

Isaiah 53:8

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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.

Analysis

'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.' Legal injustice ('from prison and from judgment') leads to death. 'Cut off from the land of the living' means killed. The reason: 'for the transgression of my people' - substitutionary suffering for others' sins.

Historical Context

Jesus's unjust trial and execution fulfill this precisely. 'Who shall declare his generation' may refer to His lack of offspring (dying young) or the impossibility of fully describing His nature.

Related Passages

Romans 1:17 — The righteous shall live by faith

Hebrews 11:1 — Definition of faith

Revelation 20:12 — Judgment according to deeds

Romans 2:1 — Judging others

Study Questions

1. How does legal injustice serve God's redemptive purposes?
2. What does 'cut off for the transgression of my people' teach about substitution?

Interlinear Text

מִן־דָּוָר־זֶה וְאַתָּה לְקַרְבָּן וּמִמְּשֶׁפֶט מֵעַצְרָתֶךָ
from prison and from judgment He was taken his generation H4310
H6115 H4941 H3947 H853 H1755

מֵיִם מֵאָכֵל יְשׁוּחָה כִּי נִגְזֵר מִשְׁׁוֹחֵךְ
of the living out of the land for he was cut off and who shall declare H2416
H776 H1504 H3588 H7878

לִמְוֹד שָׁעַר עַמְּךָ בְּגָעָה כִּי־נִשְׁׁבָּע
for the transgression of my people was he stricken H0
H6588 H5971 H5061

Additional Cross-References

1 Peter 3:18 (Sin): For Christ also hath once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh, but quickened by the Spirit:

Acts 8:33 (Judgment): In his humiliation his judgment was taken away: and who shall declare his generation? for his life is taken from the earth.

John 19:7 (Parallel theme): The Jews answered him, We have a law, and by our law he ought to die, because he made himself the Son of God.

Isaiah 53:12 (Sin): 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.

Daniel 9:26 (Parallel theme): And after threescore and two weeks shall Messiah be cut off, but not for himself: and the people of the prince that shall come shall destroy the city and the sanctuary; and the end thereof shall be with a flood, and unto the end of the war desolations are determined.

Isaiah 53:5 (Sin): 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.

Psalms 69:12 (Parallel theme): They that sit in the gate speak against me; and I was the song of the drunkards.

Romans 1:4 (Parallel theme): And declared to be the Son of God with power, according to the spirit of holiness, by the resurrection from the dead:

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