

Isa 40:3 The voice of him that crieth in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of the LORD, make straight in the desert **A HIGHWAY FOR OUR GOD.**

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Isaiah, the Highway Prophet “God is Salvation”

700 Years before Jesus Christ was born, a Prophet in Jerusalem wrote about Him. That would be like you or I writing about the Future President in the year 2694.

But could anyone be so exactly Correct, right down to His very experiences, in life? Who he would be, what he would do, how people would treat him, exactly how he would die, his burial, resurrection and ascension?

Isaiah 53:1-12 Who hath believed (supported, trusted, verified) our report (News)? and to whom is the arm (forearm, shoulder, strength) of The LORD (the One Existing God) revealed (discovered)? For he shall grow up before Him as a tender plant, and as a root out of a dry (desert wilderness) ground (Israel): he hath no form (beautiful appearance) nor comeliness (splendor, honor, glory); and when we shall see (observe, consider) him, there is no beauty (charisma) that we should desire him. He is despised (disdained, regard with contempt) and rejected (treated as a transient) of men; a man of sorrows (physical and mental pain), and acquainted with grief (sickness, disease): and we hid as it were our faces from him; he was despised, and we esteemed him not. Surely (truly) (with strong assertive force) he hath borne (up,

carried off, taken away) our griefs, and carried (the load of) our sorrows: yet we did esteem him stricken, smitten (scourged, crucified, sent judgment upon, slain) of God, and afflicted. But he was wounded (defiled, desecrated, treated as common, pierced) for our transgressions (rebellion against The Holy God), he was bruised for our iniquities (perversity, depravity, mischief): the chastisement of our peace (completeness) was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed (made healthful). All we like sheep have gone astray (err from God, mentally and morally); we have turned every one to his own way; and the LORD hath laid on him the iniquity of us all. He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth: he is brought (led) as a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before her shearers is dumb, so he opened not his mouth. He was taken from prison (restraint, coercion) and from judgment (Pilate & Herod's courts): and who shall declare his generation? for he was cut off (exterminated) out of the land of the living: for the transgression of my people was he stricken (marked out for

death). And he made his grave with the wicked (criminal, hostile to God), and with the rich in his death; because he had done no violence (wrong, cruelty, or injustice), neither was any deceit in his mouth. Yet it pleased the LORD to bruise him; he hath put him to grief: When Thou shalt make his soul an offering for sin, he shall see his seed, he shall prolong his days, and the pleasure of the LORD shall prosper in his hand. He shall see of the travail of his soul, and shall be satisfied: by his knowledge shall my righteous servant justify many; for he shall bear



their iniquities. Therefore will I divide him a portion with the great, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong; because he hath poured out his soul unto death: and he was numbered with the transgressors; and he bare the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors.