

# Isaiah's Servant Song – No. 4

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**Isaiah 53:1-12**

# Introduction

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- The prelude:
  - His Servant would deal wisely in fulfilling His mission, resulting in His great exaltation – 52:13
  - This exaltation would come through great suffering and anguish – 52:14
  - By God's plan His blood would sprinkle the nations clean of their sin – 52:15
- Isaiah 53 presents in vivid detail the suffering planned and fulfilled in His Servant – 1 Cor. 1:23-24



# The Suffering Servant

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Isaiah 53

God's Servant:

# Grief and Suffering for Sin

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- He knew grief despite God's power revealed through Him – 53:1; Jn. 12:37-38; Rom. 10:16
- He would serve in a climate of spiritual drought, being rejected and despised – 53:2-3
- He would suffer *for our sins* – 53:4-6
  - Through suffering our sins could be carried away— forgiven – 53:4-5; Mt. 8:16-17; 1 Pet. 2:24
  - God *laid* (Heb. *paga*) on him our sins, making him the intercessor for sinners – 53:6, 12



God's Servant:

## Willingly Submits to Suffering

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- He willingly endured unjust oppression and affliction without a word of protest – 53:7; Mt. 27:14
- He would be (and was) taken away in injustice to die...while His generation stood by in willful ignorance of His purpose – 53:8-9; Matt. 27:57-61

God's Servant:

# Victorious and Rewarded

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- His suffering *pleased* God in becoming a sufficient offering for sin – 53:10; Eph. 5:2
- For giving His life, Jehovah assures He would...
  - See His posterity, the New Israel of God
  - Prolong His days through the resurrection
  - Cause God's plan to prosper in His hand
- God would be satisfied with His sacrificial work in bringing salvation to all – 53:11; 2 Pet. 1:2-3
- Through suffering He would overcome and be numbered among the great – 53:12; Acts 2:29-33; Heb. 7:23-25