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"And now, says the LORD who formed Me from the womb to be His Servant, to bring Jacob again to Him, "Though Israel is not gathered, yet shall I be glorious in the eyes of the LORD, and My God shall be My strength. And He said, "It is a light thing that You should be My Servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob, and to restore the preserved of Israel. I will also give You as a Light To The Nations, that You might be My Salvation unto the ends of the earth." Thus says the LORD, the Redeemer of Israel, and its Holy One, to the "**Despised One**", to **Him whom the nation abhorred**, to a servant of rulers, kings shall see and arise, princes also shall worship, because of the LORD that is faithful, and the Holy One of Israel, and He shall choose You." (ISAIAH 49:5-7)

Despised One: from the Hebrew word *bazoh* which means: "despised, or despised-one"

In these verses Jesus is called **the Despised One**, and the one who was abhorred by the nation. This is one of those negative titles that illustrate the opposition that Jesus, the promised Messiah, had to deal with. Consider these Bible verses:

"He is despised and rejected by men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief; and we hid as it were our faces from Him; He was despised, and we esteemed him not. Surely He has borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows; yet we did esteem Him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted. But He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities; the chastisement of our peace was upon Him; and with His stripes we are healed. All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and **the LORD has laid on Him the iniquity of us all.** He was oppressed, and He was afflicted, yet He opened not His mouth. He is brought as a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before her shearers is dumb, so he opened not his mouth." (ISAIAH 53:3-7) ~ A prophecy concerning Jesus.

"But I am a worm, and no man; a reproach of men, **and despised by the people.** All they who see Me laugh Me to scorn: they shoot out the lip, they shake the head,..." (Psalm 22:6-7) ~ A prophecy concerning Jesus.

"Then He took unto Him the twelve, and said unto them, "Behold, we go up to Jerusalem, and all things that are written by the prophets concerning the Son of Man shall be accomplished. For He shall be delivered unto the Gentiles, **and shall be mocked, and spitefully entreated, and spitted on; and they shall scourge Him, and put Him to death;** and the third day He shall rise again." (Luke 18:31-33) ~ The prophecies reemphasized by Jesus.

"And He said unto them, "These are the words which I spoke unto you, while I was yet with you, that all things must be fulfilled, which were written in the law of Moses, and in the prophets, and in the psalms, concerning Me." Then He opened their understanding, so that they might understand the scriptures, and said unto them, "Thus it is written, and thus it behoved Christ to suffer, and to rise from the dead the third day; and that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in His name among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem." (Luke 24:44-47) ~ The fulfilled prophecies explained by the risen Jesus.

"You men of Israel, hear these words; Jesus of Nazareth, a man approved of God among you by miracles and wonders and signs, which God did through Him in the midst of you, as you yourselves also know; Him, being delivered by the determinate counsel and foreknowledge of God, you have taken, and by wicked hands have crucified and slain Him; whom God has raised up, having loosed the pains of death; because it was not possible that He should be held by it." (Acts 2:22-24)

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"You stiffnecked and uncircumcised in heart and ears, always resisting the Holy Spirit; as your fathers did, so also do you; for which of the prophets have not your fathers persecuted? And they have slain those who showed beforehand the coming of the **Just One**; of whom you have been now the betrayers and murderers; who have received the law by the as ordained by angels, but have not kept it. When they heard these things, they were cut to the heart, and they gnashed at Him with their teeth." But He, being full of the Holy Spirit, looked up steadfastly into heaven, and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing on the right hand of God, and said, "Behold, I see the heavens opened, and the Son of Man standing on the right hand of God." Then they cried out with a loud voice, and stopped their ears, and ran upon him with one accord, And cast him out of the city, and stoned him; and the witnesses laid down their clothes at a young man's feet, whose name was Saul. And they stoned Stephen; and calling upon God, he said, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit." And he kneeled down, and cried with a loud voice, "Lord, lay not this sin to their charge." And when he had said this, he fell asleep." (Acts 7:51-60) ~ The testimony of Stephen, the first Christian martyr.)

"These things I command you, that you love one another. If the world hates you, you know that it hated Me before it hated you. If you were of the world, the world would love his own; but because you are not of the world, but I have chosen you out of the world, therefore the world hates you. Remember the word that I said unto you, "The servant is not greater than his lord." **If they have persecuted Me, they will also persecute you**; if they have kept My sayings, they will keep yours also. But all these things will they do unto you for My name's sake, because they do not know Him who sent Me. If I had not come and spoken unto them, they would not have sin; but now they have no covering for their sin. **He who hates Me hates My Father also**. If I had not done among them the works which no other man did, they would not have sin; but now have they both seen and hated both Me and My Father. But this comes to pass, that the word might be fulfilled that is written in their Law, "**They hated Me without a cause**."" (John 15:17-25) ~ See also (Psalm 35:19)

"He was in the world, and the world was made by Him, and the world knew Him not. He came unto His own, **and His own received Him not**." (John 1:10-11)

Just as Jesus was despised, hated, persecuted, and slain; so shall it be for many of those who are His true followers; just as it was for Stephen, and has been for many, many Christians even to this day!

JESUS IS ...

the Despised One

The One hated by His Own;
the One hated by the world without a cause;
the One mocked, and spitefully treated;
the One scourged and put to death;

And the One RISEN from the dead!
...for the remission of sin!

Our sin!!

Lord Jesus – You suffered so much for me; so verry very much.

Thank You! Thank You! Thank You!

JESUS !!!