Isaiah and Messianic Prophecy Season 1: Isaiah's Servant Songs

Scripture

- **Luke 24:25-27; 45-46**
  And He said to them, “O foolish men and slow of heart to believe in all that the prophets have spoken! Was it not necessary for the Christ to suffer these things and to enter into His glory?” Then beginning with Moses and with all the prophets, He explained to them the things concerning Himself in all the Scriptures.

Then He opened their minds to understand the Scriptures, and He said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Christ would suffer and rise again from the dead the third day,”

- **Isaiah 42:1-9**
  “Behold, My Servant, whom I uphold; My chosen one in whom My soul delights. I have put My Spirit upon Him; He will bring forth justice to the nations. He will not cry out or raise His voice, nor make His voice heard in the street. A bruised reed He will not break and a dimly burning wick He will not extinguish. He will faithfully bring forth justice. He will not be disheartened or crushed until He has established justice in the earth and the coastlands will wait expectantly for His law. Thus, says God the LORD, who created the heavens and stretched them out, who spread out the earth and its offspring, who gives breath to the people on it and spirit to those who walk in it. I am the LORD, I have called the heavens and stretched them out, who spread out the earth and its offspring, who gives breath to the people on it and spirit to those who walk in it. I am the LORD, I have called you in righteousness, I will also hold you by the hand and watch over you, and I will appoint you as a covenant to the people, as a light to the nations, to open blind eyes, to bring out prisoners from the dungeon. To open blind eyes, to bring out prisoners from the dungeon and those who dwell in darkness from the prison. I am the LORD, that is My name; I will not give My glory to another, nor My praise to graven images. Behold, the former things have come to pass, now I declare new things; Before they spring forth I proclaim them to you.

- **Isaiah 49:1-13**
  Listen to Me, O islands and pay attention, you peoples from afar. The LORD called Me from the womb; from the body of My mother He named Me. He has made My mouth like a sharp sword, in the shadow of His hand He has concealed Me; and He has also made Me a select arrow, He has hidden Me in His quiver. He said to Me, “You are My Servant, Israel. He said to Me, “You are My Servant, Israel, in whom I will show My glory. But I said, “I have toiled in vain; I have spent My strength for nothing and vanity. Yet surely the justice due to Me is with the LORD, and My reward with My God. And now says the LORD, who formed Me from the womb to be His Servant, to bring Jacob back to Him, so that Israel might be gathered to Him (For I am honored in the sight of the LORD, and my God is My strength), He says, “IT is too small a thing that You should be My Servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to restore the preserved ones of Israel? I will also make You a light of the nations so that My salvation may reach to the end of the earth. Thus, says the LORD, the Redeemer of Israel and its Holy One, to the despised One, to the One abhorred by the nation, to the Servant of rulers. Kings will see and arise. Princes will also bow down, because of the LORD who is faithful, the Holy One of Israel who has chosen You. Thus says the LORD, “In a favorable time I have answered You, and in a day of salvation I have helped You; And I will keep You and give You for a covenant of the people, to restore the land, to make them inherit the desolate heritages; Saying to those who are bound, “Go forth,’ to those who
are in darkness, ‘Show yourselves,’ Along the roads they will feed, and their pasture will be on all bare heights. They will not hunger or thirst, nor will the scorching heat or sun strike them down; For He who has compassion on them will lead them and will guide them to springs of water. I will make all My mountains a road, and My highways will be raised up. Behold, these will come from afar; and lo, these will come from the north and from the west, and these from the land of Sinim. Shout for joy, O heavens! And rejoice, O earth! Break forth into joyful shouting, O mountains! For the LORD has comforted His people and will have compassion on His afflicted.

Other Scriptures
- Isaiah 7:14; 9:1-2; 11:6-9
- Matthew 1:23; 4:12-16
- John 6:38
- Matthew 20:28; Matthew 23:11
- Luke 4:18
- Matthew 28:18
- Matthew 16:18
- Matthew 26:28
- Ephesians 6:12
- Matthew 24:2; Matthew 27:46

Main Points
- God brought a redeemer through Israel that would bring His mercy and love to the entire world.
- The Four Servant Songs of Isaiah describe the life and death of God’s servant, the Messiah.
- The Four Servant Songs of Isaiah reveal to us the ministry, death, suffering, resurrection, and glorification of King Jesus.
- Jesus is the servant of the LORD.
- It’s through the Jewish people, and specifically the Messiah, that the Grace of God has come to the world.
- Every day is new in Messiah because every day He’s doing something new in our lives.
- Messiah is the Messiah of all peoples!
- Jesus is Israel’s divine head; Jesus is the seat of Israel through which God’s blessing comes to the whole world.

Discussion Questions
1. Name Messianic prophecies Rabbi mentioned that help connect us to Jesus.
2. What are the Servant Songs able to tell us about concerning Jesus?
3. What are high points of Servant Song 1? What do we learn about Jesus from this passage?
4. What about Servant Song 2?
5. Does this teaching bring you a sense of renewed hope? Why?