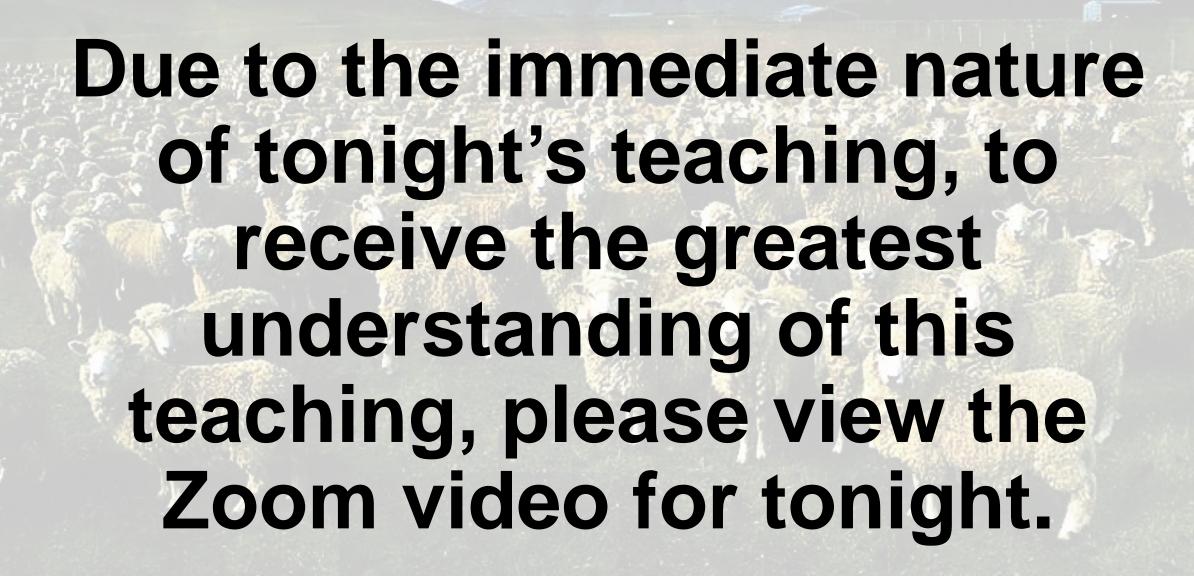


Unlike previous teachings, led by one person, this teaching is based on the input of all the Fellowship attendees.

Using one Biblical chapter, the Fellowship will dissect and analyze the chapter, hopefully providing new insights to all that are present.



Each verse will be analyzed while being displayed in both the King James Version (KJV) and the Jewish Study Bible Version (JSB).

However, each Fellowship member is free to use their own version of the Bible in making their analysis.





Isaiah contains the prophecies attributed to the prophet Isaiah and is one of the Nevi'im. Chapters 40 to 55 are known as "Deutero-Isaiah" and date from the time of the Israelites' exile in Babylon.

Isaiah 52:13-53:12 makes up the fourth of the "Servant Songs" of the Book of Isaiah, describing a "servant" of God who is abused but eventually vindicated.

Major themes of the chapter include:

Human opposition to God's purposes for the servant.

The servant has an exalted status in the eyes of God, but people despise him and consider him hated by God

The Servant's Violent Torture And Death

This passage uses violent language to describe the fate of the servant, including suffering, smitten, afflicted, wounded, crushed, bruising, cut off, anguished and exposed to death.

Prophetic Incredulity

The prophet questions whether anyone will believe what he is reporting

The Servant's Innocence

In the moment of crisis, the servant is described as innocent of retaliation, violence, or deceit

Blessings Upon His Persecutors

As a result of the servant's sufferings, his persecutors are given peace, healing, release from their guilt and escape from punishment

The Vindication Of The Servant After Death

After his violent persecution and death, the servant is given long life and strengthens the purposes of the Lord

Extending Righteousness To Others.

The righteous servant will "make the many righteous," thus extending his righteousness to others

Forgiveness And Intercession

Because of the servant's actions, "the guilt of the many" is removed from them and they receive intercession on their behalf from the servant

Isaiah 53 is often called the "Forbidden Chapter".

Jewish tradition shifted away from reading Isaiah 53 in synagogue services due to arguments and confusion. The chapter's focus on a suffering servant (Yeshua) led to discomfort and debate.

(KJV) -King James Version (JSB) -Jewish Study Bible

Isaiah 53

And now, you become the teacher:

Who hath believed our report? and to whom is the arm of the Lord revealed? (KJV)

¹ "Who can believe what we have heard? Upon whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed? (JSB)

- ² For 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. (KJV)
- ² For he has grown, by His favor, like a tree crown, Like a tree trunk out of arid ground. He had no form or beauty, that we should look at him: No charm, that we should find him pleasing. (JSB)

³ He 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. (KJV)

³ He was despised, shunned by men, A man of suffering, familiar with disease. As one who hid his face from us, He was despised, we held him of no account. (JSB)

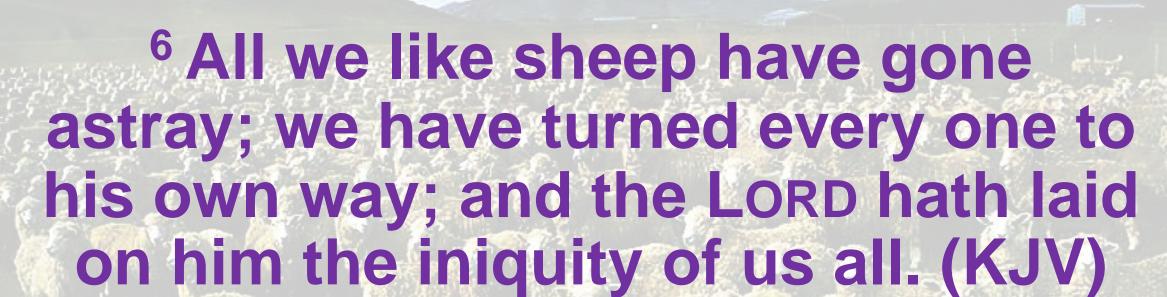
⁴ Surely he hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows: yet we did esteem him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted. (KJV)

⁴ Yet it was our sickness that he was bearing, Our suffering that he endured. We accounted him plagued, Smitten and afflicted by God; (JSB)



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. (KJV)

⁵ But he was wounded because of our sins, Crushed because of our iniquities. He bore the chastisement that made us whole, And by his bruises we were healed. (JSB)



⁶ We all went astray like sheep, Each going his own way; And the LORD visited upon him The guilt of all of us. (JSB)

Hopefully analyzing Isaiah 53 in this way has increased your understanding and appreciation of this chapter in the Bible.

