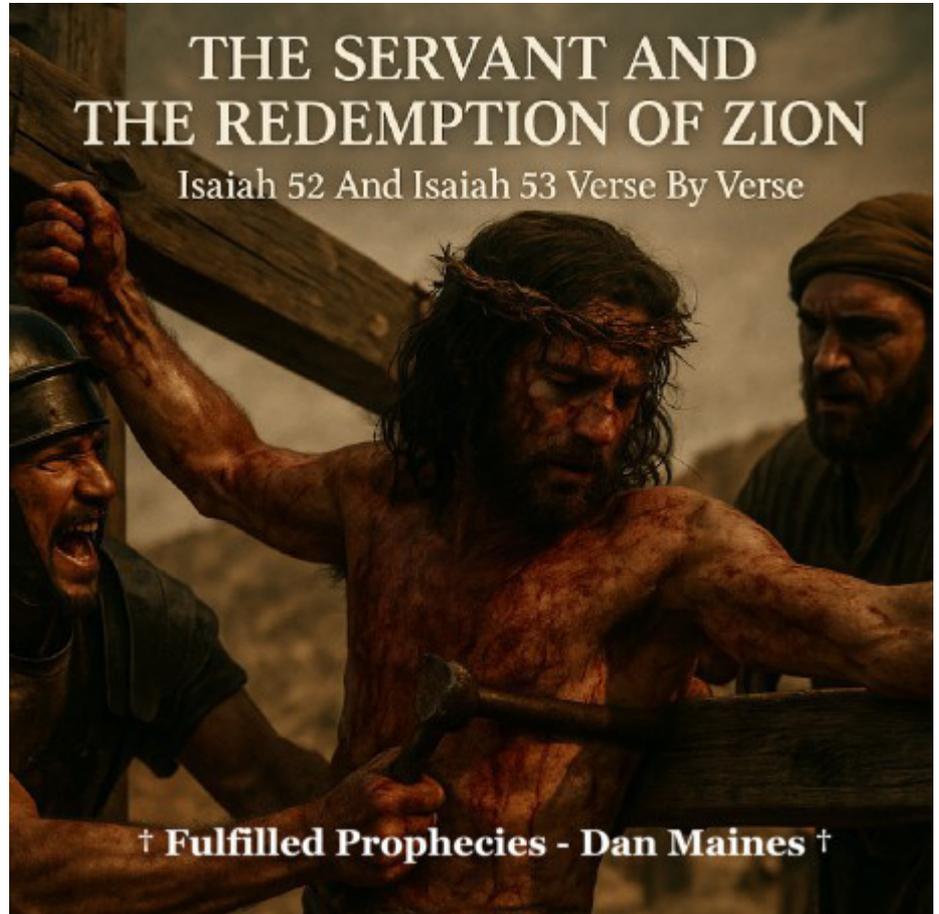


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The Servant And The Redemption Of Zion Isaiah 52 And Isaiah 53 Verse By Verse

Isaiah 52 and Isaiah 53 form the single most detailed prophecy of the Messiah's suffering, atonement, resurrection, and exaltation. These chapters anchor the fulfilled perspective by showing exactly how Christ completed His redemptive work before the end of the Old Covenant age. Isaiah does not point to a far future fulfillment. He points directly to the Servant whose mission would succeed in the generation that rejected Him.

Isaiah 52:1

Awake, awake, Clothe yourself in your strength, O Zion
Clothe yourself in your beautiful garments, O Jerusalem, the
holy city

For the uncircumcised and the unclean Will no longer come into
you

† Zion's being told to wake up because God's about to reverse her entire covenant condition. The beautiful garments are not physical clothing, they are the righteousness of the New Covenant people. This was fulfilled when the corrupt, unclean Old Covenant system was not allowed to continue. Christ's kingdom was not going to be defiled again.

Isaiah 52:2

Shake yourself from the dust, rise up

O captive Jerusalem

Loose yourself from the chains around your neck

O captive daughter of Zion

† Dust represents humiliation and covenant death. God's telling Jerusalem to rise because the Servant's going to break the chains of Old Covenant bondage. This rising begins in Christ's resurrection and reaches completion in the first century when the Old Covenant world was not allowed to stand any longer.

Isaiah 52:3

For thus says the Lord

You were sold for nothing and you will be redeemed without
money

† Israel was not sold because God was overpowered. They were sold because of rebellion. And they will be redeemed without money because redemption is not bought. It is accomplished through the Servant's sacrifice.

Isaiah 52:4

For thus says the Lord God
My people went down at the first into Egypt to reside there
Then the Assyrian oppressed them without cause

† Egypt and Assyria picture Israel's repeated bondage, but Isaiah's pointing deeper. Their true bondage was sin. The Servant was not coming to deal with politics. He was coming to deal with covenant guilt.

Isaiah 52:5

Now therefore what do I have here, declares the Lord
Seeing that My people have been taken away without cause
And again the Lord declares, Those who rule over them howl
And My name is continually blasphemed all day long

† Israel's suffering made God's name look dishonored, but God was not going to let that continue. The Servant's work would silence the blasphemy by showing God was not finished with His people.

Isaiah 52:6

Therefore My people shall know My name
Therefore in that day I am the one who is speaking
Here I am

† Here I am means God's stepping into history Himself through the Servant. Christ reveals God's name, God's character, and God's salvation. Israel did not recognize it, but Isaiah said they would.

Isaiah 52:7

How lovely on the mountains Are the feet of him who brings
good news
Who announces peace and brings good news of happiness
Who announces salvation

And says to Zion, Your God reigns

† The New Testament quotes this about the apostles. When they preached the gospel, they were not announcing a future kingdom. They were declaring a present reality. Christ was already reigning. The kingdom was not postponed, it was established.

Isaiah 52:8

Listen

Your watchmen lift up their voices

They shout joyfully together

For they will see with their own eyes
When the Lord restores
Zion

† The watchmen, Christ's own disciples, saw with their own eyes the restoration of Zion through the New Covenant. They witnessed fulfillment, not delay.

Isaiah 52:9

Break forth, shout joyfully together

You waste places of Jerusalem

For the Lord has comforted His people

He has redeemed Jerusalem

† The waste places represent the collapsing Old Covenant system. God redeemed Jerusalem by creating a New Covenant people in Christ. The true Jerusalem is not physical land. It is the redeemed community.

Isaiah 52:10

The Lord has bared His holy arm
In the sight of all the nations

That all the ends of the earth may see
The salvation of our God

† God bared His arm openly by sending Christ. The salvation of God was not hidden. The gospel reached the nations before AD

70 just as Isaiah said it would.

Isaiah 52:11

Depart, depart, go out from there
Touch nothing unclean
Go out of the midst of her
Purify yourselves
You who carry the vessels of the Lord

† God was calling His people out of the dying Old Covenant system. Purification was not coming from temple rituals anymore. Christ's sacrifice purified once for all.

Isaiah 52:12

But you will not go out in haste
Nor will you go as fugitives
For the Lord will go before you
And the God of Israel will be your rear guard

† This redemption was not rushed like the first exodus. God directed the whole covenant transition from start to finish. Christ led His people into the New Covenant safely and completely.

Isaiah 52:13

Behold, My servant will prosper
He will be high and lifted up and greatly exalted

† Prosper means succeed completely. Christ was not going to fail. High and lifted up and greatly exalted speak of His resurrection, His ascension, and His enthronement over the kingdom.

Isaiah 52:14

Just as many were astonished at you, My people
So His appearance was marred more than any man
And His form more than the sons of men

† This prophecy describes the brutality Christ endured. The Servant bore the physical marks of covenant curse so His people would not have to. His suffering fulfilled this with frightening accuracy.

Isaiah 52:15

Thus He will sprinkle many nations
Kings will shut their mouths on account of Him
For what had not been told them they will see
And what they had not heard they will understand

† Sprinkle refers to priestly cleansing. Christ's atonement reaches the nations, not just Israel. Kings are silenced because God revealed a salvation no one expected.

Isaiah 53:1

Who has believed our message
And to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed

† Israel's rejection was not an accident. Isaiah saw it long before it happened. Christ stood before them, the arm of the Lord revealed, and they still did not believe.

Isaiah 53:2

For He grew up before Him like a tender shoot
And like a root out of parched ground
He has no stately form or majesty that we should look upon Him
Nor appearance that we should be attracted to Him

† Christ did not come with the appearance Israel wanted. They wanted power and glamour. God sent humility and truth. Their false expectations blinded them to the Servant.

Isaiah 53:3

He was despised and forsaken of men
A man of sorrows and acquainted with grief
And like one from whom men hide their face

He was despised and we did not esteem Him

† Israel despised the very One sent to redeem them. This was not random. It fulfilled Isaiah with surgical precision.

Isaiah 53:4

Surely our griefs He Himself bore
And our sorrows He carried
Yet we ourselves esteemed Him stricken
Smitten of God and afflicted

† Christ carried their covenant griefs and sorrows, but they misjudged Him as cursed by God. They could not have been more wrong.

Isaiah 53:5

But He was pierced through for our transgressions
He was crushed for our iniquities
The chastening for our well being fell upon Him
And by His scourging we are healed

† This verse shatters every futurist claim of delayed atonement. Christ finished the work here. Nothing about this is future. The cross was not phase one. It was fulfillment.

Isaiah 53:6

All of us like sheep have gone astray
Each of us has turned to his own way
But the Lord has caused the iniquity of us all to fall on Him

† This is the heart of substitution. The guilt that belonged to us was transferred to Him. God did not delay this. He completed it at the cross.

Isaiah 53:7

He was oppressed and He was afflicted
Yet He did not open His mouth

Like a lamb that is led to slaughter
And like a sheep that is silent before its shearers
So He did not open His mouth

† Christ's silence in His trials was not weakness. It was obedience. Isaiah predicted it. Christ fulfilled it exactly.

Isaiah 53:8

By oppression and judgment He was taken away
And as for His generation, who considered
That He was cut off out of the land of the living
For the transgression of my people, to whom the stroke was
due

† Cut off out of the land of the living means literal death. Christ did not die for Himself. He died for His people. And this set the stage for the judgment that fell on that same generation in AD 70.

Isaiah 53:9

His grave was assigned with wicked men
Yet He was with a rich man in His death
Because He had done no violence
Nor was there any deceit in His mouth

† Rome intended to bury Him like a criminal. God overruled it through Joseph of Arimathea. Isaiah's prophecy hit the target exactly.

Isaiah 53:10

But the Lord was pleased to crush Him, putting Him to grief
If He would render Himself as a guilt offering
He will see His offspring
He will prolong His days
And the good pleasure of the Lord will prosper in His hand

† Christ offered Himself willingly. He is the guilt offering. Prolong His days points to His resurrection. His offspring is the New Covenant family born from His finished work. Everything God intended was accomplished.

Isaiah 53:11

As a result of the anguish of His soul He will see it and be satisfied

By His knowledge the Righteous One, My Servant, will justify the many

As He will bear their iniquities

† Christ's satisfaction means the mission is complete. He justified the many through His obedience. Nothing in this verse leaves room for delay or future fulfillment.

Isaiah 53:12

Therefore, I will allot Him a portion with the great

And He will divide the booty with the strong

Because He poured out Himself to death

And was numbered with the transgressors

Yet He Himself bore the sin of many

And interceded for the transgressors

† Christ receives His kingdom because He poured out His life completely. He bore the sins of many and still intercedes for His people. His victory is not partial. It is perfect.

Why Futurism Can't Accept Isaiah 53

Futurism cannot embrace Isaiah 53 because this chapter leaves zero space for postponed redemption, delayed atonement, or a future kingdom. The Servant finished everything centuries ago. Isaiah reveals a completed mission. Futurism collapses under the weight of Isaiah's precision.

How It Applies To Us Today

- † Christ finished the work once for all.
- † Zion is redeemed.
- † Atonement is complete.
- † The kingdom is established.
- † Nothing here is future.
- † We live in the fulfilled reality Isaiah foresaw.
- † Christ reigns, and His people share His victory.

† This is the fulfilled perspective we proclaim at Fulfilled Prophecies †

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