

# **The Lamb That Was Slaughtered**

Lesson 1

Isaiah 52:1-15

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## **God's Amazing Love**

### **INTRODUCTION**

“Awake, awake, Zion, clothe yourself with strength! Put on your garments of splendor...” (Isaiah 52:1) So begins the message of Isaiah, inspired by God, meant to hearten His people after their long captivity in Babylon.

Yet, what possible connection do these words have with the title of our lesson, “What Jesus Suffered for Us?”, or the memory verse describing His suffering? The answer could simply be not to worry about it; it's God's call.

On the other hand, it is neither a “long shot” nor hyperbole to equate the deliverance of the Israelites with the deliverance of anyone who believes Jesus' death has saved him or her. Both circumstances bring the Creator utter joy, knowing that, whether on the road from Babylon or on the one following Jesus, His people are on the right path.

***Memory verse: “Just as there were many who were appalled at him—his appearance was so disfigured beyond that of any human being and his form marred beyond human likeness....”—Isaiah 52:14***

Pray, and read Isaiah 52:1-15. What questions or observations do you have about this passage?

**OBSERVATION: What does the passage say?**

1. What is Jerusalem asked to do? (Isaiah 52:1-2)
2. What are God's complaints against Israel's Babylonian captors? (Isaiah 52:5)
3. Why does God ask Zion to rejoice? (Isaiah 52:6-10)
4. How should God's people conduct themselves when leaving their captors? (Isaiah 52:11-12)
5. What will occur when the servant reveals Himself to those who "were not told?" (Isaiah 52:15b)

## **INTERPRETATION: What do the passages mean?**

1. The prophet tells Jerusalem to “Awake....!”  
(Isaiah 52:1) From what must she awaken?  
(Isaiah 51:19-23)
2. What is the worst sin committed by Babylon?  
(Isaiah 52:5b; Ezekiel 36:19-23; Romans 2:17-24)
3. To what “good tidings” does Isaiah refer in Isaiah  
52:7? (Luke 2:10-11)
4. Why does the servant deserve to be “lifted up and  
highly exalted” as stated in Isaiah 52:13?  
(Isaiah 53:5; John 3:17; 1 Peter 2:24)



3. As Christians, we cannot forget the *excruciating* (look up the word) pain suffered by Christ on the cross. It was not an experience He could escape. He predicted it, after all (Matthew 16:21). Christians should also expect to suffer, and as Paul wrote in Philippians 1:29, “For it has been granted to you on behalf of Christ not only to believe in him, but also to suffer for him...” Do you know, when you suffer, whether you endure it for Jesus or for an inexplicable reason? How do you know? What do you think you should do if you don’t know?