

2 Analysis of the Evidence
Sermon Series: The Inquisition of Jesus
Isaiah 53:1-12 **April 15, 2018**

According to Eitan Bar Isaiah 53 is considered among the Rabbi's The Forbidden Chapter and is to never be read in any Synagogue during the weekly readings. He says in his article:

“The 17th century Jewish historian, Raphael Levi, admitted that long ago the rabbis used to read Isaiah 53 in synagogues, but after the chapter caused “arguments and great confusion” the rabbis decided that the simplest thing would be to just take that prophecy out of the Haftarah readings in synagogues. That’s why today when we read Isaiah 52, we stop in the middle of the chapter and the week after we jump straight to Isaiah 54.”

Over 700 years before Jesus was even born The Prophet Isaiah predicted The Suffering and Purpose of The coming Messiah. When we study the life of Jesus from His birth to his Ascension these prophecies of Isaiah are fulfilled.

Isaiah gives us Seven Predictions

- I. **Isaiah writes of His Appearance (1-2)** Who has believed what he has heard from us? And to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed? ² For he grew up before him like a young plant, and like a root out of dry ground; he had no form or majesty that we should look at him, and no beauty that we should desire him.

We have Hope today of another Appearing.

Titus 2:13 At the same time we wait for the blessed hope and the glorious appearance of our great God and savior Jesus Christ.

II. Isaiah points out that He was Abandoned (3-

4) He was despised and rejected by men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief; and as one from whom men hide their faces he was despised, and we esteemed him not.⁴ Surely he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted.

Jesus will never abandon you! Hebrews 13:5 Your way of life should be free from the love of money, and you should be content with what you have. After all, he has said, I will never leave you or abandon you.

III. Isaiah says that He is our Atonement (5-6)

But he was pierced for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his wounds we are healed.⁶ All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned-- everyone-- to his own way; and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

Hebrews 2:17 For this reason he had to be made like them, fully human in every way, in order that he might become a merciful and faithful high priest in service to God, and that he might make atonement for the sins of the people.

IV. Isaiah Predicts He will Suffer our

Affliction (7-8) He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth; like a lamb

that is led to the **slaughter**, and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent, so he opened not his mouth. ⁸ By 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, **stricken for the transgression of my people?**

Mark 8:31-33 And he began to teach them that the Son of Man **must suffer** many things and **be rejected** by the elders and the chief priests and the scribes and **be killed**, and after three days **rise again**. ³² And he said this plainly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. ³³ But turning and seeing his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are not setting your mind on the things of God, but on the things of man."

V. **Isaiah next says He was Accursed (9-10)** And they made his **grave** with the wicked and with a **rich man** in his death, although he had done no violence, and there was no deceit in his mouth. ¹⁰ Yet it was the will of the LORD to **crush him**; he has put him to **grief**; when his soul makes an **offering for guilt**, he shall see his offspring; he shall prolong his days; the will of the LORD shall prosper in his hand.

Galatians 3:13 Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us-- for it is written, **"Cursed is everyone who is hanged on a tree"**

Taken from Deuteronomy 21:23.

VI. **Isaiah Reminds us He is our Appeasement**
(11) Out of the anguish of his soul he shall see and **be satisfied**; by his knowledge shall the righteous one, my servant, **make many** to be **accounted righteous**, and he shall **bear their iniquities**.

1 John 2:2 He is the **propitiation** for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

VII. Because of what He has done He is now

our **Advocate** (12) Therefore I will divide him a portion with the many, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong, because he poured out his soul to death and was numbered with the transgressors; yet he bore the sin of many, and **makes intercession for the transgressors**.

1 John 2:1 My dear children, I write this to you so that you will not sin. But if anybody does sin, we have an **advocate** with the Father-- Jesus Christ, the Righteous One.

The Messiah, Jesus Christ, will **Intervene** on your behalf continually after you have **Repented** and **Accepted** Him for who He is and what He has done for you.

But God is not just interested in forgiveness **expressed in your words** only but also **demonstrated in your actions**. That's why He, Himself took on the appearance of a servant and took the punishment that we deserve on himself.

Likewise, after you have found Forgiveness in His Son, God expects you to not only express it in your words but to demonstrate it in your actions as well. You are to now be His Servant.

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