

Student Name:

Worksheet #7

This is an assignment for an Isaiah exegesis course by Dr. Beth M. Stovell.

Read the following essays

- Johnston, Philip. "Faith in Isaiah." Pages 104–21 in *Interpreting Isaiah: Issues and Approaches*. Edited by H. G. M. Williamson and David G. Firth. Downers Grove, IL: InterVarsity, 2009.
- Lumbala, Francois Kabasele. "Isaiah 52:13-53:12: An African Perspective." Pages 101–7 in *Return to Babel: Global Perspectives on the Bible*. Edited by Priscilla Pope-Levison and John R. Levison. Louisville: Westminster John Knox, 1999.
- Moon, Cyris Heesuk. "Isaiah 52:13-53:12: An Asian Perspective." Pages 107–16 in *Return to Babel: Global Perspectives on the Bible*. Edited by Priscilla Pope-Levison and John R. Levison. Louisville: Westminster John Knox, 1999.
- Pixley, Jorge. "Isaiah 52:13-53:12: A Latin American Perspective." Pages 95-101 in *Return to Babel: Global Perspectives on the Bible*. Edited by Priscilla Pope-Levison and John R. Levison. Louisville: Westminster John Knox, 1999.
- Quinn-Miscall, Peter D. *Reading Isaiah: Poetry and Vision*. Louisville: Westminster John Knox, 2001.

Questions for readings

- *Please read the following questions and provide answers to each part of the question(s) within this document. Your answers do not need to be extensive, but they do need to answer clearly each part of any given question.*
- *Please post your answers within the assignment section of Moodle. Please note that when discussing either Isaiah or the other books, you should reference chapters, verses, and pages to create clarity in your sources.*

Use Quinn-Miscall, 111-167, and Johnston, 104-121, alongside the biblical text itself (and any mentioned articles) as part of your answers for the questions below when the material seems pertinent.

1. After reading all three perspectives on the Suffering Servant of Isaiah 52–53 described in Pope-Levison and Levinson, *Return to Babel*, choose one perspective to focus on for your answers.
 - a. **Answer these questions:** What particularly impacted you about this description of the Suffering Servant? How was this interpretation like and/or unlike your own initial reading and interpretation of the Suffering Servant?

- b. If you are from one of the ethnic groups described in Pope-Levison and Levison's book (Asian, African, or Latin American), you can either choose to discuss the ethnic interpretation that is supposed to match your perspective or you can choose a different perspective (example: If you are Chinese, you could pick the "Asian" interpretation of Isaiah 52-53).
- c. If you discuss the ethnic interpretation that is supposed to match your own perspective, please explain how well it represents you and in what ways you would interpret this passage differently than the scholar in the book (example: If you are Chinese and the scholar in the book is Korean, explain how these cultural differences might change how you are interpreting Isaiah).