**Isaiah 53**

**Verse-by-Verse & Cross-Reference Study**

(NIV study Bible used – some translations or study Bibles may vary)

**51** total cross-references within Isaiah 53

**46** separate cross-references for all of Isaiah 53 (a few are repeated)

**3** cross-reference passages that quote Isaiah as a fulfillment of prophecy

**1 Peter 2:24** – the only cross-referenced verse appearing as a reference 3x within Isaiah 53 (great aim and summary of the book of Isaiah along with the theme of salvation!)

Cross-references cover a broad number of passages throughout the Bible, from Genesis through I Peter, revealing how much content is really covered and referenced in Isaiah 53.

**Isaiah 53:1**

Who has believed our message

* Romans 10:16 –

and to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed?

* John 12:38 –

**Isaiah 53:2**

He grew up before Him like a tender shoot,

* II Kings 19:26 –

and like a root out of dry ground.

* Isaiah 11:10 –

He had no beauty or majesty to attract us to Him, nothing in His appearance that we should desire Him.

* Isaiah 52:14 –

**Isaiah 53:3**

He was despised and rejected by men, a man of sorrows, and familiar with suffering.

* Luke 18:31-33 –

Like one from whom men hide their faces

* Deuteronomy 31:17 –

He was despised, and we esteemed Him not.

* Psalm 22:6 –
* John 1:10-11 –

**Isaiah 53:4**

Surely He took up our infirmities and carried our sorrows,

* Matthew 8:17 (fulfillment of prophecy/Isaiah quoted) –

yet we considered Him stricken by God,

* John 19:7 –

smitten by Him, and afflicted.

* Genesis 12:17 –
* Ruth 1:21 –

**Isaiah 53:5**

But He was pierced for our transgressions,

* Romans 4:25 –
* I Corinthians 15:3 –

He was crushed for our iniquities;

* Psalm 34:18 –

the punishment that brought peace was upon Him,

* Isaiah 9:6 –
* Isaiah 50:6 –

and by His wounds we are healed.

* **I Peter** **2:24**-25 –

**Isaiah 53:6**

We all, like sheep, have gone astray,

* Psalm 95:10 –
* **I Peter** **2:24**-25 – (see previous)

each of us has turned to his own way;

* I Samuel 8:3 –

and the Lord has laid on Him the iniquity of us all.

* Exodus 28:38 –
* Romans 4:25 – (see previous)

**Isaiah 53:7**

He was oppressed and afflicted,

* Isaiah 49:26 –

yet He did not open His mouth;

* Mark 14:61 –

He was led like a lamb to the slaughter,

* Psalm 44:22 –

and as a sheep before her shearers is silent, so He did not open His mouth.

**Isaiah 53:8**

By oppression and judgment He was taken away.

* Mark 14:49 –

And who can speak of His descendants? For He was cut off from the land of the living;

* Daniel 9:26 –
* Acts 8:32-33 (fulfillment of prophecy/Isaiah quoted) –

for the transgression of my people He was stricken.

* Psalm 39:8 –

**Isaiah 53:9**

He was assigned a grave with the wicked, and with the rich in His death,

* Matthew 27:57-60 –

though He had done no violence,

* Isaiah 42:1-3 –

nor was any deceit in His mouth.

* I Peter 2:22 –

**Isaiah 53:10**

Yet it was the Lord’s will to crush Him and cause Him to suffer,

* Isaiah 46:10 –
* Genesis 12:17 – (see previous)

and though the Lord makes His life a guilt offering,

* Leviticus 5:15 –
* John 3:17 –

He will see His offspring and prolong His days,

* Psalm 22:30 –

and the will of the Lord will prosper in His hand.

* Isaiah 49:4 –

**Isaiah 53:11**

After the suffering of His soul,

* John 10:14-18 –

He will see the light of life and be satisfied;

* Job 33:30 –

by His knowledge my righteous Servant with justify many,

* Romans 5:18-19 –

and He will bear their iniquities.

* Exodus 28:38 – (see previous)

**Isaiah 53:12**

Therefore I will give Him a portion with the great,

* Philippians 2:9 –

and He will divide the spoils with the strong,

* Luke 11:22 –

because He poured out His life unto death,

* Matthew 26:28, 38-39, 42 –

and was numbered with the transgressors.

* Luke 22:37 (fulfillment of prophecy/Isaiah quoted) –
* Luke 23:32 –

For He bore the sin of many,

* **I Peter 2:24** –

and made intercession for the transgressors.

* Romans 8:34 –

**AIM:**

I Peter 2:24 (cross-referenced 3x in the passage of Isaiah 53) is a great summary of this passage, on a greater scale – the entire theme of Isaiah, and even the plan of salvation seen throughout all of Scripture.

“He Himself bore our sins in His body on the tree, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness; by His wounds you have been healed.”

**APPLICATIONS:**

1. Challenge: create your own application questions and consider how you would answer them/apply them to your own life
2. Examples (based on the context of both Isaiah 53 and coinciding cross-references)

* How do I respond when my Savior and God is rejected, mocked, or slandered today?
  + When is it appropriate to speak versus remain silent, and how does that action reflect the heart of Christ?
* How can I better learn to recognize and follow my Shepherd?
  + Is He truly the Overseer of my heart and soul?
  + Am I withholding a part of myself from Him?
  + When am I hesitant/reluctant to follow Him?
  + What distracts me from His voice?
* For what in my life am I (or should I be) praying, “Father, not my will but Yours be done?”
* Do I live my life as an example of once justified; continuously sanctified; and, one day, forever glorified?
* Do I practice and live in gratitude for Christ’s intercession every day of my life?
* Do I recognize the weight of my sin and the depravity of my heart in light of Jesus suffering my punishment on the cross?
  + What areas of my life or sin do I need to fully surrender to my Savior?
  + What does it look like to practice letting go of my guilt and shame and living covered by His grace and forgiveness?
* Do I live amazed by how God loves me?
  + Do I recognize the hope I have in Christ because He forever holds me in His hand?
  + *Song: “Amazed” by Philips, Craig, & Dean*