

## The Suffering Servant

**How will we know a false prophet?**

**Who can tell the future ? ... Who can tell the past ? ... Only God.**

**Deuteronomy 18:21-22** And if thou say in thine heart, How shall we know the word which the LORD hath not spoken? 22 When a prophet speaketh in the name of the LORD, if the thing follow not, nor come to pass, that [*is*] the thing which the LORD hath not spoken, [*but*] the prophet hath spoken it presumptuously: thou shalt not be afraid of him

**Isaiah 41:21-22** Produce your cause, saith the LORD; bring forth your strong [*reasons*], saith the King of Jacob. 22 Let them bring [*them*] forth, and shew us what shall happen: let them shew the former things, what they [*be*], that we may consider them, and know the latter end of them; or declare us things for to come

**Show the former things ... Pangaea (pan-GEE-ahh)... modern scientists now say dry land was one place, the continents were all together. Who first told us that ? ... God over almost 3,500 years ago when Moses wrote it down for us.**

**Genesis 1:9-10** And God said, Let the waters under the heaven be gathered together unto one place, and let the dry [*land*] appear: and it was so. 10 And God called the dry [*land*] Earth; and the gathering together of the waters called he Seas: and God saw that [*it was*] good.

**Genesis 10:25** And unto Eber (E-ber) were born two sons: the name of one [*was*] Peleg (PE-leg); for in his days was the earth divided; and his brother's name [*was*] Joktan (YOK-tan).

**Peleg in Hebrew means earthquake, divided in Hebrew means split and Joktan means made little in Hebrew. So in the days of Peleg there were great earthquakes, Pangaea began to split apart and was made into little or lessor land masses.**

**Who told us the earth is round ? It was not Ga-li-le-o. It was Isaiah about 750 BC**

**Isaiah 40:21-22** Have ye not known? have ye not heard? hath it not been told you from the beginning? have ye not understood from the foundations of the earth? 22 [*It is*] he that sitteth upon the circle of the earth, and the inhabitants thereof [*are*] as grasshoppers; that stretcheth out the heavens as a curtain, and spreadeth them out as a tent to dwell in:

**Isaiah 46:9-10 Remember the former things of old: for I [*am*] God, and [*there is*] none else; [*I am*] God, and [*there is*] none like me, 10 Declaring the end from the beginning, and from ancient times [*the things*] that are not [*yet*] done, saying, My counsel shall stand, and I will do all my pleasure:**

**How will we know the Messiah when He comes? God has told us over and over ... He will be the Prophet Deut. 18:15-18 cf: fulfilled Acts 3:22-23, a King cf: II Sam 7:12ff and a Priest cf: Psalm 110:1 & 4 ... and now God begins to teach us the Messiah will be a Servant.**

**Isaiah 42:1 Behold my servant, whom I uphold; mine elect, [*in whom*] my soul delighteth; I have put my spirit upon him: he shall bring forth judgment to the Gentiles.**

**“Behold my servant, whom I uphold” ... אתמך בו eth-mach bo, on whom I lean. Alluding to the custom of kings leaning on the arm of their most beloved and faithful servant. So God will lean upon the Messiah and depend upon Him to finish the work of redemption He is sending Him to accomplish.**

**Isaiah 42:1 Behold my servant ... How do you know this is talking about Jesus? Well, the inspired Apostle Matthew quotes these verses in the N.T. and says it's teaching about Jesus.**

**Matthew 12:10-21 and, behold, there was a man which had [*his*] hand withered. And they asked him, saying, Is it lawful to heal on the sabbath days? that they might accuse him. 11 And he said unto them, What man shall there be among you, that shall have one sheep, and if it fall into a pit on the sabbath day, will he not lay hold on it, and lift [*it*] out? 12 How much then is a man better than a sheep? Wherefore it is lawful to do well on the sabbath days. 13 Then saith he to the man, Stretch forth thine hand. And he stretched [*it*] forth; and it was restored whole, like as the other. 14 Then the Pharisees went out, and held a council against him, how they might destroy him. 15 But when Jesus knew [*it*], he withdrew himself from thence: and great multitudes followed him, and he healed them all; 16 And charged them that they should not make him known: 17 That it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Esaias the prophet, saying, 18 Behold my servant, whom I have chosen; my beloved, in whom my soul is well pleased: I will put my spirit upon him, and he shall shew judgment to the Gentiles. 19 He shall not strive, nor cry; neither shall any man hear his voice in the streets. 20 A bruised reed shall he not break, and smoking flax shall he not quench, till he send forth judgment unto victory. 21 And in his name shall the Gentiles trust.**

**“...I have put my spirit upon him: ...” cf: Mark 1:10, Luke 3:22 & Matthew 3:16-17**

**Isaiah 11:1-2 And there shall come forth a rod out of the stem of Jesse, and a Branch shall grow out of his roots: 2 And the spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the LORD;**

**Note: “I have put my spirit upon him:” in 42:1 and “shall rest upon him” In 11:1**

**John 1:32-33 And John bare record, saying, I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it abode upon him. 33 And I knew him not: but he that sent me to baptize with water, the same said unto me, Upon whom thou shalt see the Spirit descending, and remaining on him, the same is he which baptizeth with the Holy Ghost.**

**“...I have put my spirit upon him: ...”**

**“... he shall bring forth judgment to the Gentiles.” The word משפט mish-pat, judgment in V:1 means rule, form, order, model, plan; rule of right, religion ordinances, institution; judicial process, cause, trial, sentence, condemnation, acquittal, deliverance, mercy, etc. It certainly means in this place the new covenant to be published by the Messiah, the N. T. Gospel.**

**Isaiah 42:2 He shall not cry, nor lift up, nor cause his voice to be heard in the street. 3 A bruised reed shall he not break, and the smoking flax shall he not quench: he shall bring forth judgment unto truth.**

**Isaiah 42:4 He shall not fail nor be discouraged, till he have set judgment in the earth: and the isles shall wait for his law.**

**“the isles shall wait for his law ...” Isles are the Gentile nations across the sea.**

**Isaiah 42:6 I the LORD have called thee in righteousness, and will hold thine hand, and will keep thee, and give thee for a covenant of the people, for a light of the Gentiles;**

**... give thee for a covenant of the people ... Every covenant was begun by a blood sacrifice, and now God says He will “give thee (the Messiah) for a covenant of the people” Covenant עולם olam, the everlasting covenant; Followed by the word ברית berith, here, should be translated sacrifice.**

**Isaiah 42:7 To open the blind eyes, to bring out the prisoners from the prison, [and] them that sit in darkness out of the prison house.**

**John 9:30-33** The man answered and said unto them, Why herein is a marvellous thing, that ye know not from whence he is, and [ye] he hath opened mine eyes. **31** Now we know that God heareth not sinners: but if any man be a worshipper of God, and doeth his will, him he heareth. **32** Since the world began was it not heard that any man opened the eyes of one that was born blind. **33** If this man were not of God, he could do nothing.

To not only heal the physically blind but also the spiritually blind and free those whom Satan has in a prison of sin.

**Isaiah 42:9** Behold, the former things are come to pass, and new things do I declare: before they spring forth I tell you of them.

Only God can accurately tell the past and the future that you might believe.

**Isaiah 49:1** Listen, O isles, unto me; and hearken, ye people, from far; The LORD hath called me from the womb; from the bowels of my mother hath he made mention of my name.

God through the angel named Jesus even before He was in the womb.

**Luke 1:31-33** And, behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a son, and shalt call his name JESUS. **32** He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Highest: and the Lord God shall give unto him the throne of his father David: **33** And he shall reign over the house of Jacob for ever; and of his kingdom there shall be no end.

**Isaiah 49:2** And he hath made my mouth like a sharp sword; in the shadow of his hand hath he hid me, and made me a polished shaft; in his quiver hath he hid me;

“ ... he hath made my mouth like a sharp sword ...” , cf:

**John 6:63** It is the spirit that quickeneth; the flesh profiteth nothing: the words that I speak unto you, [they] are spirit, and [they] are life.

**John 7:46** The officers answered, Never man spake like this man.

**John 12:48** He that rejecteth me, and receiveth not my words, hath one that judgeth him: the word that I have spoken, the same shall judge him in the last day.

**Ephesians 6:17** And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God:

**Hebrews 4:12** For the word of God [*is*] quick, and powerful, and sharper than any two edged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and [*is*] a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.

**Revelation 1:16** And he had in his right hand seven stars: and out of his mouth went a sharp two edged sword: and his countenance [*was*] as the sun shineth in his strength.

**Isaiah 49:3** And said unto me, Thou [*art*] my servant, O Israel, in whom I will be glorified.

### **Jesus the Servant**

**Luke 22:24-27** And there was also a strife among them, which of them should be accounted the greatest. 25 And he said unto them, The kings of the Gentiles exercise lordship over them; and they that exercise authority upon them are called benefactors. 26 But ye [*shall*] not [*be*] so: but he that is greatest among you, let him be as the younger; and he that is chief, as he that doth serve. 27 For whether [*is*] greater, he that sitteth at meat, or he that serveth? [*is*] not he that sitteth at meat? but I am among you as he that serveth.

**Philippians 2:5-11** Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus: 6 Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God: 7 But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men: 8 And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross. 9 Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name: 10 That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of [*things*] in heaven, and [*things*] in earth, and [*things*] under the earth; 11 And [*that*] every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ [*is*] Lord, to the glory of God the Father

**Isaiah 49:5-6** And now, saith the LORD that formed me from the womb [*to be*] his servant, to bring Jacob again to him, Though Israel be not gathered, yet shall I be glorious in the eyes of the LORD, and my God shall be my strength. 6 And he said, It is a light thing that thou shouldest be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob, and to restore the preserved of Israel: I will also give thee for a light to the Gentiles, that thou mayest be my salvation unto the end of the earth.

**... It is a light thing ... Considering the Messiah is Deity and God in the flesh it is too small a work for Him to just redeem Israel but the result of His work will be a light to the Gentiles, that thou mayest be my salvation unto the end of the earth. How do you know you are tracking this right?**

**Acts 13:47 For so hath the Lord commanded us, [*saying*], I have set thee to be a light of the Gentiles, that thou shouldest be for salvation unto the ends of the earth.**

**Isaiah 49:8 Thus saith the LORD, In an acceptable time have I heard thee, and in a day of salvation have I helped thee: and I will preserve thee, and give thee for a covenant of the people, to establish the earth, to cause to inherit the desolate heritages;**

**... In an acceptable time have I heard thee ... Today is the day of Salvation.**

**II Corinthians 6:2 (For he saith, I have heard thee in a time accepted, and in the day of salvation have I succoured thee: behold, now [*is*] the accepted time; behold, now [*is*] the day of salvation.)**

**How much does God love us? The Church is precious to Christ.**

**Isaiah 49:16 Behold, I have graven thee upon the palms of [*my*] hands; thy walls [*are*] continually before me.**

**Isaiah 50:4 The Lord GOD hath given me the tongue of the learned, that I should know how to speak a word in season to [*him that is*] weary: he wakeneth morning by morning, he wakeneth mine ear to hear as the learned.**

**Jesus, to have “the tongue of the learned” and speak as no other man ever spoke.**

**Matthew 22:41-46 While the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them, 42 Saying, What think ye of Christ? whose son is he? They say unto him, [*The Son*] of David. 43 He saith unto them, How then doth David in spirit call him Lord, saying, 44 The LORD said unto my Lord, Sit thou on my right hand, till I make thine enemies thy footstool? 45 If David then call him Lord, how is he his son? 46 And no man was able to answer him a word, neither durst any [*man*] from that day forth ask him any more [*questions*].**

**Isaiah 50:5-6 The Lord GOD hath opened mine ear, and I was not rebellious, neither turned away back. 6 I gave my back to the smiters, and my cheeks to them that plucked off the hair: I hid not my face from shame and spitting.**

**“I gave my back to the smiters,”**

**Matthew 27:26 Then released he Barabbas unto them: and when he had scourged Jesus, he delivered [him] to be crucified.**

**“I hid not my face from shame and spitting” cf:**

**Matthew 26:66-68 What think ye? They answered and said, He is guilty of death. 67 Then did they spit in his face, and buffeted him; and others smote [him] with the palms of their hands, 68 Saying, Prophecy unto us, thou Christ, Who is he that smote thee?**

**Isaiah 50:7-10 For the Lord GOD will help me; therefore shall I not be confounded: therefore have I set my face like a flint, and I know that I shall not be ashamed. 8 [He is] near that justifieth me; who will contend with me? let us stand together: who [is] mine adversary? let him come near to me. 9 Behold, the Lord GOD will help me; who [is] he [that] shall condemn me? lo, they all shall wax old as a garment; the moth shall eat them up. 10 Who [is] among you that feareth the LORD, that obeyeth the voice of his servant, that walketh [in] darkness, and hath no light? let him trust in the name of the LORD, and stay upon his God.**

**“... stay upon his God ... You just wait God will bring all this to pass.**

**Daniel 9:24 Seventy weeks are determined upon thy people and upon thy holy city, to finish the transgression, and to make an end of sins, and to make reconciliation for iniquity, and to bring in everlasting righteousness, and to seal up the vision and prophecy, and to anoint the most Holy**

**Daniel 9:26 And after threescore and two weeks shall Messiah be cut off, but not for himself: and the people of the prince that shall come shall destroy the city and the sanctuary; and the end thereof [shall be] with a flood, and unto the end of the war desolations are determined**

**Isaiah 52:13 Behold, my servant shall deal prudently, he shall be exalted and extolled, and be very high.**

**“and be very high” ... High here in Hebrew means to raise up or lift up ... Christ to be very high as if lifted up in the air:**

**John 3:14 And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of man be lifted up:**

**John 8:28** Then said Jesus unto them, When ye have lifted up the Son of man, then shall ye know that I am [*he*], and [*that*] I do nothing of myself; but as my Father hath taught me, I speak these things.

**John 12:32-33** And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all [*men*] unto me.  
**33** This he said, signifying what death he should die.

**Isaiah 52:14** As many were astonished at thee; his visage was so marred more than any man, and his form more than the sons of men:

**Christ to be beat and abused more than any man. The physical appearance of Jesus during those terrible scenes of that Holy Week, during which he was denied sleep, beaten unmercifully by a Roman scourge, mocked some six times in all, crowned with a crown of thorns, tortured to death on the Cross, that He was compelled to carry till he fainted, being slapped, struck in the face with fist and a reed, reviled and spit upon! This was the time when his visage was marred, and the last vestiges of His physical beauty perished under the venomous, inhuman treatment of Jews, Romans and Satan who put him to death.**

**Isaiah 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.

**“Sprinkle many nations; ...” the Hebrew word means “*cleansed with blood*”.**

**The Suffering Servant. Today the Jews claim this 53<sup>rd</sup> chapter of Isaiah is talking about the historical suffering of the nation of Israel. But that cannot be true!**

**In this chapter, the personal pronoun:**

**“He” is used 18 times,**

**“His” is used 13 times,**

**“Him” is used 10 times,**

**which means God used personal pronouns 41 times to prove this coming Messiah will be a person who will suffer for the sins of the people.**

**Furthermore, These “He” can’t be the people for He is contrasted to the people in v 8.**

**This is the only Chapter in the Hebrew Bible that they DO NOT read in Synagogue every year ... it is said to cause too much controversy and confusion.**

**Isaiah 53:1A, Who hath believed our report?**



**How do you know preacher this is talking about Jesus? Because the inspired Apostle Paul quotes this verse and says Isaiah is talking about Jesus.**

**Romans 10:16 But they have not all obeyed the gospel. For Esaias saith, Lord, who hath believed our report?**

**The report of Isaiah, and all the prophets. The report of John the Baptist, and Christ's own report of himself. The Jews refused to receive the report ...**

**John 1:11 He came unto his own, and his own received him not.**

**Isaiah 53:1B and to whom is the arm of the LORD revealed?**

**The arm of the Lord means the saving power of God,**

**Exodus 6:6 Wherefore say unto the children of Israel, I [*am*] the LORD, and I will bring you out from under the burdens of the Egyptians, and I will rid you out of their bondage, and I will redeem you with a stretched out arm, and with great judgments:**

**Isaiah 53:2 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.**

**“...For he shall grow up before him as a tender plant ... “ Before the Father he grew up as a tender plant ... as Isaiah had previously said cf:**

**Isaiah 11: 1 And there shall come forth a rod (shoot) out of the stem of Jesse, and a Branch shall grow out of his root.**

**“... as a root out of a dry ground ...” “This refers to a corrupt age and nation of Israel, and the arid soil of mankind.” Both the nation of Israel and all of the nations of the pre-Christian Gentile world are pictured as “dry ground”.**

**“...[*there is*] no beauty that we should desire him ...” He is not going to be “body beautiful” like Zeus or Hercules or any of man’s idea of their gods. He will just look like an ordinary human being.**

**Hebrews 2:14-15 Forasmuch then as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, he also himself likewise took part of the same; that through death he might**

**destroy him that had the power of death, that is, the devil; 15 And deliver them who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage.**

**Isaiah 52:3 He is despised and rejected of men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief: and we hid as it were [*our*] faces from him; he was despised, and we esteemed him not**

**Note the continuous action verb “is” He still “is despised and rejected of men”.**

**“we hid as it were [*our*] faces from him” Which is prophesying about the Apostles.**

**Mark 14:50 And they all forsook him, and fled.**

**Isaiah 53:4 Surely he hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows: yet we did esteem him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted.**

**This is the heart of the Gospel here we learn why Jesus suffered, that it was not for himself but for us that he suffered. Notice the emphatic recurrence of the word "our," that follows as in our griefs, our sorrows, our transgressions, our peace, and our healing.**

**Christ Jesus accomplished our salvation all alone. His vi-car-i-ous, separate & apart from us atoning sacrifice of Himself for our sins.**

**Hebrews 1:3 Who being the brightness of [*his*] glory, and the express image of his person, and upholding all things by the word of his power, when he had by himself purged our sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high;**

**Isaiah 53:5 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.**

**Right here is the vital heart of Christianity: The case of Adam's race was hopeless. All had sinned and fallen short of God's glory. The penalty of sin is death, and the justice of God required that the penalty be paid; otherwise all of the human race would have been lost forever. But there was no one who could pay it. What was the solution? God Himself stepped into the human race; and, in the person of His Son, paid the penalty Himself upon the Cross!**

**“... with his stripes we are healed ... “ Stripes – scourged**

**Matthew 27:26** Then released he Ba-rab-bas unto them: and when he had scourged Jesus, he delivered [*him*] to be crucified.

**... with his stripes we are healed ... Prove it again preacher how do you know this is talking about Jesus? Well the inspired Apostle Peter tells us it is about Jesus, when he quotes Isaiah 53:5.**

**I Peter 2:24** Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes ye were healed.

**Isaiah 53:6** 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.

**All people are sinners and Christ's sacrifice was good enough for all the sins of the whole wide world.**

**Romans 3:10-12** As it is written, There is none righteous, no, not one: 11 There is none that understandeth, there is none that seeketh after God. 12 They are all gone out of the way, they are together become unprofitable; there is none that doeth good, no, not one.

**Isaiah 53:7** He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth: he is brought as a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before her shearers is dumb, so he openeth not his mouth.

**"... yet he opened not his mouth:"** Notice His silence in the face of accusers, mockers, and the "judges" of the many tribunals before which he was arraigned.

**John 19:10** Then saith Pilate unto him, Speakest thou not unto me? knowest thou not that I have power to crucify thee, and have power to release thee?

**"...he is brought as a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before her shearers is dumb ..."** This is an agricultural simile based on the truth that a goat slaughtered in the traditional manner responds with blood-curdling cries that can be heard a mile away; but a sheep submits to the butcher's knife silently. The same phenomenon occurs when the animals are sheared. Jesus submitted to the outrages perpetrated against Himself, offering no more resistance than a lamb, either sheared or slaughtered.

**This shows the meekness and submission with which he suffered a violent and unjust death.**

**Prove again preacher how do you know Isaiah 53 is talking about Jesus ... OK The Ethiopian eunuch was reading these very same verses when “Philip opened his mouth, and began at the same scripture, and preached unto him Jesus.”**

**Acts 8: 26-38 And the angel of the Lord spake unto Philip, saying, Arise, and go toward the south unto the way that goeth down from Jerusalem unto Gaza, which is desert. 27 And he arose and went: and, behold, a man of Ethiopia, an eunuch of great authority under Candace queen of the Ethiopians, who had the charge of all her treasure, and had come to Jerusalem for to worship, 28 Was returning, and sitting in his chariot read Esaias the prophet. 29 Then the Spirit said unto Philip, Go near, and join thyself to this chariot. 30 And Philip ran thither to [him], and heard him read the prophet Esaias, and said, Understandest thou what thou redest? 31 And he said, How can I, except some man should guide me? And he desired Philip that he would come up and sit with him. 32 The place of the scripture which he read was this, He was led as a sheep to the slaughter; and like a lamb dumb before his shearer, so opened he not his mouth: 33 In his humiliation his judgment was taken away: and who shall declare his generation? for his life is taken from the earth. 34 And the eunuch answered Philip, and said, I pray thee, of whom speaketh the prophet this? of himself, or of some other man? 35 Then Philip opened his mouth, and began at the same scripture, and preached unto him Jesus. 36 And as they went on [their] way, they came unto a certain water: and the eunuch said, See, [here is] water; what doth hinder me to be baptized? 37 And Philip said, If thou believest with all thine heart, thou mayest. And he answered and said, I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God. 38 And he commanded the chariot to stand still: and they went down both into the water, both Philip and the eunuch; and he baptized him.**

**Isaiah 53:8 He was taken from prison and from judgment: and who shall declare his generation? for he was cut off out of the land of the living: for the transgression of my people was he stricken**

**“He is taken from prison ...” cf:**

**Matthew 27:27-29 Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus into the common hall, and gathered unto him the whole band [of soldiers]. 28 And they stripped him, and put on him a scarlet robe. 29 And when they had platted a crown of thorns, they put [it] upon his head, and a reed in his right hand: and they bowed the knee before him, and mocked him, saying, Hail, King of the Jews!**

**“and from judgment ...” this was the very name of Pilate’s seat he sat upon cf:**

**Matthew 27:19** When he was set down on the judgment seat, his wife sent unto him, saying, Have thou nothing to do with that just man: for I have suffered many things this day in a dream because of him.

**Isaiah 53:8** He was taken from prison and from judgment: and who shall declare his generation? for he was cut off out of the land of the living: for the transgression of my people was he stricken.

“... for he was cut off out of the land of the living ...” Here in V:8 the Messiah is to be Killed also Daniel tells us cf:

**Daniel 9:26** “And after threescore and two weeks shall Messiah be cut off, but not for himself ...”

**Isaiah 53:9** And he made his grave with the wicked, and with the rich in his death; because he had done no violence, neither [*was any*] deceit in his mouth.

This is one the most amazing prophecy in Isaiah. The significant fact is that the word "wicked" here in Hebrew is plural, and the words "rich man" are singular

“... And he made his grave with the wicked, He is to be crucified between two thieves, “the wicked” cf:

**Matthew 27:38** Then were there two thieves crucified with him, one on the right hand, and another on the left.

**Isaiah 53:9** And he made his grave with the wicked, and with the rich in his death; because he had done no violence, neither [*was any*] deceit in his mouth

“... and with the rich in his death ... He is to be buried in a rich man’s tomb,

**Matthew 27:57-60** When the even was come, there came a rich man of Ar-i-ma-thae-a, named Joseph, who also himself was Jesus' disciple: 58 He went to Pilate, and begged the body of Jesus. Then Pilate commanded the body to be delivered. 59 And when Joseph had taken the body, he wrapped it in a clean linen cloth, 60 And laid it in his own new tomb, which he had hewn out in the rock: and he rolled a great stone to the door of the se-pul-chre, and departed.

**Isaiah 53:10** Yet it pleased the LORD to bruise him; he hath put [*him*] to grief: when thou shalt make his soul an offering for sin, he shall see [*his*] seed, he shall prolong [*his*] days, and the pleasure of the LORD shall prosper in his hand.

**“...When thou shalt make his soul an offering - The word dro נפש nep-hesh, soul, is frequently used in Hebrew to signify life. Throughout the New Testament the salvation of men is uniformly attributed to the death of Christ.**

**“ ... he (God) shall see [*his*] seed (child or Son), he shall prolong [*his*] days ...”  
How? How can God “prolong some one’s days when He has been killed in v:8 and buried in v: 9 ? For one who was indeed put to death, this is undeniably a prophecy of his resurrection from the dead. By no other means, whatever, could it be said that of one who had “poured out his soul unto death” that he would “prolong his days.” and that is the Gospel. Cf: I Corinthians 15:1-4**

**“... he (God) shall see [*his*] seed (Child or Son), ... the one who has been promised from old from everlasting ... all the way back in the garden of Eden**

**Genesis 3:15 And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel.**

**Galatians 3:16 Now to Abraham and his seed were the promises made. He saith not, And to seeds, as of many; but as of one, And to thy seed, which is Christ.**

**Galatians 3:26-29 For ye are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus. 27 For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ. 28 There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female: for ye are all one in Christ Jesus. 29 And if ye [*be*] Christ's, then are ye Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise.**

**... and the pleasure of the LORD shall prosper in his hand.” To have all men saved and brought to the knowledge of the truth.**

**“... Shall prosper in his hand ...” Shall go on in a state of progressive prosperity; and so completely has this been thus far accomplished**

**Matthew 28:18-20 And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. 19 Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost:<sup>2</sup> 20 Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, [*even*] unto the end of the world. Amen.**

**Isaiah 53:11 He shall see of the travail of his soul, [*and*] shall be satisfied: by his knowledge shall my righteous servant justify many; for he shall bear their iniquities.**

**“... by his knowledge ...” by knowing about him**

**Philippians 3: 10 That I may know him, and the power of his resurrection, and the fellowship of his sufferings, being made conformable unto his death;**

**“ ... shall my righteous servant justify many ...” Because of His atonement the Suffering Servant is now called “...my righteous servant ...”**

**Philippians 2:7 But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men: 8 And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross. 9 Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name: 10 That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of [*things*] in heaven, and [*things*] in earth, and [*things*] under the earth; 11 And [*that*] every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ [*is*] Lord, to the glory of God the Father**

**Who will “... justify many ...”**

**Romans 3:24 Being justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus:**

**II Corinthians 5:21 For he hath made him [*to be*] sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him.**

**Isaiah 53:12 Therefore will I divide him [*a portion*] with the great, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong; because he hath poured out his soul unto death: and he was numbered with the transgressors; and he bare the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors.**

**This prophecy was fulfilled by the Saviour himself when he prayed for those who nailed him to the cross,**

**Luke 23:34 Then said Jesus, Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do. And they parted his raiment, and cast lots.**

**“ ... he was numbered with the transgressors ...” Jesus Himself says this verse is speaking about Himself cf:**

**Luke 22:37 For I say unto you, that this that is written must yet be accomplished in me, And he was reckoned among the transgressors: for the things concerning me have an end.**

**Mark also says Jesus being crucified between two thieves fulfills this scripture cf:**

**Mark 15:27-28 And with him they crucify two thieves; the one on his right hand, and the other on his left. 28 And the scripture was fulfilled, which saith, And he was numbered with the transgressors.**

**“... made intercession for the transgressors ...  
there is just one mediator between God and men cf:**

**I Timothy 2:5 For [*there is*] one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus;**

**Daily every minute of every hour Christ our High Priest is:**

**Hebrews 4: 13 Neither is there any creature that is not manifest in his sight: but all things [*are*] naked and opened unto the eyes of him with whom we have to do. 14 Seeing then that we have a great high priest, that is passed into the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast [*our*] profession. 15 For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as [*we are, yet*] without sin. 16 Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need.**

**Jesus Christ was in no sense whatever only a man. He was and is The Son of God, God manifested in the flesh; and that Holy Being's atoning sacrifice was more than sufficient to wipe out the sins of all the myriads of men who ever lived.**

**I John 2:1-2 My little children, these things write I unto you, that ye sin not. And if any man sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous: 2 And he is the propitiation for our sins: and not for ours only, but also for [*the sins of*] the whole world.**

**John 1:12 But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, [*even*] to them that believe on his name:**

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