

Questions for Senior Scholars

1. *The Saviour* (v. 13-15).—How has his wisdom affected the world? In what sense has he "sprinkled the nations"? How do we know this prophecy relates to Christ?

2. *The Saviour Rejected* (v. 1-3).—Why is he called a tender plant? How was Christ a root "out of the dry ground"? Why was he despised? What circumstances conspired to make Jesus of Nazareth unattractive to the average Jew? On whose account did the Jews who drove him to death believe that he suffered? From what class of diseased persons did the Hebrews customarily hide their faces?

3. *The Saviour Dying* (v. 4-9).—What is the description of the character of Jesus? How was he literally wounded, bruised, and chastised? For whom did he suffer? Why was this

necessary? How are sinners compared to stray sheep? Who bears our iniquities? Refer to an instance in the New Testament where Jesus, when afflicted, opened not his mouth. What literal fulfillment was there of verses 8 and 9? How were our Lord's sufferings borne?

4. *The Saviour Interceding* (v. 10-12).—Who are meant by the "seed" or offspring of Jesus? In what sense did he prolong his days? Whose name is honored above every name? In what sense was Jesus numbered with the transgressors? How is his purity described? Who permitted his death? What was the nature of his sacrifice? How are men justified before God? What is Christ's office in heaven respecting men? What New Testament text shows us that he now intercedes for us?

Questions for Intermediate Scholars

1. *Sufferings and Triumph* (v. 13-15).—Whose message was Isaiah giving to his people? Who is meant by "my servant"? What would lead many to be astonished at the Saviour? To whom would the blessings of his work of redemption come? How does the prophet say kings would show their reverence for Christ?

2. *Who Hath Believed our Report?* (v. 1-12.)—To whom has the arm or power of the Lord

been shewn? What kind of an appearance should the Messiah make before the world? Who despised and rejected Jesus? Who needed most this lesson of the suffering Saviour? Did the Jews understand this message of their great prophet? Can anyone truthfully say that he does not need a Saviour? How did Jesus treat his enemies? For whose transgression was Jesus crucified?

Questions for Younger Scholars

When did Isaiah live? What visions did he have? Who gave them to him? Could he understand them? Why can we understand them? *Because Jesus has come into the world.* What kind of a picture does the prophet make? Can

you see love? How do you know where it is? How did God show his love for us? *Through Christ.* To whom does Jesus make himself known? What may we ask him to do within us? What does he want us to be?

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The Lesson Analysis

I. *The Saviour* (verses 13-15).

(a) The Messiah (Isa. 42, 1); (b) increases in favor with God and man; (c) becomes wise and eminent; yet (d) to popular gaze is marred and disfigured. He is (e) a blessing to Gentiles

as well as to Hebrews; and becomes (f) a source of conflicting estimates and universal wonder.

II. *The Saviour Rejected* (verses 1-3).

(a) Prophecies of the Messiah familiar to the