

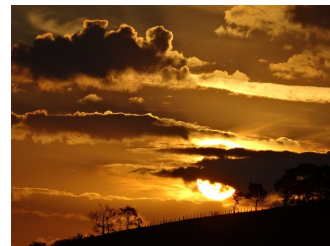
OLD TESTAMENT MESSIANIC PROPHECY

TEXT:

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.

Yet it pleased the Lord to bruise Him. Multitudes of men lift their eyes and glance at the sun, marveling that its heat does not diminish and that it provides for itself its own fuel. They behold the majestic splendor of its sunsets, and even determine the course of direction by its accuracy. Yet men fail to think of the Son of Righteousness Who determines the course of our direction to all eternity.

Many behold the starry orbs of the heavens which truly declare the Glory of God, yet don't know the Bright and Morning Star which outshines them all.



There is one great event which every day attracts more admiration than the sun, moon, and stars as they march on their courses. That event is the death of our Lord Jesus Christ. To it, the eyes of all the saints who lived before Calvary were always directed; and over the past 2000 years of history, the eyes of all saints have been looking back at it.



Upon Christ, angels in Heaven continually look. With eager longing, watching saints of all continents long to behold Him Who died that we might live. To realize that

He took our place on Calvary is too wonderful for puny minds to contemplate. But for our meditation this morning, we shall try — by the help of the Holy Spirit — to see why Christ died for us.

To begin, let us consider what the Word of God has to say thru the prophet Isaiah:

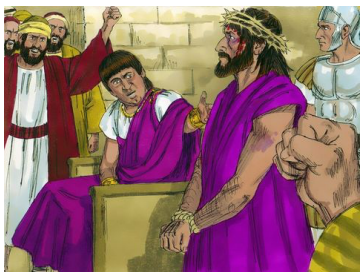
Isaiah 53:4-10

4 Surely He hath borne our griefs, 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.

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.



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.

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.

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.

Yet it pleased the Lord to bruise Him; He hath put Him to grief. Those who read Christ's life as mere history are likely to trace the death of Christ to the Jews and to the fickle character of the Roman government. But he who reads the Bible with the eye of faith, desiring to discover its hidden secrets, sees something more than Roman cruelty or Jewish malice in the Saviour's death. He sees the solemn decree of God fulfilled by men who were the ignorant but guilty instruments of its accomplishment.



Being delivered by the determined counsel and foreknowledge of God, Jesus was taken, and by wicked hands He was crucified and slain.

Acts 2:23: Him, being delivered by the determinate counsel and foreknowledge of God, ye have taken, and by wicked hands have crucified and slain:

The Holy Spirit — overlooking Pilate and Herod — traces it to the Heavenly Father, the One Who so loved the world that He gave . . .

John 3:16: For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten

Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

Christ came not into the world unsent. In the fullness of time, God sent forth His Son and freely delivered Him up for us all.



Galatians 4:4-5:

4 But when the fulness of the time was come, God sent forth His Son, made of a woman, made under the law,

5 To redeem them that were under the law, that we might receive the adoption of sons.

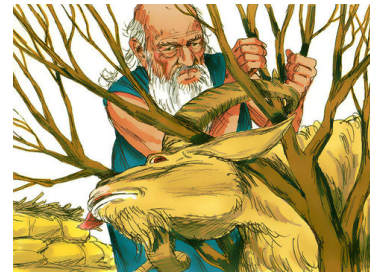
We read about Abraham on Mt. Moriah when he was preparing to sacrifice his son, Isaac, that he saw a the ram caught in the thicket.

Genesis 22:7-8:

7 And Isaac spake unto Abraham his father, and said, My father: and he said, Here am I, my son. And he said, Behold the fire and the wood: but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?

8 And Abraham said, My son, God will provide Himself a lamb for a burnt offering: so they went both of them together.

Genesis 22:13: And Abraham lifted up his eyes, and looked, and behold behind him a ram caught in a thicket by his horns: and Abraham went and took the ram, and offered him up for a burnt offering in the stead of his son.



Christ is the Lamb of God that Abraham had prophesied when he said: ***“God will provide Himself a Lamb”***. It pleased the Father to reconcile the world unto Himself by the death of Christ to bring those dead in sin back to God.

Colossians 1:20: And, having made peace through the blood of His cross, by Him to reconcile all things unto Himself; by Him, I say, whether they be things in earth, or things in heaven.

His delights are towards the children of the sons of men. He says *“I have loved thee with an everlasting love”*.

Jeremiah 31:3: The LORD hath appeared of old unto me, saying, Yea, I have loved thee with an everlasting love: therefore with lovingkindness have I drawn thee.

Now, back to the fold and to the Glory. All the agonies that clothed the death of the Saviour with superhuman terror were the effect of the Father. The Father's bruising of Christ is the gall of the cup of which all of us would have had to drink throughout all eternity. Hear Him cry out, "*My God, My God, why hast Thou forsaken Me?*"

Mark 15:34: And at the ninth hour Jesus cried with a loud voice, saying, Eloi, Eloi, lama sabachthani? which is, being interpreted, My God, My God, why hast Thou forsaken Me?

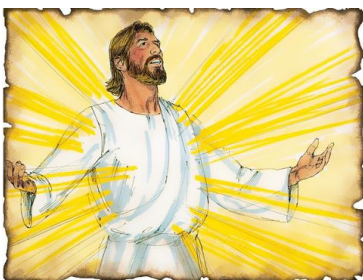


Just how would God bruise His Son Who was perfectly innocent? We find the answer in **Isaiah 53:10**:

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Christ died as a substitute. When you see Jesus in the judgment hall, and see Him carrying His Cross, being nailed to it, being raised and dropped into the ground, and dying a most painful and horrible death — you need to see yourself there. He died for *you*. There is no flame of Hell and no bottomless pit, for Christ — my ransom — suffered in my stead; and therefore, I am cleansed, washed in the Blood of the Lamb, and made whiter than snow.

He died, once, for all the sins of all mankind, and we are thereby all included in the "*whosoever will*" that may come.



Romans 6:9-10:

9 Knowing that Christ being raised from the dead dieth no more; death hath no more dominion over Him.

10 For in that He died, He died unto sin once: but in that He liveth, He liveth unto God.

Romans 10:13: For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.

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