

Servant and Son of Man

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The Servant Songs

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Isaiah 42:1-7

NIV Isaiah 42:1-7 "Here is my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen one in whom I delight; I will put my Spirit on him and he will bring justice to the nations. ² He will not shout or cry out, or raise his voice in the streets. ³ A bruised reed he will not break, and a smoldering wick he will not snuff out. In faithfulness he will bring forth justice; ⁴ he will not falter or be discouraged till he establishes justice on earth. In his law the islands will put their hope." ⁵ This is what God the LORD says-- he who created the heavens and stretched them out, who spread out the earth and all that comes out of it, who gives breath to its people, and life to those who walk on it: ⁶ "I, the LORD, have called you in righteousness; I will take hold of your hand. I will keep you and will make you to be a covenant for the people and a light for the Gentiles, ⁷ to open eyes that are blind, to free captives from prison and to release from the dungeon those who sit in darkness.

Isaiah 49:1-6

NIV Isaiah 49:1-6 Listen to me, you islands; hear this, you distant nations: Before I was born the LORD called me; from my birth he has made mention of my name. ² He made my mouth like a sharpened sword, in the shadow of his hand he hid me; he made me into a polished arrow and concealed me in his quiver. ³ He said to me, "You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will display my splendor." ⁴ But I said, "I have labored to no purpose; I have spent my strength in vain and for nothing. Yet what is due me is in the LORD's hand, and my reward is with my God." ⁵ And now the LORD says-- he who formed me in the womb to be his servant to bring Jacob back to him and gather Israel to himself, for I am honored in the eyes of the LORD and my God has been my strength-- ⁶ he says: "It is too small a thing for you to be my servant to restore the tribes of Jacob and bring back those of Israel I have kept. I will also make you a light for the Gentiles, that you may bring my salvation to the ends of the earth."

Isaiah 50:4-9

NIV Isaiah 50:4-9 ⁴ The Sovereign LORD has given me an instructed tongue, to know the word that sustains the weary. He wakens me morning by morning, wakens my ear to listen like one being taught. ⁵ The Sovereign LORD has opened my ears, and I have not been rebellious; I have not drawn back. ⁶ I offered my back to those who beat me, my cheeks to those who pulled out my beard; I did not hide my face from mocking and spitting. ⁷ Because the Sovereign LORD helps me, I will not be disgraced. Therefore have I set my face like flint, and I know I will not be put to shame. ⁸ He who vindicates me is near. Who then will bring charges against me? Let us face each other! Who is my accuser? Let him confront me! ⁹ It is the Sovereign LORD who helps me. Who is he that will condemn me? They will all wear out like a garment; the moths will eat them up.

Isaiah 52:13-53:12

Isaiah 52:12 - 53:12 ¹³ See, my servant will act wisely; he will be raised and lifted up and highly exalted. ¹⁴ Just as there were many who were appalled at him --his appearance was so disfigured beyond that of any man and his form marred beyond human likeness-- ¹⁵ so will he sprinkle many nations, and kings will shut their mouths because of him. For what they were not told, they will see, and what they have not heard, they will understand. **NIV Isaiah 53:1** Who has believed our message and to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed? ² He grew up before him like a tender shoot, and like a root out of dry ground. He had no beauty or majesty to attract us to him, nothing in his appearance that we should desire him. ³ He was despised and rejected by men, a man of sorrows, and familiar with suffering. Like one from whom men hide their faces he was despised, and we esteemed him not. ⁴ Surely he took up our infirmities and carried our sorrows, yet we considered him stricken by God, smitten by him, and afflicted. ⁵ But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was upon him, and by his wounds we are healed. ⁶ We all, like sheep, have gone astray, each of us has turned to his own way; and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all. ⁷ He was oppressed and afflicted, yet he did not open his mouth; he was led like a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before her shearers is silent, so he did not open his mouth. ⁸ By oppression and judgment he was taken away. And who can speak of his descendants? For he was cut off from the land of the living; for the transgression of my people he was stricken. ⁹ He was assigned a grave with the wicked, and with the rich in his death, though he had done no violence, nor was any deceit in his mouth. ¹⁰ Yet it was the LORD's will to crush him and cause him to suffer, and though the LORD makes his life a guilt offering, he will see his offspring and prolong his days, and the will of the LORD will prosper in his hand. ¹¹ After the suffering of his soul, he will see the light of life and be satisfied; ¹¹ He will see the result of the suffering of his soul and be satisfied} by his knowledge my righteous servant will justify many, and he will bear their iniquities. ¹² Therefore I will give him a portion among the great, and he will divide the spoils with the strong, because he poured out his life unto death, and was numbered with the transgressors. For he bore the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors.

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Matthew 8:16-17

¹⁶ When evening came, many who were demon-possessed were brought to him, and he drove out the spirits with a word and healed all the sick. ¹⁷ This was to fulfill what was spoken through the prophet Isaiah: "He took up our infirmities and carried our diseases."

Isaiah 53 and the NT

- **Isaiah 53:12a**

Therefore I will give him a portion among the great, and he will divide the spoils with the strong...

- LXX ...and he will divide the spoils of the strong...

Luke 11:21-22

²¹ "When a strong man, fully armed, guards his own house, his possessions are safe. ²² But when someone stronger attacks and overpowers him, he takes away the armor in which the man trusted and divides up the spoils.

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...because he poured out his life unto death, and **was numbered with the transgressors**. For he bore the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors.

Luke 22:37

It is written: 'And he **was numbered with the transgressors**'; and I tell you that this must be fulfilled in me. Yes, what is written about me is reaching its fulfillment."

Isaiah 53 and the NT

Isaiah 53:7b-8c

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Acts 8:32-33

³² The eunuch was reading this passage of Scripture: "He was led like a sheep to the slaughter, and as a lamb before the shearer is silent, so he did not open his mouth. ³³ In his humiliation he was deprived of justice.* Who can speak of his descendants? For his life was taken from the earth."

*Cf. LXX

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- 3. And being found in fashion as man He *humbled* himself Becoming obedient *unto death*— and that a cross-death (v.8)!
- 4. Therefore God also highly *exalted* him And conferred on him the name— The name above every name (v.9).

Isa 45:22 "Turn to me and be saved, all you ends of the earth; for I am God, and there is no other.

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23 By myself I have sworn, my mouth has uttered in all integrity a word that will not be revoked: before me every knee will bow; by me every tongue will swear.

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53:1 Who has believed our message and to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed?

2 He grew up before him like a tender shoot, and like a root out of dry ground. He had no beauty or majesty to attract us to him, nothing in his appearance that we should desire him.

3 He was despised and rejected by men, a man of sorrows, and familiar with suffering. Like one from whom men hide their faces he was despised, and we esteemed him not.

4 Surely he took up our infirmities and carried our sorrows, yet we considered him stricken by God, smitten by him, and afflicted.

5 But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was upon him, and by his wounds we are healed.

6 We all, like sheep, have gone astray, each of us has turned to his own way; and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

7 He was oppressed and afflicted, yet he did not open his mouth; he was led like a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before her shearers is silent, so he did not open his mouth.

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8 By oppression and judgment he was taken away (LXX: "In his *humiliation* he was deprived of justice; cf. Acts 8:32). And who can speak of his descendants? For he was cut off from the land of the living; for the transgression of my people he was stricken (LXX: "Because of the iniquities of my people he was led *to death*").

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9 He was assigned a grave with the wicked, and with the rich in his death, though he had done no violence, nor was any deceit in his mouth.

10 Yet it was the LORD's will to crush him and cause him to suffer, and though the LORD makes his life a guilt offering, he will see his offspring and prolong his days, and the will of the LORD will prosper in his hand.

11 After the suffering of his soul, he will see the light of life and be satisfied; by his knowledge my righteous servant will justify many, and he will bear their iniquities.

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12 Therefore I will give him a portion among the great, and he will divide the spoils with the strong, because he *poured out* his life *unto death*, and was numbered with the transgressors. For he bore the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors.

6. And every tongue confess, "Jesus Christ is Lord"

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The Cross of the Servant

As for the cross of the Servant, it is not strange to us. In that we stand with the mainstream of Christian faith from the beginning onward, and we do well to do so. We enthrone that crucified Saviour in stained glass, wood, and stone—and in doctrine. To that cross we look for salvation. But we want not that cross at all.

The Cross of the Servant

Indeed, we would have it the chief business of religion to keep crosses far away. We want a Christ who suffers that we may not have to, a Christ who lays himself down that our comfort may be undisturbed. The call to lose life that it may be found again, to take up the cross and follow, remains mysterious and offensive to us.

The Cross of the Servant

To be sure, we labor to bring men to Christ, and we pray, “Thy kingdom come.” But our labor we see as a labor of conquest and growth, successful programs and dollars. Can it be that we are seeking to build the Kingdom of the Servant—without following the Servant? If we do so, we will doubtless build a great church—but will it have anything to do with the Kingdom of God?

John Bright, *The Kingdom of God*, p. 154.

Son of Man

and the Book of Daniel

Apocalypse is...

- a genre of revelatory literature
- with a narrative framework
- in which a revelation is mediated by an otherworldly being to a human recipient
- disclosing a transcendent reality
- which is both temporal, insofar as it envisages eschatological salvation,
- and spatial, insofar as it involves another, supernatural world.

J.J. Collins, "Apocalypse," p. 9.

Characteristics of Apocalyptic Literature

- Determinism: the conviction that, whatever the present appearance of things, God is not out of control
- Dualism: an increased sense of the contrast between heaven and earth and this age and the age to come (temporal & prophetic more than spatial and gnostic)
- Transcendence of death: a sense that God's promises cannot be fulfilled within the confines of this life, with an increased clarity in the hope of transcending death

Primary Apocalypses

- Daniel
- Book of Revelation
- 1 Enoch
- IV Ezra
- 2 Baruch
- Apocalypse of Abraham

The Main Point of Daniel (1-6)

What happens in chapter 1?

- Introduction and food test
- Vindication!

The Main Point of Daniel (1-6)

- What happens in chapters 3 and 6?
- (Multiples of three!)
- Ch. 3: Shadrach, Meshach, Abednego & the fiery furnace
- Ch. 6: Daniel and the lion's den
- The vindication of God's people

The Main Point of Daniel (1-6)

- What happens in chapters 2 and 4?
- (Multiples of two!)
- Ch. 2: dream of the statue
- Ch. 4: dream of the tree
- The humbling of the enemies of God's people

The Main Point of Daniel (1-6)

- What happens in chapter 5?
- Clue: There are five fingers on your?
- Ch 5: Handwriting on the wall
- The humbling of the enemies of God's people

Let's read Daniel 7

How are Daniel 2 and 7 Alike?

- Four kingdoms, decreasing in glory and increasing in wickedness
- Followed by the kingdom of God (the Stone or the Son of Man)

Points to Note in Daniel 7

- Increasingly nasty beasts represent kingdoms which rule, devour, and crush
- A heavenly court is convened with the “Ancient One” presiding
- The “one like a son of man” is a human (Cf. NRSV) figure with dominion over the animals
- This human, “Adam-like” figure represents Israel in Daniel 7

Israel as Adam to the Bestial Nations

^{NIV} Genesis 9:2 The **fear and dread** of you will fall upon all the beasts of the earth and all the birds of the air, upon every creature that moves along the ground, and upon all the fish of the sea; they are given into your hands.

Israel as Adam to the Bestial Nations

^{ESV} Exodus 15:16 **Terror and dread** fall upon them; because of the greatness of your arm, they are still as a stone, till your people, O LORD, pass by, till the people pass by whom you have purchased.

Israel as Adam to the Bestial Nations

- NIV Deuteronomy 2:25 This very day I will begin to put the **terror and fear** of you on all the nations under heaven. They will hear reports of you and will tremble and be in anguish because of you.“
- NIV Deuteronomy 26:8 So the LORD brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with **great terror** and with miraculous signs and wonders.

Cf. 1 Cor 15:32

Israel as Adam to the Bestial Nations

4 Esdras 6:53-59 ⁵³ "On the sixth day you commanded the earth to bring forth before you cattle, wild animals, and creeping things; ⁵⁴ and over these you placed Adam, as ruler over all the works that you had made; and from him we have all come, the people whom you have chosen. ⁵⁵ "All this I have spoken before you, O Lord, because you have said that it was for us that you created this world. ⁵⁶ As for the other nations that have descended from Adam, you have said that they are nothing, and that they are like spittle, and you have compared their abundance to a drop from a bucket. ⁵⁷ And now, O Lord, these nations, which are reputed to be as nothing, domineer over us and devour us. ⁵⁸ But we your people, whom you have called your firstborn, only begotten, zealous for you, and most dear, have been given into their hands. ⁵⁹ If the world has indeed been created for us, why do we not possess our world as an inheritance? How long will this be so?"

The One “Like a Human” in Dan 7

Represents Israel

- **Daniel 7:16-18** ¹⁶ I approached one of those standing there and asked him the true meaning of all this. "So he told me and gave me the interpretation of these things: ¹⁷ 'The four great beasts are four kingdoms that will rise from the earth. ¹⁸ But the saints of the Most High will receive the kingdom and will possess it forever-- yes, for ever and ever.'
- Cf. Dan 7:22, 27!

Resembles God

- Coming on clouds
- Described in terms similar to the “figure like that of a man” in Ezekiel 1 and 8
- “What Daniel was contemplating was nothing less than the apotheosis of Israel in the End Time.” M. Black (in Kim, 19)

How is Jesus the Son of Man?

- He himself is the New Israel, the new Adam, who (having suffered like the Son of Man and the Servant) will be vindicated by God in the end times
- He himself is the one who has been given the kingdom: “Repent, for the kingdom of God is at hand...”

Mark 13:24-26 ²⁴ "But in those days, after that tribulation, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, ²⁵ and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. ²⁶ And then they will see the Son of Man coming in clouds with great power and glory.'

Mark 14:57-62 ⁵⁷ And some stood up and bore false witness against him, saying, ⁵⁸ "We heard him say, 'I will destroy this temple that is made with hands, and in three days I will build another, not made with hands.'" ⁵⁹ Yet even about this their testimony did not agree. ⁶⁰ And the high priest stood up in the midst and asked Jesus, "Have you no answer to make? What is it that these men testify against you?"¹ ⁶¹ But he remained silent and made no answer. Again the high priest asked him, "Are you the Christ, the Son of the Blessed?" ⁶² And Jesus said, "I am, and you will see the Son of Man seated at the right hand of Power, and coming with the clouds of heaven."

Why Does Jesus Use This Title?

- Calling oneself the “son of God” was a good way to end up on the rebel’s cross, quickly
- “Son of Man” was not yet a title; it was, rather, a cryptic way of defining his own messianic identity for those who had ears to hear
- This redefinition included elements of suffering (Dan 7?; Isa 53; Ps 118)
- This designation was ultimately more suggestive of his own divinity