

# 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

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'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

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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

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**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

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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

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מֵעַ צֶרֶם	וּמִמִּשְׁפָּט	לִקְחָה	וְאֶת	דּוֹר וְ	מִי
from prison	and from judgment	He was taken	H853	his generation	H4310
H6115	H4941	H3947		H1755	
וְיִשְׁוֹהֵם	כִּי	נִגְזַר	מֵאֶרֶץ	חַיִּים	
and who shall declare	H3588	for he was cut off	out of the land	of the living	
H7878		H1504	H776	H2416	
מִפִּי שֵׁעַ	עַמִּי	נִגַּע	לָמוֹ:		
for the transgression	of my people	was he stricken	H0		
H6588	H5971	H5061			

## Additional Cross-References

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**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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