripture...It is written...It will happen.
 - Lord, I pray that you will open our minds to understand the Scriptures.
 - Lord, I pray that we will know Christ by knowing the Truth about the price that was paid to redeem us from the grave.
 - I pray that might know **"THE SUFFERING OF CHRIST"** and worship Him who paid such a high price.
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