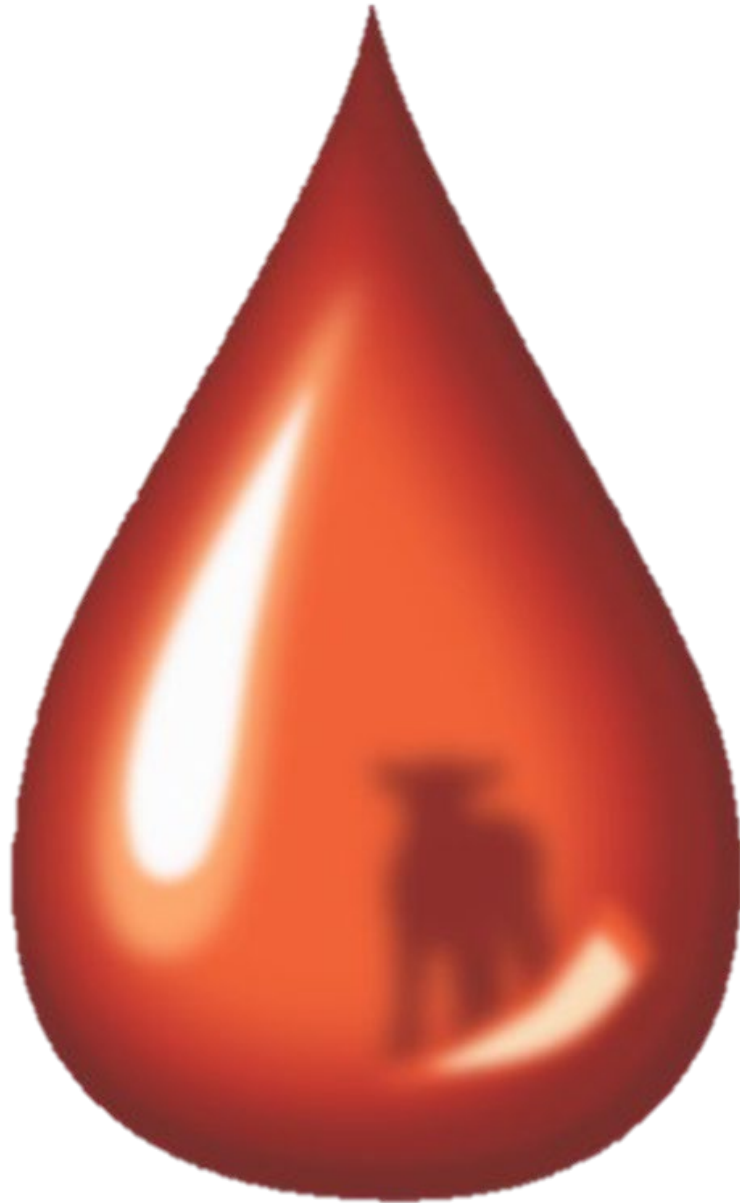


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**I. Interpretation of the Portion**

**A. New Covenant usage**

1. Noted: Jn. 12:38; Rom. 10:16; Mt. 8:17; 1 Pet. 2:24,25; Acts 8: 32-33
  
2. Implied: Mt. 20:228; Heb. 9:28; 1 Cor. 15:3; Rom. 4:25; Mt. 27:57-60; Jn. 1:29, 10:11

**B. Ancient Rabbinical usage**

1. Targum - Jonathan
  
2. Talmud - San. 98b
  
3. Midrash Rabbah

**C. Interpretation during the Middle Ages**

1. Rashi
  
2. Other

**D. Modern usage**

## **II. Identification of the Person**

### **A. Contestants**

1. Moses
2. Hezekiah
3. Isaiah
4. Israel
5. Messiah, not Yeshua
6. Messiah Yeshua

### **B. Clues**

1. The personal pronouns
2. The "people" of the speaker, 53:8
3. The innocent suffering, 53:4-6, 8,9
4. The willingness to suffer, 53:7
5. The Servant dies, 8,12
6. The substitutionary death of the Servant, 4-6,8,10,12

### **III. Objections to the Position of Yeshua**

- A. Why should Messiah be a "servant," 52:13
- B. Kings should have bowed down to Him, 52:15
- C. Messiah shouldn't suffer.
- D. All the suffering is past tense.
- E. What of passages that refer to Israel as servant?
- F. The kings (52:15) are speaking, so 53 refers to Israel.
- G. He (Yeshua) had no seed, children; and 53:10 says He was to have kids!
- H. Messiah was to be silent, and Jesus responded to His accusers.
- I. How can he be a man of pain & sickness when He wasn't sick!
- J. He was not prolonged, but shortened in life.
- K. Not the Jewish interpretation.
- L. Vicarious atonement is neither Jewish nor reasonable.

**IV. Application of the Portion: The Servant Triumphs through Suffering,**

Isa. 52:13-53:12

A. The unequalled triumph despite all His suffering, 52:13-15

B. The unrecognized triumph due to His suffering, 53:1-9

1. He was too plain, 53:1-3

2. He was too punished, 53:4-6

3. He was too passive, 53:7-9

C. The unlimited triumph determined by His suffering, 53:10-12.

**No success for servants without sacrifice.**