

Changes of Speaker in Isa 53

Speaker:

52:13-53:12

The Lord

52:13-15 The Lord: **My** Servant, sprinkle, many, kings

Israel

53:1-6 Israel: **Our** rejection and recognition

1-3 Our **rejection** of him

4 Hinge: He hath **borne our griefs**, we did **esteem** him ...

5-6 Our **recognition** of his sacrifice

Isaiah

53:7-11a Isaiah: **His** sufferings and vindication

7-9 His sufferings

10-11a His vindication

The Lord

53:11b-12 The Lord: **My** Servant, justify, many, strong

52:15 Kings shall shut their mouths...

[Before Job, in the days of his prosperity:] Job 29:9-10 The princes refrained talking, and laid their hand on their mouth. 10 The nobles held their peace, and their tongue cleaved to the roof of their mouth.

[Job before God, after God rebukes him:] Job 40:4 Behold, I am vile; what shall I answer thee? I will lay mine hand upon my mouth.

[When God restores his people to Carmel, Bashan, and Gilead:] Mic 7:16 The nations shall see and be confounded at all their might: they shall lay their hand upon their mouth, their ears shall be deaf.

[When many nations are joined to the Lord, and the Lord inherits Judah:] Zec 2:13 Be silent, O all flesh, before the LORD: for he is raised up out of his holy habitation.

Rom 3:19 Now we know that what things soever the law saith, it saith to them who are under the law: that every mouth may be stopped, and all the world may become guilty before God.

52:14-15 and 49:7

49:7	52:14-15
<p>Thus saith the LORD, the Redeemer of Israel, <i>and</i> his Holy One, to him whom man despiseth, to him whom the nation abhorreth, to a servant of rulers,</p>	<p>14 his visage was marred more than any man, and his form more than the sons of men</p>
<p>Kings shall see and arise, princes also shall worship, because of the LORD that is faithful, <i>and</i> the Holy One of Israel, and he shall choose thee.</p>	<p>15 the kings shall shut their mouths at him:</p>

Paul's Quotation of 52:15

Isa 52:15 So shall he sprinkle **many nations**; the kings shall shut their mouths at him: for **that which had not been told them shall they see; and that which they had not heard shall they consider.**

Rom 15:20-21 Yea, so have I strived to preach the gospel, **not where Christ was named**, lest I should build upon another man's foundation: 21 But as it is written, **To whom he was not spoken of, they shall see: and they that have not heard shall understand.**

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The Inverted Hinge in 53:4

Hinge: short portion of text that structurally

- is not part of either of the neighboring portions,
- but contains links to both of them.

Commonly inverted: AbaB

We
rejected
him

1-6 Who hath believed our report? and to whom is the arm of the LORD revealed? 2 For he went up before him as a suckling, and as a root out of a dry ground: he hath **no form nor comeliness**; and when we shall see him, *there is* **no beauty that we should desire him**. 3 He is **despised** and **rejected** of men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with sickness: and **we hid** as it were *our* faces from him; he was **despised**, and **we esteemed him not**.

We
recognized
him

4 Surely he hath **borne our sicknesses**, and **carried our sorrows**: yet **we did esteem him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted**.

5 But he was **wounded for our transgressions**, he was **bruised for our iniquities**: the **chastisement of our peace** was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed. 6 All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the LORD hath **laid on him the iniquity of us all**.

Chiasm in vv. 1-3

Isa 53:1-3 Who hath believed **our** report?
and to whom is the arm of the LORD revealed?

Confession of Rejection

Reason: He's
unimpressive

Reason: He's
undesirable

Reason: He's
unpopular

2 For he shall grow up before him **as** a tender plant,
and **as** a root out of a dry ground:
he hath no form nor comeliness;

and when **we** shall see him,
there is no beauty
that **we** should desire him.

3 He is despised and rejected of men;
a man of sorrows, and acquainted with sickness:
and **as** the hiding of faces from him;

he was despised,
and **we** esteemed him not.

53:1 in the NT: Jewish Rejection

Joh 12:20-21, 37-38 And there were **certain Greeks** among them that came up to worship at the feast: 21 The same came therefore to Philip, which was of Bethsaida of Galilee, and desired him, saying, Sir, we would see Jesus. ... 38 But though he had done so many miracles before **them** [the Jewish people], yet they believed not on him: 38 That the saying of Esaias the prophet might be fulfilled, which he spake, **Lord, who hath believed our report? and to whom hath the arm of the Lord been revealed?**

Rom 10:1, 12, 16 Brethren, my heart's desire and prayer to God for **Israel** is, that they might be saved. ... 12 For there is no difference between the **Jew** and the **Greek**: for the same Lord over all is rich unto all that call upon him. ... 16 But they [the Jews] have not all obeyed the gospel. For Esaias saith, **Lord, who hath believed our report?**

Recall Acts 10:36 The word which God sent **unto the children of Israel**, **preaching peace** [52:7] by Jesus Christ: → The gospel was “their report,” the report intended first of all for them.

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Reason: He's unimpressive

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and **as** a root out of a dry ground:
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Reason: He's undesirable

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53:2 as a Summary

53:2 For he went up before him as a **suckling**, and as a **root** out of a dry ground

The promised of the **suckling**:

7:14 Therefore the Lord himself shall give you a sign; Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a **son**, and shall call his name Immanuel.

9:6 For unto us a **child** is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder:

11:8 And the **sucking child** shall play on the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put his hand on the cockatrice' den. [the only other use of יונק in Isaiah!]

The promise of the **root**:

Isa 11:1 And there shall come forth a rod out of the stem of Jesse, and a Branch shall grow out of his **roots**:

David's Form and Comeliness

Form:

1Sa 16:18 Behold, I have seen a son of Jesse the Bethlehemite, *that is* in playing, and a mighty valiant man, and a man of war, and prudent in matters, and a **comely person [man of form]**, and the LORD *is* him.

Comeliness (better, “glory, majesty”):

Psa 21:6 His glory *is* great in thy salvation: honour and **majesty** hast thou laid upon him.

Psa 45:3-4 Gird thy sword upon *thy* thigh, O *most* mighty, with thy glory and thy **majesty**. 4 And in thy **majesty** ride prosperously ...

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53:2 “no appearance that we should desire him”

What did they desire?

Idols:

1:29 For they shall be ashamed of the oaks which ye have **desired**, and ye shall be confounded for the gardens that ye have chosen.

44:9 They that make a graven image *are* all of them vanity; and their **delectable** things shall not profit;

Food and drink:

27:2 A **pleasant** vineyard

32:12 They shall ... for the **pleasant** fields, for the fruitful vine.

The real problem:

1Jo 2:16 For all that *is* in the world, the **lust** of the flesh, and the **lust** of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world.

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53:3 “Despised and Rejected by Gentlemen”

1Co 1:26-29 For ye see your calling, brethren, how that not many wise men after the flesh, not many mighty, not many noble, *are called*: 27 But God hath chosen the foolish things of the world to confound the wise; and God hath chosen the weak things of the world to confound the things which are mighty; 28 And base things of the world, and things which are despised, hath God chosen, *yea*, and things which are not, to bring to nought things that are: 29 That no flesh should glory in his presence.

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