

# Isaiah 53:1

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Who hath believed our report? and to whom is the arm of the LORD revealed?

## Analysis

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'Who hath believed our report? and to whom is the arm of the LORD revealed?' The chapter opens with prophetic lamentation over widespread unbelief. The Hebrew 'shemu'ah' (report/message) is literally 'what we have heard.' The 'arm of the LORD' - divine power in salvation - remains hidden to most. John 12:38 and Romans 10:16 cite this to explain Jewish rejection of Jesus.

## Historical Context

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This verse introduces the fourth Servant Song (52:13-53:12). Paul uses it to explain why not all Israel believed the gospel - faith is a gift, and the 'arm' is revealed to whom God chooses.

## Related Passages

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**Romans 1:17** — The righteous shall live by faith

**James 2:17** — Faith and works

## Study Questions

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1. Why does saving truth remain unbelieved by many?
2. How is God's arm revealed to you in the gospel?

## Interlinear Text

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## Additional Cross-References

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**John 12:38** (Faith): That the saying of Esaias the prophet might be fulfilled, which he spake, Lord, who hath believed our report? and to whom hath the arm of the Lord been revealed?

**1 Corinthians 1:18** (Parallel theme): For the preaching of the cross is to them that perish foolishness; but unto us which are saved it is the power of God.

**Matthew 16:17** (Parallel theme): And Jesus answered and said unto him, Blessed art thou, Simon Bar-jona: for flesh and blood hath not revealed it unto thee, but my Father which is in heaven.

**John 1:12** (Faith): But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name:

**Matthew 11:25** (References Lord): At that time Jesus answered and said, I thank thee, O Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because thou hast hid these things from the wise and prudent, and hast revealed them unto babes.

**1 Corinthians 1:24** (Parallel theme): But unto them which are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God, and the wisdom of God.

**Isaiah 40:5** (References Lord): And the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together: for the mouth of the LORD hath spoken it.

**Isaiah 51:9** (References Lord): Awake, awake, put on strength, O arm of the LORD; awake, as in the ancient days, in the generations of old. Art thou not it that hath cut Rahab, and wounded the dragon?

**John 1:7** (Faith): The same came for a witness, to bear witness of the Light, that all men through him might believe.

**Isaiah 62:8** (References Lord): The LORD hath sworn by his right hand, and by the arm of his strength, Surely I will no more give thy corn to be meat for thine enemies; and the sons of the stranger shall not drink thy wine, for the which thou hast laboured:

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