

## Isa 52:7 – 53:3

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### The announcement of the gospel **Isa 52:7-10**

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!" 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. 9 Break forth, shout joyfully together, You waste places of Jerusalem; For the LORD has comforted His people, He has redeemed Jerusalem. 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.

"Mountains" = nations (Lk 24:44-49; Mk 16:15; Ac 1:8)

Mt 28:18-20 And Jesus came up and spoke to them, saying, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. 19 "Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, ...

"feet" = the go in the great commission (Rom 10:9-15)

Rom 10:15 How will they preach unless they are sent? Just as it is written, "HOW BEAUTIFUL ARE THE FEET OF THOSE WHO BRING GOOD NEWS OF GOOD THINGS!"

"good news" [of happiness] = the gospel (Isa 40:9; 61:1; Nah 1:15; Rom 10:15)

#### Announcing peace

Rom 5:1 Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ,

Rom 14:17 for the kingdom of God is not eating and drinking, but righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit.

Rom 15:33 Now the God of peace be with you all. (Phil 4:9)

Eph 2:14 For He Himself is our peace, who made both groups into one and broke down the barrier of the dividing wall, (Col 1:20)

"watchmen" (v. 8) speaks of intercessors

Isa 62:6-7 On your walls, O Jerusalem, I have appointed watchmen; All day and all night they will never keep silent. You who remind the LORD, take no rest for yourselves; 7 And give Him no rest until He establishes And makes Jerusalem a praise in the earth.

"the LORD has comforted His people, He has redeemed Jerusalem" (v. 9)

Comfort = (Isa 40:1)

2Thes 2:16-17 Now may our Lord Jesus Christ Himself and God our Father, who has loved us and given us eternal comfort and good hope by grace, 17 comfort and strengthen your hearts in every good work and word. (2Cor 1:3-4)

"all the ends of the earth may see the salvation of our God" (v. 10)

Mt 24:14 "This gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in the whole world as a testimony to all the nations, and then the end will come. (Rev 14:6)

### Messiah's sufferings and glory **Isa 52:13 - 53:12**

#### His success **52:13-15**

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

“prosper” = (sâkal); to be circumspect and hence, intelligent: - expert, instruct, prosper, deal prudently, be skillful, have good success, teach, make to understand, wisdom, be wise, guide wittingly. [from The New Strong’s Dictionary of Hebrew and Greek Words]

The Messiah to confound His questioners. [from The New Treasury Of Scripture Knowledge]

“He will be high and lifted up” the same expressions is used of the Almighty, (Isa 6:1; 57:15) however, it seems to the prophet not enough; so he adds, “and greatly exalted”.

Phil 2:6-9 who, although He existed in the form of God, did not regard equality with God a thing to be grasped, 7 but emptied Himself, taking the form of a bond-servant, and being made in the likeness of men. 8 Being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. 9 For this reason also, God highly exalted Him, and bestowed on Him the name which is above every name,

“His appearance was marred more than any man”  
so cruelly marred and disfigured as to retain scarcely any resemblance to the ordinary form and face of man.

Isaiah sits at the foot of the cross on Calvary, and sees the Redeemer as he hung upon the accursed tree, after he had been buffeted, and crowned with thorns, and smitten, and scourged, and crucified, when his face was covered with bruises and with gore, and his frame and features distorted with agony. (Isaiah, Spence-Jones Commentary)

“He will sprinkle many nations”

1Pt 1:2 according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, by the sanctifying work of the Spirit, to obey Jesus Christ and be sprinkled with His blood: May grace and peace be yours in the fullest measure. (Titus 3:5-6)

Heb 12:24 and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood, which speaks better than the blood of Abel. (Heb 9:13-14; 10:22)

“What had not been told them (Kings) they will see, and what they had not heard they will understand”  
They will learn the facts of Christ’s humiliation, sufferings, death, resurrection, and ascension to heaven - events that it had never entered into the heart of man to conceive and of which, therefore, no tongue had ever spoken.

Phil 2:10-11 so that at the name of Jesus EVERY KNEE WILL BOW, of those who are in heaven and on earth and under the earth, 11 and that every tongue will confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

### Messiah’s humanity **Isa 53:1-3**

1 Who has believed our message? And to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed? 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. 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.

“Who has believed our message”

The unbelief of Israel is now announced: they saw Him, heard Him, but would not trust Him.  
Jn 1:10-11 He was in the world, and the world was made through Him, and the world did not know Him. 11 He came to His own, and those who were His own did not receive Him.

Jn 12:37-38 But though He had performed so many signs before them, yet they were not believing in Him. 38 This was to fulfill the word of Isaiah the prophet which he spoke: "LORD, WHO HAS BELIEVED OUR REPORT? AND TO WHOM HAS THE ARM OF THE LORD BEEN REVEALED?"

"He (Jesus) grew up before Him (Jehovah, Father)"

"like a tender shoot" (Isa 11:1-5)

Isa 11:1 Then a shoot will spring from the stem of Jesse, And a branch from his roots will bear fruit.

"like a root out of parched ground"

Isa 11:10 Then in that day The nations will resort to the root of Jesse, ...

parched ground = the nation of Israel

He was ordinary – "no stately form or majesty".

His appearance didn't attract people to Him.

Men despised and forsook Him.

"Despised" = The basic meaning of the root is "to accord little worth to something." While this action may or may not include overt feelings of contempt or scorn, the biblical usage indicates that the very act of undervaluing something or someone implies contempt. (from Theological Wordbook of the Old Testament)

"forsook" = Mt 26:56 ... Then all the disciples left Him and fled.

(Mt 26:31; Ps 88:8, 18; Mk 14:50-52; Jn 16:32; 18:8-9, 15-16)

He had much sorrow and grief.

Heb 5:7-8 In the days of His flesh, He offered up both prayers and supplications with loud crying and tears to the One able to save Him from death, and He was heard because of His piety. 8 Although He was a Son, He learned obedience from the things which He suffered.