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# The Acts of the Apostles “To the end of the earth” Acts 1:8

## The Exaltation of the Servant Isaiah 52:12–14



**Acts 8:30, “So Philip ran to him, and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah, and said, ‘Do you understand what you are reading?’**

**Acts 8:31, “And he said, ‘How can I, unless someone guides me?’ And he asked Philip to come up and sit with him.”**

**Acts 8:32, “The place in the Scripture which he read was this: ‘He was led as a sheep to the slaughter; and as a lamb before its shearer is silent, so He opened not His mouth.**

**Acts 8:33, “ ‘In His humiliation His justice was taken away, and who will declare His generation? For His life is taken from the earth.’ ”**

**Acts 8:34, “So the eunuch answered Philip and said, ‘I ask you, of whom does the prophet say this, of himself or of some other man?’ ”**

# **The Identity of the Servant?**

- 1. A historical figure? Isaiah himself, Elijah, Hezekiah, a prophet?**
- 2. The nation/people of Israel?**
- 3. The future Messiah?**

**A -The Servant's Glory in View of Suffering (52:13–15)**

**B -The Servant's Submissive Character (53:1–3)**

**C -The Servant's Atoning Sacrifice (53:4–6)**

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**Isa. 53:7, “He was oppressed and He was afflicted, yet He opened not His mouth; He was led as a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before its shearers is silent, so He opened not His mouth.**

**Isa. 53:8, “He was taken from prison and from judgment, and who will declare His generation? For He was cut off from the land of the living; for the transgressions of My people He was stricken.”**

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## JPS, 1917

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שָׂכַל (s'ākal) I, *wise(ly), understand, prosper*.

**Eight other English words translate the verb:  
instruct, prudent, understand, see, make wise, have  
success, act with insight or devotion.**

**The focus here is on the results of acting wisely,  
which is success.**

**The second line explains the prosperity as  
exaltation.**

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**Theme verse:**

**The EXALTATION of the Servant**

(cf., the exaltation of YHWH, Isa. 6:1; 57:15 (“high and lifted up,” “High and Lofty One”))



**Phil. 2:9, “For this reason also, God highly exalted Him, and bestowed on Him the name which is above every name,**

**Phil. 2:10, “so that at the name of Jesus EVERY KNEE WILL BOW, of those who are in heaven and on earth and under the earth,**

**Phil. 2:11, “and that every tongue will confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.”**

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Isa. 53:11, “He shall see the labor of His soul, *and* be satisfied. By His knowledge My righteous Servant shall justify many, for He shall bear their iniquities.

Isa. 53:12, “Therefore I will divide Him a portion with the great, and He shall divide the spoil with the strong, because He poured out His soul unto death, and He was numbered with the transgressors, and He bore the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors.”

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sing constr  
face, countenance,  
appearance;  
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**Matt. 27:26, “Then he released Barabbas to them; and when he had scourged Jesus, he delivered Him to be crucified.**

**Matt. 27:27, “Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus into the Praetorium and gathered the whole garrison around Him.**

**Matt. 27:28, “And they stripped Him and put a scarlet robe on Him.**

**Matt. 27:29, “When they had twisted a crown of thorns, they put it on His head, and a reed in His right hand. And they bowed the knee before Him and mocked Him, saying, ‘Hail, King of the Jews!’**

**Matt. 27:30, “Then they spat on Him, and took the reed and struck Him on the head.**

**Matt. 27:31, “And when they had mocked Him, they took the robe off Him, put His own clothes on Him, and led Him away to be crucified.”**



**John 19:1, “So then Pilate took Jesus and scourged Him.**

**John 19:2, “And the soldiers twisted a crown of thorns and put it on His head, and they put on Him a purple robe.**

**John 19:3, “Then they said, ‘Hail, King of the Jews!’ And they struck Him with their hands.”**

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נָזַח *nzh* II

to leap, to startle

Identified in BDB as dubious, with only this passage. but not even listed in HALOT

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**“Sprinkling” has reference to cleansing from sin (Isa. 52:15; 1 Pet. 1:2; Heb. 9:13–14) to obtain ritual purity. Its primary significance derives from its reference to “blood” sprinkling. This particular root is used with blood sprinklings which are lighter both as to how much blood is sprinkled and as to what is expiated (e.g., Lev. 4:6; 5:9; 14:7, 51; Num. 19:4). Expiation for unwitting sin (Lev. 4:6) and original sin (Lev. 16:14) are thus interrelated and yet differentiated (i.e., by the relationship between the “sprinkling” and the “smearing” cf. qāran).**

**TWOT**

**Ex. 29:21, “And you shall take some of the blood that is on the altar, and some of the anointing oil, and sprinkle it on Aaron and on his garments, on his sons and on the garments of his sons with him; and he and his garments shall be hallowed, and his sons and his sons’ garments with him.”**

**Lev. 4:6, “The priest shall dip his finger in the blood and sprinkle some of the blood seven times before the LORD, in front of the veil of the sanctuary.”**

**Lev. 5:9, “Then he shall sprinkle some of the blood of the sin offering on the side of the altar, and the rest of the blood shall be drained out at the base of the altar. It is a sin offering.”**

**Lev. 14:51, “and he shall take the cedar wood, the hyssop, the scarlet, and the living bird, and dip them in the blood of the slain bird and in the running water, and sprinkle the house seven times.”**



**Lev. 16:14, “He shall take some of the blood of the bull and sprinkle it with his finger on the mercy seat on the east side; and before the mercy seat he shall sprinkle some of the blood with his finger seven times.”**

**Lev. 16:19, “Then he shall sprinkle some of the blood on it with his finger seven times, cleanse it, and consecrate it from the uncleanness of the children of Israel.”**

**Num. 19:18, “A clean person shall take hyssop and dip it in the water, sprinkle it on the tent, on all the vessels, on the persons who were there, or on the one who touched a bone, the slain, the dead, or a grave.”**

**Num. 19:21, “It shall be a perpetual statute for them. He who sprinkles the water of purification shall wash his clothes; and he who touches the water of purification shall be unclean until evening.”**

**Ezek. 36:25, “Then I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you shall be clean; I will cleanse you from all your filthiness and from all your idols.”**

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