

Isaiah 53

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The Suffering Servant

- ¹ Who hath believed our report? and to whom is the arm of the LORD revealed?
- ² For he shall grow up before him as a tender plant, and as a root out of a dry ground: he hath no form nor comeliness; and when we shall see him, there is no beauty that we should desire him.
- ³ He is despised and rejected of men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief: and we hid as it were our faces from him; he was despised, and we esteemed him not.
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- ⁴ Surely he hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows: yet we did esteem him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted.
- ⁵ But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed.
- ⁶ All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the LORD hath laid on him the iniquity of us all.
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- ⁷ He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth: he is brought as a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before her shearers is dumb, so he openeth not his mouth.
- ⁸ He was taken from prison and from judgment: and who shall declare his generation? for he was cut off out of the land of the living: for the transgression of my people was he stricken.

- ⁹ And he made his grave with the wicked, and with the rich in his death; because he had done no violence, neither was any deceit in his mouth.
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- ¹⁰ Yet it pleased the LORD to bruise him; he hath put him to grief: when thou shalt make his soul an offering for sin, he shall see his seed, he shall prolong his days, and the pleasure of the LORD shall prosper in his hand.
- ¹¹ He shall see of the travail of his soul, and shall be satisfied: by his knowledge shall my righteous servant justify many; for he shall bear their iniquities.
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- ¹² Therefore will I divide him a portion with the great, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong; because he hath poured out his soul unto death: and he was numbered with the transgressors; and he bare the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors.
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HEBREW & GREEK WORD STUDIES

Believe — אָמֵן (Aman)

To believe, trust, be faithful

The Hebrew **aman** (אָמֵן) means to believe or confirm—the root of 'Amen.' It conveys firm trust and reliability. Abraham 'believed in the LORD; and he counted it to him for righteousness' (Genesis 15:6).

God — אֱלֹהִים (Elohim)

God (plural of majesty)

The Hebrew **Elohim** (אֱלֹהִים) is a plural form denoting majesty and fullness of deity. Though grammatically plural, it takes singular verbs when referring to the one true God, suggesting the Trinity's plurality within unity.

Iniquity — אָוֶן (Avon)

Iniquity, guilt, punishment

The Hebrew **avon** (אָוֶן) encompasses iniquity, guilt, and its punishment—the twisted nature of sin. 'The LORD hath laid on him the iniquity of us all' (Isaiah 53:6), Christ bearing our guilt and penalty.

Judgment — מִשְׁפָּט (Mishpat)

Judgment, justice

The Hebrew **mishpat** (מִשְׁפָּט) means judgment or justice—God's righteous decisions and ordinances. God is the Judge of all the earth who 'shall do right' (Genesis 18:25), executing perfect justice.

Justify — צַדִּיק (Tsadaq)

To be righteous, declare righteous

The Hebrew **tsadaq** (צַדִּיק) means to be righteous or to declare righteous—a legal verdict of innocence. Abraham 'believed in the LORD; and he counted it to him for righteousness' (Genesis 15:6).

Lamb — כֶּבֶשׂ / שֶׁה (Seh / Kebes)

Lamb, young sheep

The Hebrew **seh** (שֶׁה) denotes a lamb—central to Israel's sacrificial system. The Passover lamb's blood protected Israel from judgment (Exodus 12), and Isaiah prophesied the Servant would be 'brought as a lamb to the slaughter' (Isaiah 53:7).

Lord — אֲדֹנָי / יְהוָה (YHWH / Adonai)

The LORD / Lord

When 'LORD' appears in small capitals, it represents the Tetragrammaton **YHWH** (יְהוָה), God's personal covenant name meaning 'I AM.' When 'Lord' appears normally, it's **Adonai** (אֲדֹנָי), meaning 'my Lord,' emphasizing sovereignty.

Righteous — צַדִּיק (Tzaddik)

Righteous one

The Hebrew **tzaddik** (צַדִּיק) describes one who is righteous, just, or lawful—conforming to God's standard. From the root tzedek (צֶדֶק), meaning righteousness or justice.

Sin — חַטָּאת (Chatta'ah)

Sin, missing the mark

The Hebrew **chatta'ah** (חַטָּאת) means sin—missing the mark of God's standard. It encompasses rebellion, transgression, and falling short of divine holiness.

Transgression — פְּשָׁע (Pesha)

Transgression, rebellion

The Hebrew **pesha** (פְּשָׁע) means transgression or rebellion—willful violation of God's law. It implies deliberate revolt against divine authority: 'he was wounded for our transgressions' (Isaiah 53:5).

CROSS REFERENCES**Isaiah 53:1**

Faith: John 1:7; 1:12; 12:38. **Parallel theme:** Matthew 16:17; 1 Corinthians 1:18; 1:24.

References Lord: Isaiah 40:5; 51:9; 62:8; Matthew 11:25

Isaiah 53:2 **Parallel theme:** Isaiah 11:1; 52:14; Jeremiah 23:5; Zechariah 6:12; Mark 6:3; 9:12; John 18:40; 19:5; Romans 8:3; 1 Peter 2:14

Isaiah 53:3

Parallel theme: Isaiah 49:7; 50:6; 53:4; 53:10; Matthew 26:67; Mark 14:34; 15:19; Luke 9:22; Hebrews 4:15; 5:7

Isaiah 53:4 **Parallel theme:** Psalms 69:26; Matthew 8:17; Galatians 3:13; Hebrews 9:28; 1 Peter 2:24; 1 John 2:2. **References God:** John 19:7; 1 Peter 3:18

Isaiah 53:5 **Sin:** Daniel 9:24; 1 Corinthians 15:3; 2 Corinthians 5:21; Hebrews 9:28; 1 Peter 3:18. **Parallel theme:** Matthew 20:28; Romans 4:25; Ephesians 5:2; Hebrews 10:10; 10:14

Isaiah 53:6 **Parallel theme:** Isaiah 56:11; Psalms 119:176; Romans 4:25; 1 Peter 2:25. **Sin:** Isaiah 53:10; James 5:20; 1 Peter 3:18. **References Lord:** Isaiah 55:7

Isaiah 53:7

Parallel theme: Matthew 26:63; Mark 14:61; 15:5; Luke 23:9; John 19:9; 1 Peter 2:23

Isaiah 53:8 **Sin:** Isaiah 53:5; 53:12; 1 Peter 3:18. **Judgment:** Acts 8:33. **Parallel theme:** Psalms 69:12; Daniel 9:26; John 19:7; Romans 1:4

Isaiah 53:9

Parallel theme: Hebrews 4:15; 1 Peter 2:22; 1 John 3:5. **Creation:** 2 Corinthians 5:21

Isaiah 53:10

Parallel theme: Romans 6:9; 8:8; 8:32; Galatians 3:13; Ephesians 1:5; Revelation 1:18. **Sin:** Isaiah 53:12; 2 Corinthians 5:21; 1 Peter 2:24. **References Lord:** Zechariah 13:7

Isaiah 53:11 **Righteousness:** Isaiah 45:25; 1 Peter 2:24; 3:18; 1 John 2:1. **Parallel theme:** Isaiah 53:8; 53:12; John 16:21; 17:3; Hebrews 12:2

Isaiah 53:12 **Parallel theme:** Mark 15:27; Luke 22:37; Romans 8:34. **Sin:** Isaiah 53:6; Titus 2:14; Hebrews 9:26; 9:28; 12:2; 1 John 2:12. **Creation:** Hebrews 9:24

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