

Isaiah 53:12

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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.

Analysis

'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.' Victory language: portion, spoil - the Servant triumphs. Four reasons: poured out soul unto death, numbered with transgressors, bore sin of many, made intercession. Jesus quoted 'numbered with transgressors' (Luke 22:37).

Historical Context

This final verse summarizes the Servant's work: sacrificial death, identification with sinners, sin-bearing, and ongoing intercession. The victory is complete; the triumph assured.

Related Passages

James 2:17 — Faith and works

Hebrews 11:1 — Definition of faith

Romans 2:1 — Judging others

Matthew 25:31 — Final judgment

Study Questions

1. How does the Servant's suffering lead to ultimate triumph?
2. What does ongoing intercession for transgressors mean for your confidence before God?

Interlinear Text

לְכִי	יְחַלֶּה קִי	לִי	רַב־יָם	וְאֶת־
H3651	Therefore will I divide	H0	him a portion with the great	H854
	H2505		H7227	
עֲצוּמִים	יְחַלֶּה קִי	שָׁלַל	תַּחַת	אֲשֶׁר
with the strong	Therefore will I divide	the spoil	H8478	H834
H6099	H2505	H7998		
הֵעֵךְ הַ	לְמָוֶת	נַפְשׁוֹ	וְאֶת־	וְלַפְשָׁעִים
because he hath poured out	unto death	his soul	H854	for the transgressors
H6168	H4194	H5315		H6586
נִמְנָה הַ	חַטָּא וְהוּא	רַב־יָם	נֶשֶׂא	
and he was numbered	H1931 the sin	him a portion with the great	and he bare	
H4487	H2399	H7227	H5375	
וְלַפְשָׁעִים	יַפְגִּיעַ:			
for the transgressors	and made intercession			
H6586	H6293			

Additional Cross-References

Luke 22:37 (Parallel theme): For I say unto you, that this that is written must yet be accomplished in me, And he was reckoned among the transgressors: for the things concerning me have an end.

Hebrews 9:28 (Sin): So Christ was once offered to bear the sins of many; and unto them that look for him shall he appear the second time without sin unto salvation.

Mark 15:27 (Parallel theme): And with him they crucify two thieves; the one on his right hand, and the other on his left.

1 John 2:12 (Sin): I write unto you, little children, because your sins are forgiven you for his name's sake.

Hebrews 9:26 (Sin): For then must he often have suffered since the foundation of the world: but now once in the end of the world hath he appeared to put away sin by the sacrifice of himself.

Isaiah 53:6 (Sin): 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.

Romans 8:34 (Parallel theme): Who is he that condemneth? It is Christ that died, yea rather, that is risen again, who is even at the right hand of God, who also maketh intercession for us.

Titus 2:14 (Sin): Who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works.

Hebrews 9:24 (Creation): For Christ is not entered into the holy places made with hands, which are the figures of the true; but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God for us:

Hebrews 12:2 (Sin): Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God.