



**Sunday, 31<sup>st</sup> July 2011**  
**The Cross of Christ**  
**Part 3: The Cross in prophecy**

Today we will look at some of the OT prophecies about the Cross. Specifically, we will spend time on Isaiah 52/53 that foretells all that Jesus was to accomplish on the Cross.

*There are at least 23 references to Christ in the book of Psalms which are attested and fulfilled in the Gospels, the book of Acts & Hebrews.*

The following verses refer to specific events prior to and at the crucifixion of the Lord Jesus in the books of Psalms with the corresponding fulfillment/reference in the New Testament.

***God's only begotten***

**Psalm 2**

<sup>7</sup> "I will declare the decree: The LORD has said to Me, 'You *are* My Son, Today I have begotten You.

<sup>8</sup> Ask of Me, and I will give *You* the nations *for* Your inheritance, And the ends of the earth *for* Your possession.

**Acts 13:33**

<sup>33</sup> God has fulfilled this for us their children, in that He has raised up Jesus. As it is also written in the second Psalm: '*You are My Son, Today I have begotten (unique, beloved) You.*'

*(Read Matt 3:17)*

***The Cry***

**Psalm 22:1**

<sup>1</sup> My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me? *Why are You so far from helping Me, And from the words of My groaning?*

**Matt 27:47**

<sup>46</sup> And about the ninth hour Jesus cried out with a loud voice, saying, "Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani?" that is, "*My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me?*"

***The reproach***

**Psalm 22:7,8**

<sup>7</sup> All those who see Me ridicule Me; They shoot out the lip, they shake the head, *saying,*

<sup>8</sup> "He trusted in the LORD, let Him rescue Him; Let Him deliver Him, since He delights in Him!"

**Luke 23:35-37**

<sup>35</sup> And the people stood looking on. But even the rulers with them sneered, saying, "He saved others; let Him save Himself if He is the Christ, the chosen of God."

<sup>36</sup> The soldiers also mocked Him, coming and offering Him sour wine, <sup>37</sup> and saying, "If You are the King of the Jews, save Yourself."

***The crucifixion***

**Psalm 22:16**

<sup>16</sup> For dogs have surrounded Me; The congregation of the wicked has enclosed Me.

They pierced My hands and My feet;

**Luke 23:33**

<sup>33</sup> And when they had come to the place called Calvary, there they crucified Him, and the criminals, one on the right hand and the other on the left.



### ***Casting Lots***

#### **Psalm 22:18**

<sup>18</sup> They divide My garments among them,  
And for My clothing they cast lots.

#### **Matt 27:35**

<sup>35</sup> Then they crucified Him, and divided His garments, casting lots, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophet:

*"They divided My garments among them,  
And for My clothing they cast lots."*

### ***Bones unbroken***

#### **Psalm 34:20**

<sup>20</sup> He guards all his bones; Not one of them is broken.

#### **John 19:34-36**

<sup>34</sup> But one of the soldiers pierced His side with a spear, and immediately blood and water came out. <sup>35</sup> And he who has seen has testified, and his testimony is true; and he knows that he is telling the truth, so that you may believe. <sup>36</sup> For these things were done that the Scripture should be fulfilled, *"Not one of His bones shall be broken."*

### ***False witnesses***

#### **Psalm 35:11**

<sup>11</sup> Fierce witnesses rise up...

#### **Mark 14:57, 58**

<sup>57</sup> Then some rose up and bore false witness against Him, saying, <sup>58</sup> "We heard Him say, 'I will destroy this temple made with hands, and within three days I will build another made without hands.'"

### ***Betrayal***

#### **Psalm 41:9**

<sup>9</sup> Even my own familiar friend in whom I trusted, Who ate my bread, Has lifted up *his* heel against me.

#### **Luke 22:47, 48**

<sup>47</sup> And while He was still speaking, behold, a multitude; and he who was called Judas, one of the twelve, went before them and drew near to Jesus to kiss Him. <sup>48</sup> But Jesus said to him, "Judas, are you betraying the Son of Man with a kiss?"

## **Prophesied 600 years before Christ**

### **Isaiah 52:13 – 53:12 (The Suffering Servant)**

#### **Isaiah 52:13-15**

<sup>13</sup> Behold, My Servant shall deal prudently; He shall be exalted and extolled and be very high.

(Read **Phil 2:9**)

<sup>14</sup> Just as many were astonished at you, So His visage was marred more than any man,  
And His form more than the sons of men; **(unparalleled suffering)**

<sup>15</sup> So shall He sprinkle many nations. Kings shall shut their mouths at Him;

For what had not been told them they shall see, And what they had not heard they shall consider.



## Isaiah 53

<sup>1</sup> Who has believed our report?

And to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed?

(Read **John 12: 37, 38**)

<sup>2</sup> For He shall grow up before Him as a tender plant, And as a root out of dry ground.

**(unlikely soil/Unexpected nature of His arrival)**

He has no form or comeliness; And when we see Him, *There is* no beauty that we should desire Him.

<sup>3</sup> He is despised and rejected by men, A Man of sorrows and acquainted with grief.

And we hid, as it were, *our* faces from Him; He was despised, and we did not esteem Him.

<sup>4</sup> Surely He has borne our **griefs**; (Grief Heb. 'Choily' – sickness) And carried our **sorrows** (Sorrows Heb. 'Makob' – Pains of the soul) Yet we esteemed Him stricken, Smitten by God, and afflicted.

<sup>5</sup> But He *was* **wounded** (pierced through) for our **transgressions** (rebellion), *He was* **bruised** (crushed) for our **iniquities** (wickedness);

The chastisement for our peace *was* upon Him, And by His **stripes** (blows that cut in) we are **healed**.

<sup>6</sup> All we like sheep have gone astray; We have turned, every one, to his own way;

And the LORD has laid on Him the iniquity of us all.

(Read **1 pet 2:24,25**)

<sup>7</sup> He was oppressed and He was afflicted, Yet He opened not His mouth;

He was led as a lamb to the slaughter, And as a sheep before its shearers is silent, So He opened not His mouth.

<sup>8</sup> He was taken from prison and from judgment, And who will declare His generation?

For He was cut off from the land of the living; For the transgressions of My people He was stricken.

<sup>9</sup> And they made His grave with the wicked— But with the rich at His death, (**Read Matt 27:57-60**) Because He had done no violence, Nor *was any* deceit in His mouth.

<sup>10</sup> Yet it pleased the LORD to bruise Him; He has put *Him* to grief. When You 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.

<sup>11</sup> He shall see the labor of His soul, *and* be satisfied. By His knowledge My righteous Servant shall **justify** many, For He shall bear their iniquities. (**Read Romans 5:18,19**)

<sup>12</sup> Therefore I will divide Him a portion with the great, And He shall divide the spoil with the strong, Because He poured out His soul unto death, And He was **numbered with the transgressors**, **(thieves on either side of Jesus)**

And He bore the sin of many, And made intercession for the transgressors.

### Other references:

#### Matthew 8:17

<sup>17</sup> that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Isaiah the prophet, saying:

*“ He Himself took our infirmities  
And bore our sicknesses.”*



### **Zechariah 12:10**

<sup>10</sup> "And I will pour on the house of David and on the inhabitants of Jerusalem the Spirit of grace and supplication; then they will look on Me whom they pierced. Yes, they will mourn for Him as one mourns for *his* only *son*, and grieve for Him as one grieves for a firstborn.

### **Zechariah 13:6**

<sup>6</sup> And *one* will say to him, 'What are these wounds between your arms?' Then he will answer, '*Those* with which I was wounded in the house of my friends.'

### **Conclusion**

*Why did He do this for us?*

Just because of His great love for each one of us.

*Our response?*

Gratitude – "Thank you Lord!"

As we acknowledge the Lord's accomplishment on the cross and thank Him from our hearts for taking on *our sicknesses*, *our emotional pains* and *our iniquities*, we will experience all the benefits of His finished work on the Cross.

Let us hold fast to this confession "By His Stripes we were healed" without wavering! Amen!



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