

Wonder working power in the blood. Isaiah 53

Intro:

The book of Isaiah is considered as a mini Bible by many. Many messianic quotations in the New Testament are found in Isaiah. Carols and nativity verses are drawn from it! But Isaiah is not simply a prediction of the Messiah. The meaning of Isaiah: "Yahweh is salvation" has something to do with message of this book - summary of the Book.

His ministry expands to at least 40 years and possibly during the reign of the last four kings of Judah. Isaiah 1:1.

Some refer to him as Saint Paul of the Old Testament.

Many consider chapter 53 as a key chapter in the book with significant prophecies of the suffering servant.

The nation of Israel in general is built on prophecies from Abraham. An Element of the prophecy is that Israel must be different – Holy.

A mean of Israel to be holy is through blood.

In this chapter, we see the prophecy of the ultimate power of blood fulfilled through Jesus, which the Israelites recall from the first Passover in Egypt.

As the Israelites were called to be different through the blood of the lamb, the blood of Jesus gives us to be different in the world.

Challenge 1: Do we realise the power of the blood of Jesus even today?

1- The blood of Jesus gives us access to the intimate presence of God.

¹⁹ Therefore, brothers and sisters, since we have confidence to enter the Most Holy Place by the blood of Jesus, ²⁰ by a new and living way opened for us through the curtain, that is, his body, ²¹ and since we have a great priest over the house of God, ²² let us draw near to God with a sincere heart and with the full assurance that faith brings, having our hearts sprinkled to cleanse us from a guilty conscience and having our bodies washed with pure water.

2- The blood of Jesus empowers us to overcome the enemy.

“And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony, and they loved not their lives unto the death.” (Revelation 12:11)

3- The blood of Jesus equips us to serve

¹³ The blood of goats and bulls and the ashes of a heifer sprinkled on those who are ceremonially unclean sanctify them so that they are outwardly clean. ¹⁴ How much more, then, will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself unblemished to God, cleanse our consciences from acts that lead to death,^[c] so that we may serve the living God! Hebrews 9:13 - 14

Challenge 2: how do we apply the blood of Jesus to our life daily?