

BEHOLD MY SERVANT – BEHOLD YOUR KING

PART # 2

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ISAIAH 52: 13 – ISAIAH 53: 12 - TEXT

ISAIAH 53: 1 – 3

CHRIST JESUS CAN ONLY BE A LIAR, A LUNATIC, OR THE LORD OF OUR LIVES BUT HE CANNOT BE ANYTHING ELSE!

THE MISUNDERSTOOD AND MISTREATED MESSIAH

ISAIAH 53: 1 – “Who hath believed our report? And to whom is the ARM OF THE LORD REVEALED”?

“THE ARM” OR “THE ARM OF THE LORD” IS JEHOVAH. - Is a symbol of the “ALMIGHTY POWER OF GOD”. Christ Jesus is the power of God. This “POWER” is a “LIVING POWER”. “THE ARM”, is vitally connected to/ and with the personal and eternal God. This is no “DEAD POWER, like electricity or hydraulic pressure, but the “LIVING POWER”, THAT WORKS IN US, by the love of God! His “ARM”, is also the symbol of His MERCY. HIS “ARM” HAS BROUGHT SALVATION.

ISAIAH 59: 16 – “And I saw that there was no man, and wondered that there was no intercessor: therefore his arm brought salvation unto him; and his righteousness, it sustained him”.

ISAIAH 53: 2 – “For he shall grow up before him as a tender plant, and as a root out of a dry ground: he has no form or COMELINESS; and when we shall see him, there is no beauty that we should desire him”.

JOHN 1: 14 – “And the WORD WAS MADE FLESH, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father), FULL OF GRACE AND TRUTH”.

The “TABERNACLE”, in the wilderness, was a “TENT”, where the glory of God dwelt. The structure was made of “Badger skins” and was PLAIN ON THE OUTSIDE. But INSIDE IT WAS EXQUISITELY BEAUTIFUL (EXODUS 25 – 27)..

We can compare the “TABERNACLE”, with Christ Jesus’ human form. John said that “The Word became flesh and dwelt among us” (JOHN 1: 14). The “Word dwell among us”, means, “He pitched His tent with us”, the same word that ancient Greeks used in the Old Testament Bible, used as a reference, to the “Tabernacle” (Tent).

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This offended the Jewish people, who could not believe that God would come in a form of a "SERVANT" (MARK 6: 1 – 3). His physical appearance was not unusual; there was no splendor or special human attractiveness to the human eye. Of course, to those who knew him, he was the "Fairest of the fair" (PSALMS 45: 1). Christ Jesus' outward appearance was not striking. This does not mean that Jesus was ugly. As one put it, this description simply meant that Jesus was not the "Prince charming", that the Jewish people were anticipating, in their Messiah! Of course the problem was, they failed to see His incredible inner beauty!

***THE ONE WHO DID NOT LOOK LIKE A " ROYAL PRINCE" – AT HIS "FIRST COMING" – WILL SOME DAY – BE THE "PRINCE OF PRINCES" AND THE "PRINCE OF PEACE", AT HIS "SECOND COMING"!**

The "Dry ground", of the desert is also a picture of JUDGMENT. The prophet Hosea, warned that his errant wife, would be made like a "Desert", if she persisted in her sins (HOSEA 2: 3). The prophet Ezekiel, pictured Israel, as a vine, planted in the dry wilderness, and soon to be withered (EZEKIEL 19: 13). Also, "Babylon", would be judged and would become a parched desert (JERIMIAH 50: 12; JEREMIAH 51: 43). The prophet Zeephaniah, predicted that God would make "Nineveh", which was a

great city state, into a desolation, a desert (ZEPHANIAH 2: 13) AND Job, described the pitiful men who were driven, to “Gnaw”, on the dry ground looking for moisture (JOB 30: 3).

The verbs in Isaiah 53:2 to Isaiah 53:9, are in the “Past tense” or the “Completed tense” form.

BEFORE THE FOUNDATION OF THE WORLD – GOD HAD A PLAN TO REDEEM MANKIND!

ISAIAH 53: 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”.

“DESPISED” – It is important to understand the word “DESPISED”, in the Hebrew sense of the meeting, and not of the English one. The English word for “DESPISED”, has a heavy emotional content, with the connotation of belittling and contempt. The Hebrew word for “DESPISED”, lacks the strength of emotion and means: “TO CONSIDER SOMETHING OR SOMEONE, TO BE WORTHLESS AND NOT WORTHY OF ATTENTION”.

*** I COUNT 37 “MIRACLES”, LISTED IN THE FOUR “GOSPELS”, THAT WAS PERFORMED BY CHRIST JESUS – OF WHICH 26 (70%), BROUGHT HEALING FROM DISEASE, INFIRMITY AND FROM DEATH BUT CHRIST JESUS PERFORMED MANY MORE “MIRACLES”, THAT ARE NOT RECORDED IN THE “GOSPELS” (JOHN 20: 30; JOHN 21: 25).**

“HE IS DESPISED” OR “HE WAS DESPISED” – Mankind’s contempt for Christ Jesus, was shown partly in the little attention which was paid to His teachings, and partly to their treatment of Him on the night and day before the crucifixion and during His ordeal on the cross (MATTHEW 26: 67, 68; MATTHEW 27: 29 – 31; MARK 15: 18, 19).

“A MAN OF SORROWS AND ACQUAINTED WITH GRIEF” – The word “SORROWS”, in the Hebrew means “TO BE IN PAIN” and refers to “Pain, suffering, and sorrow”. It can refer to physical pain or emotional pain, that can come from the physical pain of disease (JOB 33: 19).

“SORROWS”, in the Hebrew, could include physical as well as emotional pain, that is due to the wicked but “MERCY”, surrounds the person who trust in God (PSALMS 32: 10). These “SORROWS”, were experienced by the Lord Jesus, in our stead, to pay the penalty for our sins (ISAIAH 53: 3).

The concept of, “SPIRITUAL OR EMOTIONAL SUFFERING OF THE SOUL”, appears as early as God’s calls to Moses. God saw the oppression of the people and knew their “Sorrows”; hence, He sent Moses to deliver them (EXODUS 3: 7). The deep “Suffering of the soul”, also appears in Jeremiah’s lament over the destruction of Jerusalem and the exile the people of God (LAMENTATIONS 1: 12, 18).

CHRIST JESUS’ PUBLIC MINISTRY, WAS ONE OF CONSTANT “SORROWS (PAIN)” AND THE “GRIEF (SICKNESS AND DISEASE) OF OTHERS.

He was constantly “SORROWFUL”, because He constantly bore the spiritual pain of those around Him. He was constantly grieved because He constantly bore the physical disease of those around Him.

COULD SUCH A SORROWFUL, GRIEF STRICKEN MAN, BE ISRAEL'S MESSIAH? THE ANSWER IS "YES".

ROMANS 11: 22 – "Behold therefore the GOODNESS and SEVERITY OF GOD: on them which FELL, SEVERITY; but towards thee, GOODNESS, IF THOU CONTINUE IN HIS GOODNESS: otherwise thou shall be CUT OFF".

ROMANS 11: 23 – "And they also, IF THEY ABIDE NOT STILL IN UNBELIEF, shall be grafted in: FOR GOD IS ABLE TO GRAFT THEM IN AGAIN".

ROMANS 11: 24 – "For if thou wert cut out of the olive tree which is wild by nature, and wert grafted contrary to the nature into a good olive tree: how much more shall these, which be of natural branches, the grafted into their own olive tree"?

ROMANS 11: 25 – "For I would not, brethren, that you should be ignorant of this mystery, lest you should be wise in your own conceits; that blindness in part is happened to Israel, until the fullness of the gentiles be come in".

ROMANS 11: 26 – "And so all Israel shall be saved: as it is written, there shall come out of SION (ZION) THE DELIVERER, and shall turn away UNGODLINESS FROM JACOB":

ROMANS 11: 27 – "For This is my covenant unto them, when I shall take away their sins".

ROMANS 11: 28 – "As concerning the gospel, they are enemies for your sakes: but in touching the election, they are beloved for the Father's sake".

ROMANS 11: 29 – "For the gifts and calling of God are without repentance".

ROMANS 11: 30 – "For as ye in times past have not believed God, yet have now obtained mercy through their unbelief":

ROMANS 11: 31 – "Even so have these also now not believe, that through your mercy they also may obtain mercy".

ROMANS 11: 32 – "For God has concluded them all in unbelief, that he might have mercy upon all".

ROMANS 11: 33 – "O the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are His judgments, and His ways past finding out"!

ROMANS 11: 34 – "For who has known the mind of the Lord? Or who has been His counselor"?

ROMANS 11: 35 – "Or who has first given to Him, and it shall be recompense unto him again"?

ROMANS 11: 36 – "For of Him, and through Him, and to Him, are all things: to whom be glory forever. Amen".

Men may dispute about prophecy and differ in their interpretations, but let every man realize that he is dealing with God's people, Israel.

*** WHAT HAS HAPPENED TO ISRAEL , IS ALL A PART OF GOD'S PLAN, AND HE KNOWS WHAT HE IS DOING!**

The "Binding or Hardening of Israel" (ROMANS 11: 7), is neither total nor final but is partial and temporary. How long will it last? Until "The Fullness of Gentiles be come in" (ROMANS 11: 25). There is a "Fullness" for Israel (ROMANS 11: 12) and for the Gentiles.

Today, God and His grace is visiting the Gentiles and taking out a people for His name (ACTS 15:12-14). Individual Jews are being saved, of course; but this present age is primarily a time when God is visiting the Gentiles and building His church. When this present age has run its course, and the fullness of the Gentiles have come in, then God will once more deal with the nation of Israel – plainly!

Because of unbelief of the Jews, the the Gentiles were saved, said the Apostle Paul. "Now, may it be that through your salvation Israel will come to know Christ". Note, that the Apostle Paul repeatedly reminded the Christian Gentiles, that they had a spiritual obligation to Israel, to provoke them to jealousy (ROMANS 10: 19; ROMANS 11: 11, 14).

Israel's hardness is only in part (ROMANS 11: 25), which means that individual Jews can be saved. God has included "ALL", in unbelief, both the Jews and Gentiles – So that all might have the opportunity to be saved by God's grace. There's no difference. If God can save Jews by His grace and mercy today, why can He not save them in the future?

WE MUST REMEMBER THAT GOD CHOSE THE JEWS, SO THAT THE GENTILES MIGHT BE SAVED!

"In thee shall all the families of the earth be blessed", was God's promise to Abraham (GENESIS 12: 1 – 3). The tragedy was that Israel became exclusive and failed to share the truth with the Gentiles. They thought that the Gentiles had to become Jews in order to be saved. But God declared both Jew and Gentiles to be lost and condemned. This meant that He could have mercy on all because of the sacrifice of Christ Jesus on the cross.

* Christ Jesus was/is, the source of all joy, The giver of all peace, He before whom the angels and archangels bow in adoration, is also called "The Man of Sorrows". Grief broke His heart, crushed out His life!

*** SHALL WE THROUGH OUR DISOBEDIENCE, REBELLION, OR LACK OF LOVE, SERVICE OR WORSHIP – ADD TO THE "SORROWS", WHICH HE BORES EVEN TO TODAY?**

*** SHALL WE MURMUR IF WE TOO SHALL BE PERMITTED TO PARTAKE OF HIS SORROWS OR TO SHARE IN HIS "GRIEFS" – AFTER ALL THAT IS WHY WE ARE CALLED "CHRISTIANS", BECAUSE WE ARE FOLLOWERS OF CHRIST JESUS!**

*** He "SORROWED" ALL ALONE, EXCEPT PERHAPS AS ANGELS MINISTERED TO HIM IN "THE GARDEN OF GETHSEMANE" BUT HE SHARES IN ALL OF YOUR "GRIEFS". HE CARRIES ALL OUR "SORROWS", AND COVERS THOSE WHO HAVE PUT THEIR TRUST IN HIM!**

*** SHALL WE NOT WORSHIP AND ADORE "THE MAN OF SORROWS"?**

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