

### Who Will Bring a Charge Against God's Elect?

Rom 8.33 Who shall bring a charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. 34 Who is he who condemns? It is Christ who died, and furthermore is also risen, who is even at the right hand of God, who also makes intercession for us.

\* **Paul addresses** the most fearful thing of all, the day of final \_\_\_\_\_ before God, the one who judges every \_\_\_\_\_, every idle \_\_\_\_\_, every thought and intention of the \_\_\_\_\_, and every qualm of \_\_\_\_\_.

Eccl 12.14 For God will bring every work into judgment, including every secret thing, whether good or evil.

Mat 12.36 But I say to you that for every idle word men may speak, they will give account of it in the day of judgment.

Rom 2.6 [God] will render to each person according to his deeds ... 15 ... their conscience bearing witness and their thoughts alternately accusing or else defending them 16 on the day when ... God will judge the secrets of men through Jesus Christ ...

\* **What if** the accuser charges us with all our sins?

Psalms 130.3 If you, LORD, should mark iniquities, O Lord, who could stand?

Rom 3.9 ... we have previously charged both Jews and Gentiles that they are all under sin. 10 As it is written: "There is none righteous, no, not one; 11 There is none who understands; There is none who seeks after God. 12 They have all turned aside; They have together become unprofitable; There is none who does good, no, not one."

\* **But instead** of cringing in fear and dread, Paul issues a bold \_\_\_\_\_: "Who shall bring a charge against God's elect?" (33). In other words, "Where's the \_\_\_\_\_? Let him stand forth." For Paul is confidence that no one will stand forth, for no one will have a valid \_\_\_\_\_ to bring.

\* **Paul is** echoing the words of the \_\_\_\_\_ of the LORD in Isa 50.8, the same general section that has the well known Suffering Servant passage of Isa 53, where it speaks of the Man of \_\_\_\_\_ who is led like a \_\_\_\_\_ to the slaughter, who was \_\_\_\_\_ for our transgressions, and by whose \_\_\_\_\_ we are healed (Isa 53.3-7).

\* **Who is** this Servant of the LORD?

Mat 8.16 ... they brought to Him many who were demon-possessed. And He cast out the spirits with a word, and healed all who were sick, 17 that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Isaiah the prophet [in 53.4], saying: "He Himself took our infirmities And bore our sicknesses."

Acts 8.32 The place in the Scripture which he read was this [Isa 53.7]: "He was led as a sheep to the slaughter; And as a lamb before its shearer is silent, So He opened not His mouth." ... 34 So the eunuch ... said, "I ask you, of whom does the prophet say this, of himself or of some other man?" 35 Then Philip opened his mouth, and beginning at this Scripture, preached Jesus to him.

\* **In Isa 50**, what is Israel's situation, and what is God's plan?

Isa 50.1 Thus says the LORD: "Where is the certificate of your mother's divorce, Whom I have put away? Or which of My creditors is it to whom I have sold you? For your iniquities you have sold yourselves, And for your transgressions your mother has been put away. 2 ... Is My hand shortened at all that it cannot redeem? Or have I no power to deliver? Indeed with My rebuke I dry up the sea ...

\* **In Isa 49**, what does the Servant say about his origin, identity, and purpose?

Isa 49.1 "Listen, O coastlands, to me, and take heed, you peoples from afar! The LORD has called me from the womb ... 3 And he said to me, 'You are my servant, O Israel, in whom I will be glorified' ... 5 ... says the LORD ... who formed me from the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob back to him, so that Israel is gathered to him"

\* **Who else** will the Servant bring to the LORD?

Isa 49.6 ... "It is too small a thing that you should be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob ...; I will also give you as a light to the Gentiles, that you should be my salvation to the ends of the earth." (quoted of Jesus in Lk 2.30-32).

\* **What makes** the Servant true Israel?

Isa 50.4 "The Lord God has given me the tongue of the learned, that I should know how to speak a word in season to him who is weary. He awakens me morning by morning, he awakens my ear to hear as the learned. 5 The Lord God has opened my ear; and I was not rebellious, nor did I turn away."

John 3.34 "For He whom God has sent speaks the words of God; for God does not give him the Spirit by measure."

John 8.29 And He who sent Me is with Me. The Father has not left Me alone, for I always do those things that please Him."

John 5.9 ... "the Son can do nothing of Himself, but what He sees the Father do; for whatever He does, the Son also does in like manner."

Heb 1.1 God ... 2 in these last days has spoken to us in His Son ...  
3 And He is the radiance of His glory and the exact representation of His nature ...

\* **What does** the Servant do to bring salvation to Israel and the world?

Isa 50.6 "I gave my back to those who who struck me, and my cheeks to those who plucked out the beard; I did not hide my face from shame and spitting" (fulfilled in Mt 26.67; 27.26-31).

\* **Why does** the Servant do this?

Isa 50.7 "For the Lord God will help me, therefore I will not be disgraced; Therefore I have set my face like a flint, and I know that I will not be ashamed. 8 He is near who justifies me; Who will contend with me? Let us stand together. Who is my adversary? Let him come near me. Surely the Lord God will help me; Who is he who will condemn me? Indeed they will all grow old like a garment; the moth will eat them up.

\* **When was** the Servant justified?

1Tim 3.16 ... God was manifested in the flesh, Justified in the Spirit, Seen by angels, Preached among the Gentiles, Believed on in the world, Received up in glory.

\* **When Paul** echoes Isa 50.8 in Rom 8.33-34, what point is he driving home to us?

Rom 4.25 [Jesus] who was delivered up because of our offenses, and was raised because of our justification.

Eph 2.5 even when we were dead in trespasses, [God] made us alive together with Christ ..., 6 and raised us up together, and made us sit together in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus

\* **When was** Christ exalted to the right hand of God?

Mark 16.19 So then, after the Lord had spoken to them, He was received up into heaven, and sat down at the right hand of God.

Heb 1.3 ... when He had by Himself purged our sins, [He] sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high

\* **Who will** have the task of judging the world on the last day?

John 5.22 "[T]he Father judges no one, but has committed all judgment to the Son, 23 that all should honor the Son just as they honor the Father ..."

Acts 17.30 ... "God ... 31 ... has appointed a day on which He will judge the world in righteousness by the Man whom He has ordained. He has given assurance of this to all by raising Him from the dead."

Rom 2.16 in the day when God will judge the secrets of men by Jesus Christ, according to my gospel.

\* **What is** the only mystery for believers on the last day?

1Cor 3.11 For no other foundation can anyone lay than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ. 12 Now if anyone builds on this foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw, 13 each one's work will become clear; for the Day will declare it, because it will be revealed by fire ... 14 If anyone's work which he has built on it endures, he will receive a reward. 15 If anyone's work is burned, he will suffer loss; but he himself will be saved, yet so as through fire.

Mat 10.2 And whoever gives one of these little ones only a cup of cold water in the name of a disciple, assuredly, ... he shall by no means lose his reward."