The Lord's Suffering Servant

Isaiah 52:13-15; 53:1-12

- **Joel 2: 28-29 See Screen**
  - **A Brief Testimony**

[Creation-Fall-REDEMPTION-Restoration]

The John 3:16 of the Old Testament

"The Fifth Gospel"
Rev. David Baron, Messianic Jewish author and researcher, early 1900's

"Isaiah 53 is not a prophesy; it is the Gospel!"
St. Augustine, 4th Century

"Every Christian ought to be able to repeat Isaiah 53 by heart."
Martin Luther, 1500's

"Isaiah 53 could have been written beneath the cross of Golgotha."
German Christian Scholars, 1866

Afterlife Afterthought?

Sheol? Gan Eden? Gehenna? The Jewish concept of the afterlife seems broad and uncertain.

Daniel 12:3 *And those who are wise shall shine like the brightness of the sky above; and those who turn many to righteousness, like the stars forever and ever.*

Going Back to Go Forward

- *The Church of Jesus Christ and the billions who have and will be saved is founded upon the solid rock of the Messiah fulfilling the Law and the Prophets. One massive mode God uses for the growth of Christ's church is its scattering due to persecution. At the birth of the church, this dispersion would mean more converts in more places that would carry the gospel further and faster than if not.*

Acts 8:4-8 *Now those who were scattered went about preaching the word. [5] Philip went down to the city of Samaria and proclaimed to them the Christ. [6] And the crowds with one accord paid attention to what was being said by Philip, when they heard him and saw the signs that he did. [7] For unclean spirits, crying out with a loud voice, came out of many who had them, and many who were paralyzed or lame were healed. [8] So there was much joy in that city.*

- *More Seeds Planted, More Fruit Harvested!*

John 4:39 *Many Samaritans from that town believed in him because of the woman's testimony, "He told me all that I ever did." [40] So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them, and he stayed there two days. [41] And many more believed because of his word. [42] They said to the woman, "It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is indeed the Savior of the world."*

One Determined Dynamic Deacon **(Deacon=Servant)**

- ***A Sovereign God positions His people in a place for His pleasure and our joy!***

Acts 8:26-40 *Now an angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Rise and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." This is a desert place.* ***27*** *And he rose and went. And there was an Ethiopian, a eunuch, a court official of Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, who was in charge of all her treasure. He had come to Jerusalem to worship* ***28*** *and was returning, seated in his chariot, and he was reading the prophet Isaiah.* ***29*** *And the Spirit said to Philip, "Go over and join this chariot."* ***30*** *So Philip ran to him and heard him reading Isaiah the prophet and asked, "Do you understand what you are reading?"* ***31*** *And he said, "How can I, unless someone guides me?" And he invited Philip to come up and sit with him.* ***32*** ***Now the passage of the Scripture that he was reading was this:***

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Acts 8:34-38 *And the eunuch said to Philip, "About whom, I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?"* ***35*** *Then Philip opened his mouth, and beginning with this Scripture, he told him the good news about Jesus.* ***36*** *And as they were going along the road they came to some water, and the eunuch said, "See, here is water! What prevents me from being baptized?"* ***38*** *And he commanded the chariot to stop, and they both went down into the water, Philip and the eunuch, and he baptized him.*

Awaiting, Expecting and Then Happening

Isaiah 52:6-7,10 *Therefore, my people shall know my name. Therefore, in that day they shall know that it is I who speak; here I am."****7*** *How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him who brings good news, who publishes peace, who brings good news of happiness, who publishes salvation, who says to Zion, "Your God reigns."****10*** *The Lord has bared his holy arm before the eyes of all the nations, and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God.*

Isaiah 56:3-5 *Let not the foreigner who has joined himself to the Lord say, "The Lord will surely separate me from his people"; and let not the eunuch say, "Behold, I am a dry tree."****4*** *For thus says the Lord: "To the eunuchs who keep my Sabbaths, who choose the things that please me and hold fast my covenant,****5*** *I will give in my house and within my walls a monument and a name better than sons and daughters; I will give them an everlasting name that shall not be cut off.*

Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria, Ethiopia and GNO

- ***God continues to "Call the Midwife"!***

Acts 52:39-40 *39 And when they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord carried Philip away, and the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. 40 But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he passed through, he preached the gospel to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.*

Romans 10:10-15 *if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. 10 For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved. 11 For the Scripture says, "Everyone who believes in him will not be put to shame." 12 For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; for the same Lord is Lord of all, bestowing his riches on all who call on him. 13 For "everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."*
14 How then will they call on him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone preaching? 15 And how are they to preach unless they are sent? As it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news!"

Isaiah 61:1 *The Spirit of the Lord God is upon me, because the Lord has anointed me to bring good news to the poor; he has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening*

of the prison to those who are bound,]2 to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all who mourn;3 to grant to those who mourn in Zion— to give them a beautiful headdress instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, the garment of praise instead of a faint spirit; that they may be called oaks of righteousness, the planting of the Lord, that he may be glorified.

Daniel 12:2-3 *And many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt. And those who are wise shall shine like the brightness of the sky above;[a] and those who turn many to righteousness, like the stars forever and ever.*

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52:13-15 *Behold, my servant shall act wisely; he shall be high and lifted up, and shall be exalted.*
14 As many were astonished at you— his appearance was so marred, beyond human semblance, and his form beyond that of the children of mankind—15 so shall he sprinkle many nations. Kings shall shut their mouths because of him, for that which has not been told them they see, and that which they have not heard they understand.

53:1-12 *1 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. 3 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. 5 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—every one—to his own way; and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all. 7 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? 9 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. 11 Out of the anguish of his soul he shall see[l] and be satisfied; by his knowledge shall the righteous one, my servant, make many to be accounted righteous, and he shall bear their iniquities.
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.