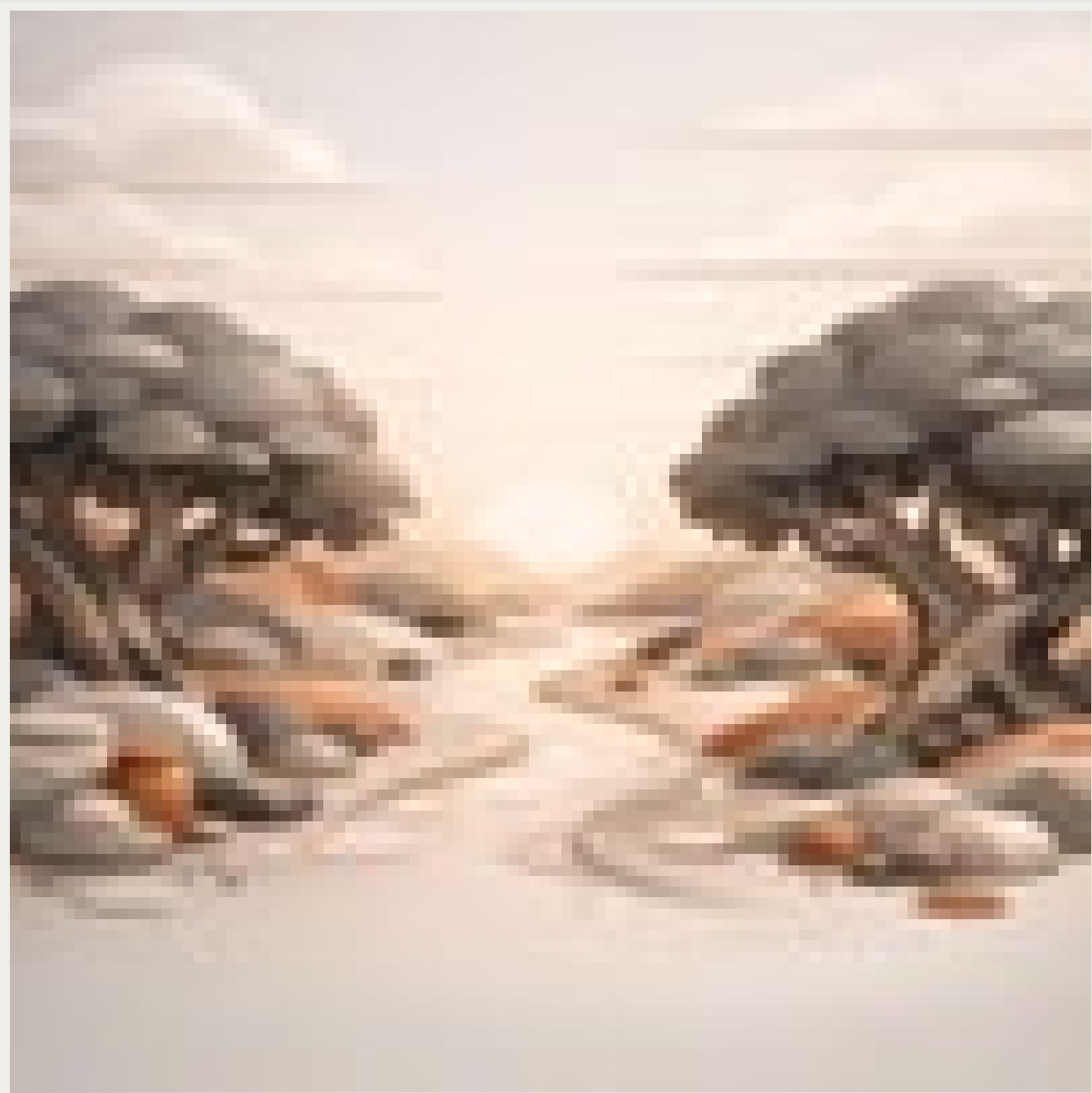


HOW MANY SAYINGS FROM THE OLD TESTAMENT ARE IN THE NEW TESTAMENT?

- **The United Bible Societies' Greek Testament (1993) identifies 343 direct Old Testament quotations alongside at least 2,309 allusions and verbal parallels.**
- The most-quoted Old Testament books are Psalms (79 quotations, 333 allusions) {412} and Isaiah (66 quotations, 348 allusions) {414}.
- Rather than a single definitive number, the evidence suggests the New Testament contains somewhere between 300 and 400 direct quotations, with total references—including allusions—reaching into the thousands depending on how broadly one defines “reference”.

ISAIAH'S LENS ON JESUS

Finding Jesus in Isaiah & Exalting Jesus in Isaiah





AGENDA

Jesus the promised Messiah

Christ, the Light of the Nations

Jesus, the Suffering Servant

Christ, the Redeemer of the Oppressed

Jesus, the Good Shepherd

Christ, the Cornerstone

Jesus, the Judge and Savior

Christ, the One Who Comforts

Jesus, the Warrior King

Christ, the Healer of the Nations

Jesus, the Glorious King

Christ, the Restorer of All Things

The New Heaven and the
New Earth

Jesus, the Peace-Giver

Christ, the Intercessor

Jesus, Our Everlasting JOY

The deity and humanity of Jesus Christ and the nature of his kingdom are clearly predicted

2 Corinthians 1:20-22 (ESV)

²⁰ For all the promises of God find their Yes in him.

That is why it is through him that we utter our Amen to God for his glory.

²¹ And it is God who establishes us with you in Christ, and has anointed us, ²² and who has also put his seal on us and given us his Spirit in our hearts as a guarantee.





JESUS THE PROMISED MESSIAH

.Isaiah 9:6-7

- For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called **Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace**. Of the increase of his government and of peace---there will be no end, on the throne of David and over his kingdom, to establish it and to uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time forth and forevermore. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.



REFLECTION

In Isaiah 9:6-7, we encounter one of the most beautiful and profound prophecies in Scripture:

Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.”

This passage speaks of a child who is more than just a human king. He is described with **divine titles**, indicating that this child will possess **qualities and authority belonging only to God**. Isaiah proclaims that this promised Messiah will bring justice and righteousness, establishing a kingdom that will never end.

JESUS THE PROMISED MESSIAH

• Luke 1:30-33

- And the angel said to her, “Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus. He will be great and will be called the **Son of the Most High**. And the **Lord God** will give to him the throne of his father David, and he will reign over the house of Jacob **forever**, and of his kingdom there will be no end.”
- **Matthew 1:20-21**
- “Joseph, son of David, do not fear to take Mary as your wife, **for that which is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit**. She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.”
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APPLICATION !

- **First, it means embracing Him as our Wonderful Counselor.** Jesus is not only the source of all wisdom; He is **wisdom** incarnate. He guides us with perfect understanding and compassion. He offers guidance that is far beyond *our own understanding*.
- **Second, acknowledging Jesus as the Mighty God means recognizing His power and authority over all things.** He is not a distant or uninvolved deity but a powerful Savior who is actively working in our lives and in the world. *He is mighty to save and mighty to deliver us from any challenge or hardship we face.*
- **Third, as the Everlasting Father, Jesus reveals the heart of God toward His people.** He is a caring, compassionate, and eternal presence in our lives, *providing* for us, *protecting* us, and *loving* us with an *everlasting love*. He will never abandon or forsake us.
- **Finally, as the Prince of Peace, Jesus offers us peace with God and peace within ourselves.** His death and resurrection reconcile us to God, breaking down the barriers of sin and shame. In Him, we find the peace that surpasses all understanding, a peace that guards our hearts and minds, even amid life's storms.



CHRIST, THE LIGHT OF THE NATIONS

Isaiah 42:5-7

Thus says God, the Lord, who created the heavens and stretched them out, who spread out the earth and what comes from it, 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 take you by the hand and keep you; I will give you as a covenant for the people, a light for the nations, to **open the eyes that are blind,** to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness.



REFLECTION

This prophecy speaks of a figure who will not only bring **hope** to Israel but also **extend God's salvation to the entire world.**

He will bring **light** where there is darkness, **sight** where there is blindness, and **freedom** where there is captivity.

The image of **light** in Isaiah captures both **revelation** and **transformation.**

Light reveals what was hidden in darkness and brings **clarity** and **understanding.**

It also brings life and **growth**, dispelling the cold and **fear of the night.**

The promised Servant will be a beacon for all people, illuminating the path to God and bringing freedom to those who have been trapped in spiritual bondage.



CHRIST, THE LIGHT OF THE NATIONS

John 8:12

Again Jesus spoke to them, saying, “I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness but will have the light of life.”

John 9:5

As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world.”

John 12:46

I have come into the world as light, so that whoever believes in me may not remain in darkness.

LIGHT OF THE WORLD

- God's fundamental nature is light, with no darkness present in him (1 John 1:5)—and Jesus claims this same identity, declaring “I am the light of the world.” (John 8:12) This connection reveals something profound about Jesus's relationship to the divine character.
- They are **ONE!**
- Jesus functions as the incarnation of divine light for humanity, making God's luminous character **tangible and accessible**. Rather than remaining abstract, the glory—God's presence—returned to **dwell among** us in Jesus, and this light signifies **his glory**, which consists of fullness of **grace and truth**.



APPLICATIONS !

First, it begins by recognizing that **He is the light that reveals God's truth to us.** He shows us who God is—His love, His holiness, His justice, and His grace. When we turn to Jesus, we see the **truth** about ourselves and our **need for a Savior**, as well as the truth about God's character and His redemptive plan.

Second, embracing Jesus as our **Light** means allowing **His light to transform us.** Jesus exposes our hidden sins, fears, and insecurities, not to condemn, but to heal and set us free. We find **forgiveness, renewal, and the strength** to live in righteousness. He leads us out of the darkness of our own making and into His marvelous light, where we can live as children of God.

Third, Jesus being the **Light to the nations** calls us to reflect **His light to others.** He calls His followers to be “**the light of the world**” (Matt. 5:14). Our lives should be marked by a radical difference that draws others to the source of our hope and joy.

Finally, experiencing Jesus as the **Light to the nations** means finding **comfort and guidance in His presence.** When we follow Him, we do not walk in darkness but have the light of life. In every decision, challenge, and uncertainty, His light directs our path. He provides **wisdom** when we are confused, **courage** when we are afraid, and **peace** when we are troubled.



JESUS THE SUFFERING SERVANT

Isaiah 53:3-5

He was **despised and rejected** by men, a man of **sorrows** and acquainted with **grief**; and as one from whom men hide their faces; he was **despised**, and we esteemed him not.

Surely he has borne **our griefs** and carried **our sorrows**;
yet we esteemed him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted.

But he was pierced for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities;
upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his wounds we are healed.

REFLECTION

- Jesus Christ is presented as our **Suffering Servant** whose substitutionary death and victorious resurrection are predicted seven centuries in advance.

not triumphant king; suffering servant; despised; rejected; a man of sorrows; acquainted with grief...; afflicted

This servant will suffer greatly, not because of His own sins, but because of ours:

“But he was pierced for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his wounds we are healed”

The image of the suffering servant is a paradox. How can a servant who suffers and is disposed also be the one through whom salvation and healing come?

Yet, Isaiah reveals that it is precisely through *His suffering that the servant accomplishes God’s purposes. His wounds bring us comfort; His death brings us life.*



JESUS THE SUFFERING SERVANT

1Peter 2:24

He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might **die to sin and live to righteousness**. By his wounds you have been healed.

Matthew 8:17

This was to fulfill what was spoken by the prophet Isaiah: “He took our illnesses and bore our diseases.”

APPLICATIONS

First, it means recognizing the depth of His love for us. Jesus willingly chose to suffer for our sake. He was not forced or coerced; He laid down His life out of love. His suffering reveals the extent of His commitment to us and the lengths He went to save us. When we feel unworthy, unloved, or distant from God, we can look to the cross and see the undeniable proof of His love.

Second knowing Jesus as the Suffering Servant calls us to embrace the reality of our own sinfulness and our need for His sacrifice. Isaiah reminds us that “all we like sheep, have gone astray; we have turned everyone to his own way” *Our sin required a Savior*, and *Jesus took our place*. This humbles us and leads us to repentance, knowing that it was our transgressions that He bore on the cross.

Third, Jesus’ role as the Suffering Servant invites us to find healing and peace in His wounds. His suffering was *not in vain*; it was purposeful and redemptive. We do not need to carry the guilt, shame, or pain of our past sins, for Jesus has already borne them for us, We are invited to lay down our burdens at His feet, to trust in His finished work. And to live in the freedom He offers.

Finally, understanding Jesus as the suffering servant calls us to follow in His footsteps. Jesus himself said, “If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me”. We are called to a life of sacrificial love, humility, and service, willing to suffer for the sake of others, knowing that in our suffering, we are united with Christ and bring glory to God.



Today and Next Week

Jesus the promised Messiah

Christ, the Light of the Nations

Jesus, the Suffering Servant

Christ, the Redeemer of the Oppressed

Jesus, the Good Shepherd

Christ, the Cornerstone



APPLICATIONS

First, it begins with recognizing our need for healing. All of us carry wounds---whether physical, emotional, or spiritual. Sin has left its mark on every part of our lives, and we need the healing touch of Jesus. When we come to him with our brokenness, He alone has the power to restore us, to bind up our wounds, and to make us whole.

Second, embracing Jesus as our Healer means trusting in His power and compassion. Jesus does not just have the ability to heal; He has the desire to do so. We see His heart moved with compassion for the suffering, the sick, and the marginalized. He is the same yesterday, today and forever. We are invited to come to Him in faith, believing that He cares deeply for our pain and is willing to bring healing in His perfect way and time.

Third, experiencing Jesus as our Healer involves receiving His healing in all areas of our lives. Jesus' healing is holistic. He heals our bodies, but He also heals our hearts, minds and relationships. We are called to, surrendering our hurts, fears, and sin patterns to Him. We must seek His wisdom through *Scripture*. Finding support in *Christian community*, or seeking *professional help*, all as a part of his healing work

Finally, understanding Jesus as the Healer of the Nations calls us to be agents of His healing in the world. Just as Jesus healed the sick and comforted the sorrowful, we are called to bring His healing presence to others. This may involve praying for the sick, offering compassion to the hurting, advocating for justice, or sharing the message of His love and salvation. We are His hands and feet, extending His healing touch to a broken world.

SPIRITUAL LESSONS TODAY



Trust

Isaiah calls believers to rely on God's promises in adversity, shaping resilient faith and steady courage.



Humility

The servant's humility nurtures repentance, ethical living, and a posture of service toward others.



Hope

Anticipating Christ's peace strengthens perseverance and invites Jesus' transforming work in community and life.



EMBRACING JESUS IN ISALAH



Historical Context

Isaiah's setting clarifies God's promises and deepens trust in His faithful purposes.



Key Prophecies

Isaiah's visions point to the Messiah's character, suffering, and saving mission.



Christ Fulfilled

Jesus fulfills these ancient promises, strengthening faith with lived assurance.



Ongoing Journey

Seek Jesus through Isaiah—let Scripture guide, encourage, and strengthen your walk.