

Bible Texts

The Bible contains many different 'books' of different styles or genres. There are books of poetry, books of law, history books, books of letters and books of prophecy. Prophecy is the prediction of something that will happen and was very common back then. Prophets were highly respected and listened to and they often carried messages to the people. The people (even many hundreds of years later) would be very familiar with the prophecies that had been made. The Bible is full of prophets – Isaiah and Jeremiah are two of the major ones and some of the texts below come from their books.

Palm Sunday

Zechariah 9:9

'Look, your king is coming to you! He comes triumphant and victorious, but humble and riding on a donkey – on a colt, the foal of a donkey.'

The Temple

Psalms 69:4

'Those who hate me for no reason are more numerous than the hairs of my head. My enemies tell lies against me; they are strong and want to kill me.'

Isaiah 29:13

'These people claim to worship me, but their words are meaningless, and their hearts are somewhere else.'

Isaiah 53:3

'We despised him and rejected him...we ignored him as if he were nothing.'

Jeremiah 7:11

'Has this house, which bears my Name, become a den of robbers to you?'

The Last Supper

Psalms 41:9

'Even my best friend, the one I trusted most, the one who shared my food, has turned against me.'

Isaiah 6:9

'No matter how much you listen, you will not understand. No matter how much you look, you will not know what is happening.'

Isaiah 53:4

'He endured the suffering that should have been ours, the pain that we should have borne.'

Zechariah 11:12,13

'If you are willing, give me my wages...so they paid me thirty pieces of silver.'

The Trial

Psalm 22:18

'They gamble for my clothes and divide them amongst themselves.'

Isaiah 50:6

'I bared my back to those who beat me. I did not stop them when they insulted me...and spit in my face.'

Isaiah 53:7

'He was treated harshly, but endured it humbly; he never said a word. Like a lamb about to be slaughtered, like a sheep about to be sheared, he never said a word.'

Zechariah 13:7

'Attack the shepherd who works for me...and the sheep will be scattered.'

The Crucifixion

Psalm 34:20

'He protects all his bones, not one of them will be broken.'

Isaiah 13:10

'Every star and every constellation will stop shining, and the sun will be dark when it rises, and the moon will give no light.'

Isaiah 53:12

'He willingly gave his life and shared the fate of evil men.'

Zechariah 12:10

'They will look at the one whom they stabbed to death, and they will mourn.'

The Resurrection

John 2:19

'Destroy this temple, and I will raise it again in three days.'