

**THE GREAT OLD TESTAMENT THEOLOGIAN**  
**A SCRIPTURAL STUDY OF THE PROPHET ISAIAH**  
**(Chapters 40-66)**  
***The Suffering Servant (Ebed) of Yahweh***

**Isaiah 50:4-9**

**What kind of ministry is mentioned in this text which will fall to the Servant?**

**What price will the Servant personally be willing to pay to carry out this ministry?**

**What is the Servant's attitude toward this opposition?**

**What is the Servant's hope and expectation?**

**What is the problem with identifying the Servant in this passage with the Jewish nation? (Hint: The Servant suffers because of his obedience to God. Is that the case with the nation?)**

**Isaiah 52:13-53:12**

**With what teaching is this passage bracketed or "sandwiched?"**

**At 52:15 the Hebrew word employed may be translated either “startled” (NRSV) or “sprinkled” (ESV, TNIV). What do each respectively teach about the Servant of Yahweh?**

**What does 53:2 say about the Servant’s outward appearance?**

**Instead of following the Servant the people \_\_\_\_\_ him.**

**What sort of “social support” does the Servant receive in the midst of his suffering?**

**In verses 4-6 with what sort of issues or human needs does the Servant wrestle?**

**For what two reasons does the Servant suffer?**

**The Servant becomes \_\_\_\_\_ substitute.**

**Compare the experience of the Suffering Servant with that of the gospel portrait of the passion (suffering and death) and resurrection of Jesus? What similarities can you find?**

**Please investigate the way the following New Testament texts reference a portion of this famous text from Isaiah:**

- 1) What is the context of each passage?**
- 2) Who is the speaker?**
- 3) What point is being made?**

**John 12:38 cites Isa. 53:1**

**Romans 10:16 cites Isaiah 53:1**

**Matt. 8:17 cites Isa. 53:4; How does Matthew explain a portion of Jesus' ministry with that quotation?**

**Acts 8:32-33 cites Isa. 53:7-8**

**Mark 10:45 references Isaiah 52:14a, 15a; 53:11-12**

**Mark 14:24 references Isaiah 53:11-12**

**Luke 22:37 cites Isa. 53:12**

**1 Peter 2:21-25 echoes Isa. 53:5-12**

**New Testament references to Jesus as God's Servant**

**Acts 3:26; Jesus as God's servant; Peter preaching in the temple courts**

**Acts 4:27, 30; A group of Christians praying reference Jesus as "your holy servant Jesus"**

**\*After this extensive review do you have further questions about the Suffering Servant of God and how in a variety of ways Jesus interpreted his ministry and death in those terms?**