



NEW COVENANT INTERPRETATION

Suffering Servant of Isaiah 52:13-Isaiah 53:12

ACTS 8:26-40 PHILIP AND THE EUNUCH

Then an angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Get up and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." (This is a wilderness road.) So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. Then the Spirit said to Philip, "Go over to this chariot and join it." So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, "Do you understand what you are reading?" He replied, "How can I, unless someone guides me?" And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him.

Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this:

"Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter,
and like a lamb silent before its shearer,
so he does not open his mouth.
In his humiliation justice was denied him.
Who can describe his generation?
For his life is taken away from the earth."

The eunuch asked Philip, "About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?" Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, "Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?" He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.



TREASURER'S REPORT TO CANDACE QUEEN OF THE ETHIOPIANS

I was riding in my chariot, reading thru the scrolls
Leaving old Jerusalem, headed for home
Got the words of Isaiah runnin' thru my head
About the lamb to the slaughter that ends up dead
Now, I didn't know how to read it, it was some kind of code
And then a local comes walkin' up the wilderness road
He asks what I'm reading and can he read it too
Oh my Queen Candace have I got news for you

Well, I know all about the economy
And the Ethiopian treasury
And taxes and budgets and finances
But I never heard nothing like this story of his
We read thru the book and it all made sense
He was a witness to the evidence
The prophecy fulfilled and the words were true
Oh my Queen Candace have I got news for you

Yeah, the lamb went to slaughter, but that wasn't the end
Life rises out of death again
And freedom is a free gift from above
I get a picture of grace and a picture of love
So I stopped by chariot by the riverside
Got down in the water and there I died
And I came up clean and I came up new
Oh my Queen Candace have I got news for you

ISAIAH 52:13

See, my servant shall prosper;
he shall be exalted and lifted up,
and shall be very high.



ISAIAH 52:14-15

Just as there were many who were astonished at him — so marred was his appearance, beyond human semblance, and his form beyond that of mortals—

So he shall startle many nations; kings shall shut their mouths because of him; for that which had not been told them they shall see, and that which they had not heard they shall contemplate.



ISAIAH 53:1,2

Who has believed what we have heard? And to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed?

For he grew up before him like a young plant, and like a root out of dry ground; he had no form or majesty that we should look at him, nothing in his appearance that we should desire him.



ISAIAH 53:3

He was despised and rejected by others; a man of suffering and acquainted with infirmity; and as one from whom others hide their faces he was despised, and we held him of no account.



ISAIAH 53:4,5

Surely he has borne our infirmities
and carried our diseases;
yet we accounted him stricken,
struck down by God, and afflicted.
But he was wounded for our
transgressions, crushed for our
iniquities; upon him was the
punishment that made us whole,
and by his bruises we are healed.



ISAIAH 53:6,7

All we like sheep have gone astray;
we have all turned to our own way,
and the LORD has laid on him
the iniquity of us all. He was
oppressed, and he was afflicted,
yet he did not open his mouth;
like a lamb that is led to the slaughter,
and like a sheep that before its
shearers is silent, so he did not open
his mouth.



ISAIAH 53:8-9

By a perversion of justice he was taken away. Who could have imagined his future? For he was cut off from the land of the living, stricken for the transgression of my people.

They made his grave with the wicked and his tomb with the rich, although he had done no violence, and there was no deceit in his mouth.



ISAIAH 53:10,11

Yet it was the will of the LORD to crush him with pain. When you make his life an offering for sin, he shall see his offspring, and shall prolong his days; through him the will of the LORD shall prosper.

Out of his anguish he shall see light; he shall find satisfaction through his knowledge. The righteous one, my servant, shall make many righteous, and he shall bear their iniquities.



ISAIAH 53:12

Therefore I will allot him a portion with the great, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong; because he poured out himself to death, and was numbered with the transgressors; yet he bore the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors.

