

THE SUFFERING OF THE SERVANT (52:13–15)

The LORD ¹³ Behold, My servant will act wisely;

He will be exalted
and lifted up
and be very high.

¹⁴ So many were astonished at You—

so, His appearance was disfigured¹⁹⁷ more than any man,
and His form more than the children of a human.

¹⁵ So will He [gather]¹⁹⁸ many nations; the kings will shut their
mouths because of Him:

for that which had not been told them, they will see;
and that which they have not heard, they will consider.

SUFFERING AND TRIUMPH OF THE MESSIAH (53:1–12)

Christ's disciples **53** Who has believed our report?
And to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed?

Isaiah ² For He will grow up before Him as a tender plant
and as a root out of dry ground.

Non-believers He has no form or majesty that we should look at Him
and no appearance that we should desire Him.

Isaiah ³ He is despised
and rejected of men,
a man of pains
and familiar with sickness,
and like one from whom people hid their faces.
He is despised!

Non-believers But we esteemed Him not.

197. The Hebrew word *mischat*, translated “disfigured,” is rare in the Hebrew Bible. It refers to Jesus Christ’s disfigurement after he wore the crown of thorns, was beaten and hit in the face (Matthew 26:67; 27:30), suffered for about three hours in Gethsemane, and experienced the cruelty of the cross. No individual, ever, in eternity, had suffered in such an extreme manner. Thus, Isaiah prophesied, “His appearance was disfigured more than any man, and His form *more than the children* of a human” (emphasis added). DSS Isaiah possibly reads, “I have anointed his appearance,” but this reading is incorrect.

198. JST 52:15 reads “gather.”

Christ's disciples ⁴ Surely He has borne our sicknesses
and carried our pains;

Non-believers But we esteemed Him stricken,
smitten by God, and afflicted.

Christ's disciples ⁵ But He was pierced for our transgressions;
He was crushed for our iniquities.

The chastening upon Him made us whole,
and with His stripes we are healed.

Non-believers ⁶ All we like sheep have gone astray;
we have turned, each of us, to his own way.

Christ's disciples And the LORD has laid on Him the [iniquities]¹⁹⁹ of us all.

Isaiah ⁷ He was oppressed,
and He was afflicted,

but He opened not His mouth. He is brought as a lamb to
the slaughter,
and as an ewe lamb before her shearers is dumb, He opened not
His mouth.

⁸ He was taken from oppression and from judgment.
And who will consider His generation?

Because He was cut off out of the land of the living;
He was stricken for the [transgressions]²⁰⁰ of my people.

⁹ And He made His grave with the wicked
and with the rich in His death,

though He had done no [evil]²⁰¹,
nor was any deceit in His mouth.

¹⁰ And the LORD desired to crush Him;
He made Him sick.²⁰²

When you will make His soul a guilt offering, He will see His seed,
He will prolong His days,
and the will of the LORD will prosper in His hand.

199. From Mosiah 14:4.

200. From Mosiah 14:8.

201. From Mosiah 14:9.

202. DSS Isaiah reads, "he pierced him."

¹¹ He will see the trouble of His soul, and He will be satisfied;
by His knowledge, My servant, the Righteous One, will make
many righteous,
and He will bear their iniquities.

God ¹² Therefore I will divide for Him a portion with the great,
and with the strong He will divide the spoil,
because He has laid His soul bare to death,
and He was numbered with the transgressors;
and He bore the [sins]²⁰³ of many
and made intercession for the transgressors.

ZION AND HER STAKES ESTABLISHED IN THE LAST DAYS (54:1-17)

The LORD **54** “Sing gladly, O barren²⁰⁴ one, who has not given birth;
break forth into singing and cry aloud, who did not
labor with child;
for more are the children of the desolate
than the children of the married wife,”

Isaiah says the LORD.

The LORD ² “Enlarge the place of your tent,
and let the curtains of your habitations be stretched out.
Do not hold back; lengthen your cords
and strengthen your stakes.

³ For you will break forth on the right and on the left;
and your seed will take possession of the nations
and will populate the desolate cities.

⁴ Fear not, for you will not be ashamed;
and be not confounded, for you will not be put to shame;
for you will forget the shame of your youth,
and you will not remember the dishonor of your
widowhood anymore.

⁵ For Your Maker is your Husband; the LORD of Hosts is
His name,
and your Redeemer, the Holy One of Israel, the God of the
whole earth, will He be called.

203. From Mosiah 14:12.

204. In the Hebrew, many of the grammatical forms in this chapter are feminine, referring to Lady Zion, though these forms are lost in the translation.