**INTRODUCTION**

* Written ~700 years before Christ was born
* Quoted or referred to at least 85 times in the NT
* Prophecy – Written in past tense

***1Who hath believed our report? and to whom is the arm of the Lord revealed?***

* Many didn’t and still don’t believe this report
  + Primarily due to how God chooses to display his power – (Servant vs Warrior)

***2For 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.***

* Lacks what the world sees as important
  + *Tender plant* = Meek and mild vs mighty
  + *Root out of dry ground* = Galilee – Poor village – (Spiritually & Politically)
  + *No form nor comeliness, no beauty that we should desire him* = Appearance didn’t stand out

***3He 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.***

* Ultimately will be rejected by most
  + *He is despised and rejected of men*:
    - John 6:66 *“from that time many of his disciples went back, and walked no more with him”*
    - John 1:11 *“He came to his own, and those who were His own did not receive him”*
  + *a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief:*
    - Hebrews 4:15 “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”
  + *we hid as it were our faces from him; he was despised, and we esteemed him not.*
    - Nothing outwardly to attract us – so most withdraw
      * Imagine the difference if everything mentioned thus far was opposite

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

* Willing to take our place
  + *Surely he hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows*
    - Took our pain upon himself, He made our griefs his own, Accepted our sorrows to be His
    - Example of the Leper
      * Mark 1:41 “*And Jesus, moved with compassion, put forth his hand, and touched him, and saith unto him, I will; be thou clean”*
  + *Yet we did esteem him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted*
    - All come to pass, but not understood. – (Saw it but didn’t see it)

***5But 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.***

* His suffering was for us
  + *wounded for our transgressions…bruised for our iniquities;*
    - All that he went through was for us because of us
  + *chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed*
    - Mark 15:15 *“And so Pilate, willing to content the people, released Barabbas unto them, and delivered Jesus, when he had scourged him, to be crucified”*
    - 1 Peter 2:4 *“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”*

***6All 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.***

* Man believes our ways are greater than His ways
  + *All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned everyone to his own way*
    - Man always putting their way over Gods way
  + *And the Lord hath laid on him the iniquity of us all*
    - All of our wickedness placed on Jesus who represented us at Calvary
      * 2 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”*
      * 1 John 2:2 *“And he is the propitiation for our sins: and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world”*
  + Read v4-6 and highlight – (Our, We, Us)

***7He 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.***

* Silence speaks louder than words
  + Mark 15:3-5 “*And the chief priests accused him of many things: but he answered nothing. And Pilate asked him again, saying, Answerest thou nothing? behold how many things they witness against thee. But Jesus yet answered nothing; so that Pilate marveled”*

***8He 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.***

* Gave His life for us
  + Cut off out of the land of the living
    - Romans 5:8 *“But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us”*

***9And 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.***

* Died among the guilty, buried among the rich
  + Made his grave = Physically died
    - Matthew 27:38 *“Then were there two thieves crucified with him, one on the right hand, and another on the left”*
  + Rich in his death = Buried in rich mans tomb
    - Matthew 27:57-60 *“When the even was come, there came a rich man of Arimathaea, named Joseph, who also himself was Jesus disciple :He went to Pilate, and begged the body of Jesus. Then Pilate commanded the body to be delivered. And when Joseph had taken the body, he wrapped it in a clean linen cloth, and laid it in his own new tomb…..”*

***10Yet 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.***

* The plan was accomplished
  + *Yet it pleased the Lord to bruise him; he hath put him to grief: when though shalt make his soul and offering for sin,*
    - Love and Judgement met at the cross
  + *Shall prolong his days, and the pleasure of the Lord shall prosper in his hand*
    - It didn’t end at the cross, but Christ lives on and so can we

***11He 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.***

* Christ is satisfied with His work – Believes it was worth it
  + We can be justified through Christ

***12Therefore 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.***

* Intercessor for the guilty – (Worthy, Died for us, Wearing our sin, Represents those who believe)
  + Sadly many will attempt to represent themselves

**CLOSING**

* Written ~700 years before Christ was born
* Yet CLEARLY describes Jesus Christ