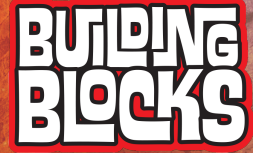


# The Suffering Servant of God



## SEARCHING FOR THE K I N G

“Behold my servant.” There’s lots of bad news in Isaiah’s prophecy, but in [Isaiah 42](#), God begins describing his “servant, whom I have chosen, in whom my soul delights” ([Isaiah 42:1](#)). Who would this servant be? Why would he be sent? What would he do? Let’s focus in on [Isaiah 52:13](#):

Behold, my servant shall act \_\_\_\_\_;  
he shall be high and lifted up,  
and shall be exalted.

But the very next verse describes this servant being beaten up and treated badly. Something bad is going to happen to this servant, but why?

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

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

All we like sheep have gone astray;  
we have turned—every one—to his own way;  
and the LORD has \_\_\_\_\_ on him  
the iniquity of us all. ([Isaiah 53:4-6](#))



This servant sent by God would die for the sins of other people, like a sacrificed lamb. But his death wouldn’t be the end of the story. “He shall see his offspring; he shall prolong his days; the will of the LORD will prosper in his hand” ([Isaiah 53:10](#)). Yes, this servant would bear “the sins of many” and make “intercession for the transgressors” ([Isaiah 53:12](#)). But he would not stay in his grave.

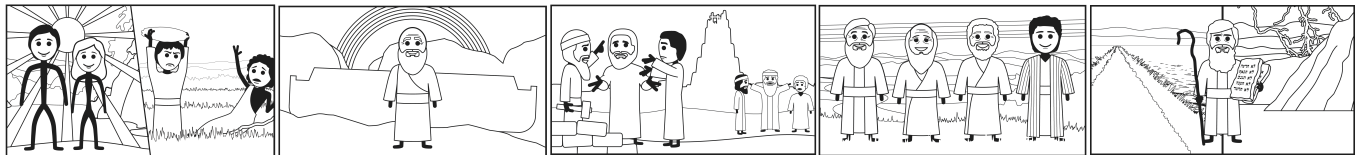
**Who is he?** Seven hundred years later, Jesus of Nazareth fulfilled Isaiah’s incredible prophecy!

# FOUNDATION STONES

## TIMELINE Building Blocks:



We're continuing to work on our **Timeline Building Blocks** because they help us remember where we've been in our **Search For the King**. There are **17** time periods from **Creation to Revelation**. Do you remember the first 10?



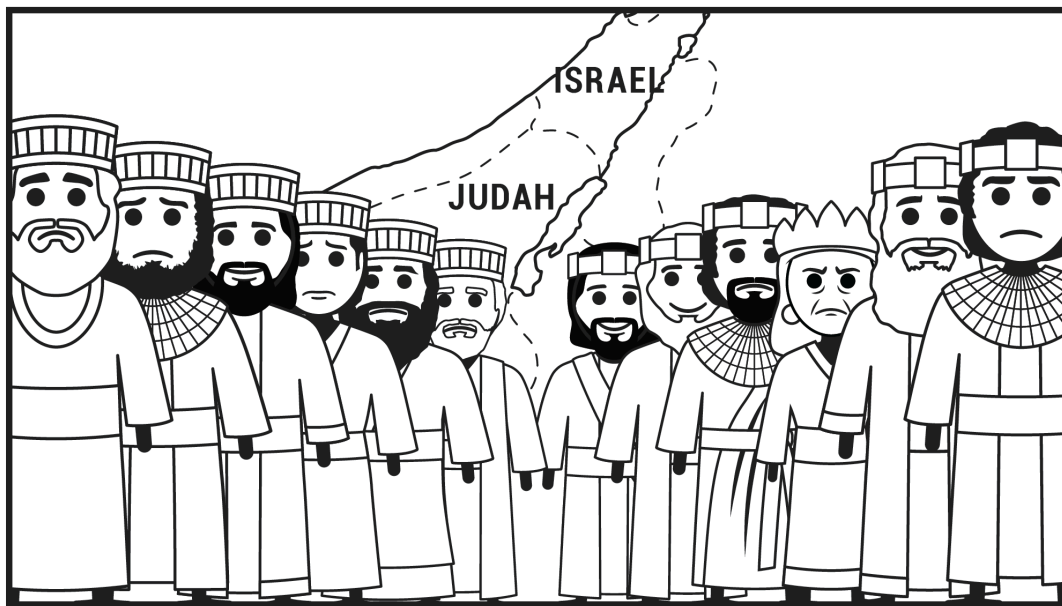
Before the Flood

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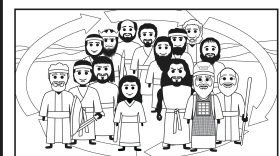
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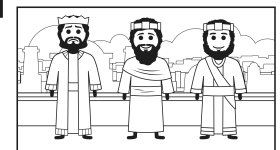
Wandering in the Wilderness



Invasion and Conquest of Canaan



Judges



United Kingdom

The apostle Peter uses many of the statements we heard from Isaiah to teach disciples of Jesus how to think and live in **1 Peter 2:21-25**. What can we learn from those verses?

## For NEXT Sunday:

We'll open our Bibles to **Jeremiah 31** and explore the prophecy of a new and better covenant that would eventually be established. What did it mean? **We'll talk about it...**