

represented typically by the sprinkling of the blood upon the sacrifices in the tabernacle. It shows he is to do a work that is typified by all the sacrifices in the OT.

So we have here two "so"s, ~~these~~ three phrases. "Just as many were appalled at him so is this terrible disfigurement of Him, and a comparison and then a result, so will he sprinkle many nations. If you want to make a guess and guess "startled" why someone has said, Look at the rest of the verse." And kings will shut their mouths because of Him. So startled they shut their mouths! You don't shut your mouth if you are startled! You open your mouth. That does not refer to being startled.

He will sprinkle many nations, and this is not something that is only going to be known by a few people in some obscure place. It may happen in what seems to be a very obscure place. To the great Roman rulers, to the kings and the nations way over there is Palestine in that little section of Judea there. What happens way off in that little place there how can that be of any great importance? But the kings will shut their mouths because of Him. They are going to be surprised, yes. But they are going to be sprinkled with the blood of Jesus Christ. All who believe on Him.

So this is going to reach to the kings, to the leaders even of the world what is going to happen. For what they were not told they shall see, and what they have not heard they will understand. This is going to reach throughout the world. It is going to reach the kings and leaders of the nations.

Then it goes right on: Who has believed our message, and to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed? Some commentators have said: This is the prophet expressing dissatisfaction at the fact that the people had not and changed their lives. Who has believed our message?

But the word they translate "message" here (KJV has "our report") is a word which in Heb. literally means "what we have heard." It is not the message we are giving. The word is very definite in the Heb. "what we have heard." "What has been heard by us." So here we have the kings of distant lands, they receive this message, and hear what Jesus Christ has done; and they said, Who would have believed what we have heard? Who would have believed this remarkable thing? To whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed? It isn't some great conqueror who is bringing salvation to the nations. It isn't some great Greek philosopher who is bringing the message that solves all the problems in life. It is something that happened way over there in Judea. To the Romans that seemed to be the end of the world. Off there something has happened which changes lives, and brings joy instead of sorrow, peace instead of anger, deliverance from the power of sin.

Who would have believed that way over there in that little section something would happen so tremendous that the arm of the Lord would be revealed at that place. "He grew up before him like a tender shoot, like a root out of dry ground."