

cross--My God, My God were the first words and then ends, ~~With~~ It is finished. In ch. 53 we have a description of looking upon him and the situation being explained. You have the exaltation expressed, the work described--He is bruised for our iniquities. He is buried in a rich man's grave--it doesn't add a bit to the redemption of which He did. It is just an incidental seal and sign which God put there--this is the One predicted in Isa. 52. Though he had the lack of being outstanding and rich, yet he was buried with the rich. Some critics of course, say that it has nothing to do with the rest of the ch. -- as it is in Isa. the word is rich and I think that it is a wonderful thing, as we noticed in ch. 40-55 how God made the predictions about Cyrus, how gave the name specifically and how God has given things in advance, not exactly always so we can tell exactly what is going to ~~take~~ take place, but given in such a way that when it occurs, we can see how it occurs exactly how he said that it would occur and that it was He who was speaking--an evidence of God's omnipotence. The argument of fulfilled prophecy not only deals with the organic but with the inorganic elements which are put in there for that very specific place. Doubtless you remember about Babydon being left dry, the prophecy about Memphis and Thebes--being left absolutely deserted--the prophecy that Christ made of the holy place--that it would be trodden under foot of the Gentiles until the time of the Gentiles be fulfilled. The Jews tried to get it back, but God had predicted and it did stay in the hands of the Gentiles, until the times of the Gentiles be at an end. ⁶²