

**PREPARATION FOR LESSON:** read *Isaiah* chapters 7, 9, 11, 42, 49, 53, 61

**EXPLANATIONS:**

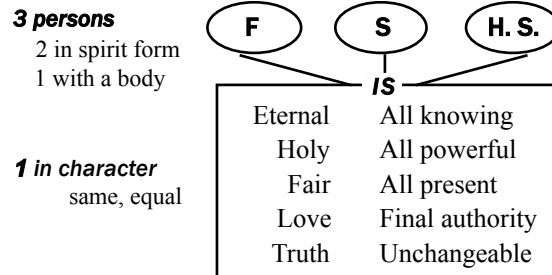
**Double meaning** is often found in the writings of the prophets.

- The **immediate** meaning is within the context of the entire chapter.
- The **future** meaning is usually taken from just 1-2 verses within the chapter.

We can be sure it is about the future when the New Testament quotes the verse and explains what it means.

**Isaiah** gives more information about Jesus, the coming Messiah, than any other Old Testament prophet.

**The Godhead:** the Tri-unity of God, we call the Trinity; it is a Divine Partnership of 3 persons who form one Godhead.  
The Hebrew word for **one** God is *echad*, meaning *compound unity*



**Isaiah 53**, written in the 700's BC, uses the entire chapter to give future meaning.

There is future meaning about Jesus in His suffering, resurrection and the reason for it.

There is future meaning about our lives as individuals - why we need Jesus' payment.

There is a future meaning for the Jews. 53:3-6

In the future, Jewish rabbis living at that time, will lead the Jews as a nation to use these verses, along with the prayer of Hosea 14:2-3 when they accept Jesus as their Messiah. In response, Jesus will return to set up His kingdom.

**THE LIFE OF JESUS**

**Before His Human Birth** (Pre-Incarnation) **Isa. 6:1**

According to John 12:41, Isaiah saw Jesus *seated on the throne, exalted and holy*.

**His Human Birth** **Isa. 7** - verse **14** by itself, gives the **future** meaning - Jesus will be born of a virgin.

Matt. 1:18-23 confirms Isaiah's verse is about Jesus. It also confirms that it happened.

**His Nature** **Isa. 9:6** Jesus is Deity and became Humanity.

*a child born:* Jesus' Humanity began with His birth in Bethlehem.

*a son given:* Jesus' Deity had no beginning; as God the Son, He was **given** to the world

**His Character** **Isa. 9:6** in His Deity or His Humanity.

*Wonderful, a wonder* - beyond explanation.

*Counselor* - knows exactly what to advise.

*Mighty God* - equal with God the Father in power and might.

*Father of eternity* - possess eternal life in Himself; therefore He can give eternal life to others.

compare Micah 5:2 the origin of Jesus is eternity.

*Prince of peace* - Jesus is the only One who can bring true peace to us and lasting peace to the world.

**His Family Background** **Isa. 9:7** Jesus will come from the family of David,

with the right to be King with a Kingdom.

**His Ministry** **Isa. 61:1-2** In verse 2, one sentence describes 2 time periods, 2000 years apart.

in the **1st century**: to proclaim God's salvation message of grace. Luke 4:16-21 confirms it.

in the **future**: to bring justice to this world.

**THE LIFE OF JESUS****His Suffering** *Isa. 52:14 to 53:12*

- 52:14 *appearance and form marred*: almost impossible to recognize Him Matt 27:26, 29-30
- 53:2 *young plant; green shoot*: gave pleasure to the Father during His childhood Matt. 3:17  
*no form, beauty, comeliness*: describes Jesus' years of adulthood; no glory or glamor Matt. 13:54-56
- :3 *despised and rejected by His own people and nation* John 1:11; 10:31; Matt. 8:34, 27:20-23, 30  
*man of sorrows*: means emotional pain Luke 19:41-42; John 6:66-67
- :4 *bore our grief, carried our sorrows* Matt. 8:16-17
- :5 *pierced* Matt. 27:35; John 19:34
- :6 *laid on Him the disobedience of us all* Mat. 27:45-46; 1 Peter 2:24
- :7 *opened not His mouth* Matt. 26:62-63; 27:14; Luke 23:9
- :8 *by oppression and judgment was taken away*: everything about His trial was illegal Matt. 26:59-60  
*cut off*: died prematurely
- :9 *grave with wicked*: Jewish leaders intended to bury Him with other criminals Matt. 27:38 cf. John 19:31  
*with rich in death*: was put in the tomb of a rich man, Joseph of Arimathea Matt. 27:57, 60  
*no violence, deceit* Luke 23:41; Hebrews 4:15; John 8:46
- :10 *shall see, shall prolong His days*: His resurrection Matt. 28:6, 9
- :11 *the righteous servant will justify many; make many right with God* John 3:16; 2 Corinthians 5:21
- :12 *poured out His soul unto death* John 10:17-18; Luke 23:46  
*numbered with transgressors* Mark 15:27-28  
*made intercession for transgressors* Luke 23:34

My rebellious attitude separates me from God so I cannot spend eternity with Him - it is the penalty.

All the rebellion of the world, including mine, was dumped on Jesus when He was on the cross.

This meant He had to be separated from the Father. He made the payment for everyone.

Now everyone has to make a choice.

Either I make my own payment and I am eternally separated from God.

Or I accept the payment of Jesus and I am eternally with God.

**Who was responsible for His suffering and death?** I am

God the Father allowed it; Pilate ordered it; the Jewish leaders of that day planned it; the Romans did it

But the reason it all happened is because of my disobedience - my spiritual sickness of wanting my way. vs. 6

**His Future Kingdom** *Isa. 11:1-9*

Jesus and the Holy Spirit will work together so there is absolute fairness and justice in His kingdom.

Nature will be in harmony and peace; people and nations will live in complete harmony.

The reason it can happen is that everyone living in the Kingdom accepts Jesus as King and obeys.

This will be the answer to our prayers: *Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.*

**APPLICATION:** *A bruised reed He will not break and a smoldering wick He will not snuff out* 42:3

Papyrus reeds (10' tall) were grown commercially for making paper, boats, rope or sandals. A person was responsible to periodically check the reeds as they were growing. If they were bruised or damaged in any way, they were broken off and thrown away because they were unusable.

Lamps in those days were made of clay and filled with oil. A wick, like is used in our candles, was laid in the oil.

After burning awhile, the wick began to give off more smoke than light. It either had to have part of it cut off or if people lacked patience, they extinguished the flame, threw out the wick and replaced it with a new one.

As believers, we can be bruised from failures or bad choices; we can be bruised from limited health and abilities. God wants us to know He does not push us away, as tho we are unusable. He does not give up on us. As with a wick, He will cut off from our life an action or attitude which has been getting in the way. Sometimes it is unresolved sin. But more often our bruises have produced attitudes of complaining, self-pity, bitterness, resentment, failure, worthlessness, self-doubt or insecurity. These attitudes can almost put out the evidence of God's life within us. If we let Him cut off these attitudes, those around us will once again see God's light brightly shining thru us.

*A bruised reed He will not break and a smoldering wick He will not put out.*

