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The Rejection of Jesus

Jesus never asked anyone to put aside the Law and the Old Testament to believe that He was the Son of God. Jesus directed them to look into the precious Word of God and discover the fulfillment of it through His life. *Matthew 5:17-18, John 5:46-47*

It is vital that we discover Jesus as the Messiah according to Scripture!

Deuteronomy 6:4-5

4 Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God is one LORD:

5 And thou shalt love the LORD thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy might.

Deuteronomy 13:1-3

1 If there arise among you a prophet, or a dreamer of dreams, and giveth thee a sign or a wonder,

2 And the sign or the wonder come to pass, whereof he spake unto thee, saying, Let us go after other gods, which thou hast not known, and let us serve them;

3 Thou shalt not hearken unto the words of that prophet, or that dreamer of dreams: for the LORD your God proveth you, to know whether ye love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul.

- The belief that Jesus is the fulfillment of Old Testament is so very vital to the acceptance of His coming.
- The absolute doctrine that there is only one God.
- The understanding to love and serve that God completely, serving no other gods.
- Jesus was asked which is the greatest commandment in the law. Jesus replied, “*Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind*” (***Matthew 22:37***).
- Jesus made it known that He was the Son of God, Deity in the flesh. He was asking them to love and serve Him with all their heart, soul, mind and strength.

Jesus told them to seek Him out in prophesy, yet they would not see.

- They rejected Jesus because He claimed to be the Son of God.

John 5:18 Therefore the Jews sought the more to kill him, because he not only had broken the sabbath, but said also that God was his Father, making himself equal with God.

- Jesus faced rejection of His miracle works.
- In Matthew 8, Jesus encountered two men that were possessed with devils. Jesus delivered them of the devils. “They went into the herd of swine: and, behold, the whole herd of swine ran violently down a steep place into the sea, and perished in the waters” (**Matthew 8:32**). When it was told back in the city what had happened, “The whole city came out to meet Jesus: and when they saw him, they besought him that he would depart out of their coasts” (**Matthew 8:34**).
- They rejected Jesus when He preached conviction of their deeds.

Luke 4:28-29

28 And all they in the synagogue, when they heard these things, were filled with wrath,

29 And rose up, and thrust him out of the city, and led him unto the brow of the hill whereon their city was built, that they might cast him down headlong.

- Their rejection was because their deeds were evil.

John 3:16-19

16 For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

17 For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved.

18 He that believeth on him is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God.

19 And this is the condemnation, that light is come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, **because their deeds were evil.**

John 1:10-12

10 He was in the world, and the world was made by him, and the world knew him not.

11 He came unto his own, and his own received him not.

12 **But as many as received him,** to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name:

Never doubt, for Scripture prophesied of this rejection also.

The Arm of the Lord

Isaiah 53:1 *Who hath believed our report? and to whom is the arm of the LORD revealed?*

God is a spirit. The Spirit of God has no hands, feet or body. Yet often in Scripture, God is portrayed by the attributes of the human body (mighty hand, outstretched arm, strong arm). There is a particular phrase describing God's work throughout the Old Testament. Simply, the Arm of the Lord.

- The Arm of the Lord is the strength or power of God.

Psalm 98:1 O sing unto the LORD a new song; for he hath done marvellous things: his right hand, and his holy arm, hath gotten him the victory.

- The phrase "Arm of the Lord" has its origination in the story of deliverance out of Egypt.

Exodus 6:5-6

5 And I have also heard the groaning of the children of Israel, whom the Egyptians keep in bondage; and I have remembered my covenant.

6 Wherefore say unto the children of Israel, I am the LORD, and I will bring you out from under the burdens of the Egyptians, and I will rid you out of their bondage, and I will redeem you with a stretched out arm, and with great judgments:

- The Arm of the Lord was the testimony of salvation/power to the people of God.

1 Kings 8:42 (For they shall hear of thy great name, and of thy strong hand, and of thy stretched out arm;) when he shall come and pray toward this house;

Jeremiah 32:21 And hast brought forth thy people Israel out of the land of Egypt with signs, and with wonders, and with a strong hand, and with a stretched out arm, and with great terror;

- The Arm of the Lord became the prophetic future of God's Salvation.

Isaiah 59:16 And he saw that there was no man, and wondered that there was no intercessor: therefore his arm brought salvation unto him; and his righteousness, it sustained him.

Isaiah 63:4-5

4 For the day of vengeance is in mine heart, and the year of my redeemed is come.

5 And I looked, and there was none to help; and I wondered that there was none to uphold: therefore mine own arm brought salvation unto me; and my fury, it upheld me.

Who is the Arm of the Lord according to Isaiah 53?

Isaiah 53:1-2

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

*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.*

- These first two verses introduce the **vast unbelief** concerning the **anointed one** at His coming.
- Verse two tells us “*he hath no form nor comeliness.*”
- Here it refers to the appearance of the Messiah, as having nothing that was answerable to their expectations. He had no robes of royalty; no diadem sparkling on his brow; no splendid retinue; no gorgeous array.
Albert Barnes Commentary

Isaiah 53:3 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.

- The rejection of Jesus began among His own nation and people.

John 1:11 He came unto his own, and his own received him not.

Isaiah 53:4-7

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

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.

6 All 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.

7 He 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.

- **Without doubt, Jesus Christ fulfills the complete narrative of Isaiah 53.**
 - **Despised & Rejection**
 - **Stricken, Smitten & Slain**
 - **The Willing Substitute**
- JFB Commentary speaks of Isaiah 52:13 to the end of chapter 53 as such. “The correspondence with the life and death of Jesus Christ is so minute, that it could not have resulted from conjecture or accident. An impostor could not have shaped the course of events so as to have made his character and life appear to be a fulfillment of it. The writing is, moreover, declaredly prophetic.”

The Consolation of Israel

Luke 2:25 And, behold, there was a man in Jerusalem, whose name was Simeon; and the same man was just and devout, waiting for **the consolation of Israel**: and the Holy Ghost was upon him.

One of the texts portraying the consolation of Israel is Isaiah chapter 40.

Isaiah 40:1 Comfort ye, comfort ye my people, saith your God.

All iniquity is all pardoned in abundance of righteousness.

Isaiah 40:2 Speak ye comfortably to Jerusalem, and cry unto her, that her warfare is accomplished, that her iniquity is pardoned: for she hath received of the LORD'S hand double for all her sins.

Romans 5:17 For if by one man's offence death reigned by one; much more they which receive abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness shall reign in life by one, Jesus Christ.

A Forerunner foretold.

Isaiah 40:3 The voice of him that crieth in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of the LORD, make straight in the desert a highway for our God.

The Arm of the Lord will bring this Salvation

The strength/power/deliverance of this coming consolation is attributed to the strong hand and the arm of the Lord.

Isaiah 40:10 Behold, the Lord GOD will come with strong hand, and his arm shall rule for him: behold, his reward is with him, and his work before him.

The compassion/gentleness of this coming consolation is attributed to the strong hand and the arm of the Lord.

Isaiah 40:11 He shall feed his flock like a shepherd: he shall gather the lambs with his arm, and carry them in his bosom, and shall gently lead those that are with young.

This coming consolation is by the plan of God alone.

It needs no human consent.

Isaiah 40:13 Who hath directed the Spirit of the LORD, or being his counsellor hath taught him?

Luke 2:28-30

28 Then took he him up in his arms, and blessed God, and said,
29 Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace, according to thy word:
30 For mine eyes have seen thy salvation,