For All Have Sinned

Isaiah 53:1 Who has believed our message? And to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed?

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 would look at Him, Nor appearance that we should be attracted to Him.

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.

Isaiah 53:4 Surely our griefs He Himself bore, And our pains He carried; Yet we ourselves esteemed Him stricken, Struck down by God, and afflicted.

Isaiah 53:5 But He was pierced through for our transgressions, He was crushed for our iniquities; The punishment for our well-being fell upon Him, And by His wounds we are healed.

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.

The Bible is hated by most of the world. Question: why? Why such hatred over the Bible? Because it was written by Jews!

That is right, it was written by Jews and the truth is, that the world is mostly led by Anti-Semitism. Then a great portion of the world does not depend on the Bible. They do not trust the Bible for history, and certainly not for science.

Dr. Stephen Austin, a world renown geologist did a major paper on Earthquakes in the Middle East and referred to the Bible over 75 times— The publishers contacted him and said you quote the Bible all through your paper...to which he replied...that is data and data is very important to scientist, to geologist – they backed off and accepted the Bible reference as authorized data.

He pointed out Biblical Earthquakes: Past – Present –Future. He referred to some 5 distinct Earthquakes that are mentioned in Revelation, in the Bible, of future earthquakes.

In fact, he says that an interesting way of outlining the Bible is by Earthquakes.

God both speaks and Acts in human history

He also spoke on Earthquakes of the Bible. He mentioned 7 Great Earthquakes of the Bible.

1. During the week of Restoration–Day 3. Genesis 1:9-10; 'From Adam to Noah" by U. Cassuto; Steven A. Austin: 'Greatest Earthquakes of the Bible."

- Global Flood (maybe 4000 years ago (Young Earth) and study of Mt. St. Helen...Grand Canyon Genesis 6-9; Genesis 7:11; Numbers 16:31;
- 3. Sodom and Gomorrah 2050 BC. Genesis 19:24-28
- 4. Mt. Sinai—giving of the Mosaic Law. 1450 BC. Exodus 19:18; Hebrews 12:18-21.
- 5. Amos Earthquake 750 BC. Amos 1:1
- 6. Qumran Earthquake 31 BC.
- 7. Crucifixion—many earthquakes This one really interested me: Earthquake at the Cross. Matthew 27:45,51-52, 54.

Earthquake at the empty Tomb.

Earthquake at the Gathering—Day of Pentecost—marks beginning of Church-Age.

Peter's speech in Jerusalem, pertaining to Day of Pentecost: Acts 2:19, 20, & 32; quote of Joel 2:30-31

Stephen Austin pointed out several events of the Crucifixion:

- 1. Sun cut off at noon but began to shine around 3 PM.
- 2. Temple veil torn. Matthew 27:50-53.
- 3. Earth shaken and Rocks crushed.
- 4. Moon enters the earths shadow.
- 5. Jesus died.
- 6. Tombs opened and some rose from the dead. Matthew 27:52-53.
- 7. Great earthquake at His Resurrection. Matthew 28:2.

- 8. Earthquake at the imprisonment of Paul and Silas. Acts16:26.
- 9. The Second Advent of Christ. Revelation 16:18-19; Zechariah 14:4-5.

The wonders of the earth we now continue with the Servant of God.

Isaiah 53:3 He was despised and rejected and a man of pain

He will be remembered as **a man of pain** because of sins of mankind and acquainted with grief or severe sickness

He kept on being despised. We did not even consider that He was suffering for our sins. And He endured pain because of our sins. It never entered their minds that Jesus from Galilee, was the suffering Servant!

and we did not esteem Him

- God the Father, author of the plan, knew Jesus, His Son would be despised even by His own people. Yet He sent Him to the cross and there God the Father *crushed* His Servant.
- 2. Due to the Omniscience of God, He knew the volition of every created being; and this foreknowledge did not hinder God from sending His Son to be despised by the world and crush Him.
- 3. For in this manner, God so loved the world, that He gave His only son, that <u>whosoever believes</u> on Him shall not perish but have everlasting life.
- 4. This prophesy by Isaiah some 700 years before His servant would come that He would be rejected by His own chosen people.
- 5. Rejected by a very religious people. Religion is the great attack on Christianity.

- 6. Why did they reject Him and despise Him? And why do they reject Him right up to this day?
 - (1) While He fulfills Scripture, He does not fulfill what they desired in a Messiah. They wanted physical deliverance from Rome. They wanted to be the chief nation of the world. They wanted the Crown without the Cross. There is no Crown if there is no cross—The Cross comes before the Crown.
 - (2) They rejected Him because they did not correctly know or understand Scripture...they did not understand the Torah, writings of the Old Testament prophets and Scriptures.
 - (3) It is amazing how many people lose out in life because they reject God's plan. God's provision does not line up with their plans, their desires. And because they do not correctly understand the Word of God, they are confused because their own plans are not in line with the Plan of God.

And the reason they fail in correctly understanding the Word of God, is either failure of the Pastor-Teacher or their own failure in their own refusing to understand the Word of God.

Read

Zechariah 12:10 "And I will pour out on the house of David and on the inhabitants of Jerusalem the Spirit of grace and of supplication, so that they will look at Me whom they have pierced; and they will mourn for Him, like one mourning for an only son, and they will weep bitterly over Him like the bitter weeping over a firstborn."

But historically, before Messiah returns, before cleansing of their sin of rejection, before establishment of His Kingdom, Israel must first look unto the one whom they pierced and to plea for His Return. That is the one they despised and turned their faces from.

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

This verse is introduced by the adverb: *surely*. It is used to introduce something or some situation that is totally unexpected.

Surely – Truly our griefs He Himself bore

Yes, He was acquainted with grief, with sickness alright, <u>but</u> it was <u>our</u> <u>sickness</u>! The Hebrew word for *griefs* is the same word used in verse 3 referring to the sickness of sin.

This time we have a striking contrast: <u>our He our</u> sickness <u>He</u> bore As Young points out: "This contrast between the one and the many brings to the forefront the idea of <u>substitution</u> which characterizes the chapter. It is not only a numerical contrast, one and many but more than that, it is a <u>qualitative</u> contrast. On the one hand there is the <u>One who is</u> <u>righteous</u>. On the other are the many who have no righteousness, but who do have sickness, griefs, transgressions and iniquities."

Let's look at the two verbs used here <u>He Himself bore</u> and <u>He carried</u> The first verb <u>He Himself bore</u> is the verb meaning to lift, to carry away, to take away. This verb means that this <u>servant</u> took this sickness, <u>which</u> <u>is ours</u>, which we were destined to bear for all eternity and He took them off us and bore their pain as if they were His own. With the result of Him carrying them away, that <u>we</u> are free of them. They were like a burden upon us! But no more!

Please do not move past this verb and all it entails. The Hebrew word says it "is a verb meaning to lift, to carry, to take away. This Hebrew verb is used almost 600 times in the Hebrew Bible, and covers three distinct semantic ranges. The first means simply to lift. The second is to bear or to carry and used especially in reference to the bearing of guilt or punishment of sin, the Jews clearly understood this. The third is to take away.

Leviticus 5:17 "Now if a person sins and does any of the things which the LORD has commanded not to be done, though he was unaware, still he is guilty and shall bear his punishment.

The Jews did not understand how the coming Messiah would bear that punishment on Himself—<u>freeing them</u> of this guilt, this punishment.

Leviticus 5:18 "He is then to bring to the priest a ram without defect from the flock, according to your valuation, for a guilt offering. So the priest shall make atonement for him concerning his error in which he sinned unintentionally and did not know it, and it will be forgiven him.

Leviticus 5:19 "It is a guilt offering; he was certainly guilty before the LORD."

Leviticus 10:17 "Why did you not eat the sin offering at the holy place? For it is most holy, and He gave it to you to <u>bear away</u> the guilt of

the congregation, <u>to make atonement</u> for them before the LORD.

Isaiah 53:4 surely <u>our sickness</u> of sin He, Himself bore.

This is where we get the theological word '<u>expiation</u>.' He put an <u>end to</u> <u>the sin</u> issue; He extinguished the guilt incurred by our sins.

Now the only issue remaining between God and man, is God's Righteousness, which mankind does not have.

The negative of the gospel is removed...sins and the sickness, the shame the guilt of these sins is now removed, but we are <u>not yet saved...We</u> <u>must have His Righteousness</u>; and the only way we can get His Righteousness to be our Righteousness is by <u>faith in Jesus Christ</u>. He took our Guilt and now we can receive His Righteousness.

Sickness of Us He bore –He carried away the sickness of sin.

OK.

- 1. This sickness, separates us from God! It forms a barrier between man and God.
- 2. By <u>carrying it away</u>—Jesus Christ is removing the barrier between Himself and mankind.
- 3. From our study of the shame at the Judgment Seat of Christ, we noted that the shame we may carry will not be the shame of sins.

1 John 2:28 Now, little children, abide in Him, so that when He appears, we may have confidence and not shrink away from Him in <u>shame</u> at His coming.

At the Judgement Seat of Christ we will have <u>shame in failure</u> to glorify Jesus Christ. This is not the shame of our sinscommitted while physically alive here on earth and why not? Because Christ bore the judgment of sins which includes the shame of sins.

Hebrews 12:2 addresses how we are to live each day.

Hebrews 12:1 Therefore, since we have so great a cloud of witnesses surrounding us, let us also lay aside every encumbrance and the sin which so easily entangles us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us,

Hebrews 12:2 fixing our eyes on Jesus, not on others,

Not on self, but on Jesus the author and perfecter of faith. Here is the battle of the Christian life, <u>living by faith</u>, it is not so much what we do, but in what or whose power we do it; in the power of our flesh or in the power of the Holy Spirit who for the joy set before Him Jesus Christ endured the cross, despising the shame, He bore the guilt and shame of our sins and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

- 4. Now with the barrier removed, He (God) is now free to offer His own Righteousness to anyone, everyone who believes in His <u>Servant</u> Son, the anointed Messiah, Jesus the Christ.
- 5. On the cross, Jesus Christ took upon Himself our sins—our guilt, our shame of sins and took it upon Himself—therefore our sins are taken away, along with the guilt of sins. They are no longer an issue.

6. Those who contend that one can lose their salvation by some sin or even pattern of sins does not understand what happened on the cross, and blasphemes Jesus Christ and blasphemes His work on the cross, making himself an enemy of the cross Philippians 3:18.

Isaiah 53:4 Truly our sickness of Us, He Himself bore

In judgment on the cross. This is why He was crushed by God the Father.

And our sorrows/sickness He carried. We now come to the Second verb...first <u>He bore now He carried</u> our sorrows here are the pains of sin; the sickness of sin and He carried them away from us—the verb to <u>carry</u> means to <u>carry a heavy burden</u>. This is what our Savior did for us on the cross. People who teach you can lose your Salvation or that you will one day in the future bear the shame of committing those sins...do not understand what happened on the cross. What is the difference in these two verbs? *To bear*–He bore our sickness—means it <u>was a burden</u> He bore. But this word to carry conveys yet a different picture—He picks it up and <u>carries it away</u>...

So in Isaiah 53:4 this verb is used to present a <u>closeness between the</u> <u>Savior and the Sinner</u>, why we can come to Him.

He bore our sickness and carried the pains of sin with the result we are <u>delivered from them</u>...And people this includes every <u>unbeliever</u>, everyone who does not believe in Jesus Christ. <u>They are not judged</u> <u>because of their sins</u>.

They are judged for the sin of unbelief.

Isaiah 53:4 Yet we ourselves esteemed Him stricken

Here is the arrogance of man, here is the wisdom of man. The wisdom of man is the foolishness of man. The Hebrew word *esteem* means *to think*, *to look at something and come up with a conclusion* always looking but never seeing!

Read

1 Corinthians 1:18 For the word of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the <u>power</u> of God.

1 Corinthians 1:19 For it is written: "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, And the understanding of those who have understanding, I will confound or destroy."

1 Corinthians 1:20 Where is the wise man? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has God not made foolish the wisdom of the world?

One of the ways of seeing the foolishness of man is how he prides himself at his ability to look at the world, the universe nature and come up with *evolution* and that the world is millions and millions of years old and then in his arrogance –concludes the fact we must rid the educational system of the Bible and get rid of all this creation stuff...we are wise! Being wise they became fools!

Back to

Isaiah 53:4 Surely/truly our griefs He Himself bore, And our sorrows He carried;

He tenderly picked them up and carried them away from us. Yet we ourselves in our arrogant Self-Righteous thinking, *esteemed Him stricken*. When they looked upon the suffering Servant what were their thoughts?

What was their conclusions?

We have three verbs to describe the suffering of Jesus Christ in our place: **stricken, smitten and afflicted.** Why these three descriptive words? By noting them we learn <u>about sin</u>, and the <u>suffering of sin</u>. And people please remember that had Jesus Christ not taken these upon Himself, these three words describe what was meant for you, me, and everyone!

Stricken, Oh, people this is a horrible word, a horrible thing to happen to anyone, and if it had not been for our Savior we would have experienced being *stricken*. The first thing said in one Lexicon is that this word means to be touched or <u>to strike</u>. What is the first thing we learn from this about sin?

You will be touched by God, He will reach out and strike you because of your sins! The problem here is that multitudes of people live in sin and do not feel God touching them striking them—so they conclude (1) there is no God or (2) He does not care about what I am doing: fornication, adulterers, homosexuality or even about what I may think! (SAD) and on & on. This word describes the divine punishment for sin that awaits everyone of us for our sins. This is what awaits everyone of us...but Christ took this off us and took it on Himself. If you run out of things to thank God for...well, get down on your knees and thank Him for sending His Son to take your place. In the first book of the Bible given to us we find this word.

Job 19:21 Pity me, pity me. O you my friends, for the hand of God has struck me.