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12 Therefore, I will allot Him a portion with the great, And He will divide the booty with the strong; Because He poured out Himself to death, And was numbered with the transgressors; Yet He Himself bore the sin of many, And interceded for the transgressors. NASU

The infinite suffering of Christ...Is.52-53

Compare the 'early days' of Job with those of Christ. Job 1:2-3 vs. Is.53:1-3; Mt.8:20

Job had wealth, family, prestige. Christ had poverty, man of sorrows, despised, etc.

Compare Job's response to his trial vs. Christ (trial in wilderness). Job 23:1-7, 27:2, Mt.4:1-11

Job begins to accuse God of wrongdoing. Christ quotes Scripture to defend the Father.

Did Job's (3) friends 'desert' him? Job 13:4,5 etc

Yes! They were of no comfort to him and, in fact, were very accusative of him.

Did Christ's (3) friends 'desert' Him? Is.53:3-4; Mt.26:36-46, 27:46

Absolutely! Disciples slept/fled, Judas betrayed Him, and finally, the Father turned away.

Did God restrain/limit the extent of Job's suffering? Job 1:12; 2:6

Absolutely. Satan is restrained. Though Job thought he would die, God protected him.

Did God restrain the extent of Christ's suffering? Lu.22:40-46 (hematidrosis); Mt.27:45-46

No! God laid on Him the iniquity of us all. He was pleased to crush Him (Is.53:6, 10)

So why is our salvation secure? Is.53:10-12; Jn.10:25-30

Because it doesn't depend on us! Christ bore our sins, and the Father's justice is satisfied!

Some applications about suffering

What did Jesus state would be ahead for His disciples? Jn.15:18-23, 16:32-33; IPet.4:12-19

In this world you will have tribulation (pressure, crowded, trial). Trust Him to do right!

When Job first lost his possessions, family and then his health, what's his response? Job 2:10

In all this, Job did not sin in what he said. Satan's attacks had failed. But... there's more.

What did Satan use that finally tripped up Job? Job 2:11 Comment??

Satan knows what we're vulnerable to. He is cruel and ruthless and incited the friends.

What's a lesson/application we learn from this? Ps.31:9-14, 118:1-9

Trust in the Lord, to do right. Test the words, even from friends! Walk humbly with Him.

How do you genuinely comfort a friend? IICor.1:3-4, 7:5-6; IThess.4:13-18

Just be there! Listen a lot! Prayer, Scripture, comfort (if you've had the same trial). Pray!

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