

# Isaiah's Servant Song – No. 4

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**Isaiah 52 – Context and Prelude**

# God's Servant the Messiah

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- There are five Servant Songs in Isaiah.
- We have seen Him as God's ideal servant, redeemer of Israel and the world, rejected by the world, but assured victory through Jehovah's power.
- Our focus today is the fourth, known as the song of the suffering Servant – Isa. 52:13 – 53:12
- Here He is a conquering hero through suffering, not as a warrior.
- We will consider the context and prelude to the suffering Servant.

# The Context

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Isaiah 52:1-12

Context:

## Israel's Exaltation

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- Israel is called to awake and take her place of honor in Jerusalem – 52:1-6
  - She must rise from her stupor and put on God's strength and beautiful garments, being freed – 52:1-2; Col. 2:11; Rom. 2:28-29
  - God would redeem her without money – 52:3-6; 1 Pet. 1:18
- Glad tidings of redemption and deliverance would come, bringing joy and comfort, while demanding holiness of God's people – 52:7-12; Rom. 10:14-15; 2 Cor. 6:15-18

# Prelude to the Suffering Servant

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Isaiah 52:13-15

The Prelude:

## His Exaltation and Suffering

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- The servant's exaltation comes first, followed by suffering (reversed from Isa. 53) – 52:13-15
- By acting in wisdom, Jehovah will cause Him to rise to great honor – 52:13; Phil. 2:8-11
- This exaltation would come through great cost – 52:14-15
  - He would be subjected to the basest treatment and severest suffering – 52:14
  - Through suffering He would *sprinkle* the nations – 52:15; Heb. 10:19-22; 2 Cor. 1:6-10