

Review: Jesus, the special Servant of YHWH

Isaiah contains at least four of what we call “Servant Songs,” in which a special servant of YHWH brings out the victory of God: Isaiah 42:1-7, 49:1-6, 50:4-11, and 52:13-53:12.

The Sign Spoken Against

And Simeon blessed them, and said unto Mary his mother, “Behold, this child is set for the fall and rising again of many in Israel; and for a sign which shall be spoken against...” (Luke 2:34)

The offense of the cross: For the Jews require a sign, and the Greeks seek after wisdom; But we preach Christ crucified, unto the Jews a stumbling block, and unto the Greeks foolishness; but unto those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God, and the wisdom of God. Because the foolishness of God is wiser than men; and the weakness of God is stronger than men. (1 Cor. 1:22-25)

Why is the Cross a stumbling block for Jews?

Why was the Cross a folly to Greeks?

The Cross is personally offensive to men

1. The Cross teaches the personal accountability of Man to God.
2. The Cross teaches the personal culpability of Man before God.
3. The Cross teaches the personal incapability of Man to please God.

Messiah Takes Away The Sin of the World – Psalm 22

To the Chief Musician upon Aijeleth Shahar, A Psalm of David.

1 My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me? Why art thou so far from helping me, and from the words of my roaring? 2 O my God, I cry in the daytime, but thou hearest not; and in the night season, and am not silent.

3 But thou art holy, O thou that inhabitest the praises of Israel. 4 Our fathers trusted in thee: they trusted, and thou didst deliver them. 5 They cried unto thee, and were delivered: they trusted in thee, and were not confounded. 6 But I am a worm, and no man; a reproach of men, and despised by the people. 7 All they that see me laugh me to scorn: they shoot out the lip, they shake the head saying, 8 "He trusted on the LORD that he would deliver him: let him deliver him, seeing he delighted in him."

9 But thou art he that took me out of the womb: thou didst make me hope when I was upon my mother's breasts. 10 I was cast upon thee from the womb: thou art my God from my mother's belly. 11 Be not far from me; for trouble is near; for there is none to

help. 12 Many bulls have surrounded me: strong bulls of Bashan have beset me around.
13 They gaped upon me with their mouths, as a ravening and a roaring lion.

14 I am poured out like water, and all my bones are out of joint: my heart is like wax; it
is melted in the midst of my bowels. 15 My strength is dried up like a potsherd; and my
tongue cleaveth to my jaws; and thou hast brought me into the dust of death. 16 For
dogs have surrounded me: the assembly of the wicked have enclosed me: they pierced
my hands and my feet. 17 I may count all my bones: they look and stare upon me. 18
They part my garments among them, and cast lots upon my vesture.

19 But be not thou far from me, O LORD: O my strength, haste thee to help me. 20
Deliver my soul from the sword; my darling from the power of the dog. 21 Save me
from the lion's mouth: for thou hast heard me from the horns of the wild bulls.

22 I will declare thy name unto my brethren: in the midst of the congregation will I praise thee. 23 Ye that fear the LORD, praise him; all ye the seed of Jacob, glorify him; and fear him, all ye the seed of Israel. 24 For he hath not despised nor abhorred the affliction of the afflicted; neither hath he hid his face from him; but when he cried unto him, he heard. 25 My praise shall be of thee in the great congregation: I will pay my vows before them that fear him.

26 The meek shall eat and be satisfied: they shall praise the LORD that seek him: your heart shall live for ever. 27 All the ends of the world shall remember and turn unto the LORD: and all the kindreds of the nations shall worship before thee. 28 For the kingdom is the LORD'S: and he is the governor among the nations. 29 All they that be fat upon earth shall eat and worship: all they that go down to the dust shall bow before him: and none can keep alive his own soul. 30 A seed shall serve him; it shall be accounted to the Lord for a generation. 31 They shall come, and shall declare his righteousness unto a people that shall be born, that he hath done this.
