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gears very rapidly. But we were working into this 53rd chapter.

We've seen the work of the servants of justice in chapter 41; we've seen the servant's soliloquy in 42; we've seen the servant in 49 distinguished from Israel, though he is Israel, he's of Israel, he represents Israel, yet he's distinguished from Israel, he has a work to do for Israel as well as for the Gentiles. And now we see the actual work. ~~Was~~ So here we've reached the point where we find out what the work really is. So now we have the servant here not exalted, humiliated. And then the reason for his humiliation is in order to provide cleansing and then I believe we start a new paragraph.

". . . kings shall shut their mouths at him." (Isa. 52:15b) His work is to reach a wide area, to reach people of standing. ". . . kings shall shut their mouths at him; for that which had not been told them shall they see; and that which they had not heard shall they consider." They are going to be led to look into things that had never occurred to them before, things that would never have come out of their human philosophy, but things that God has revealed.

"Who has believed our report?" "Who has believed what we have heard?" "Who would have believed it?" I think is true. It isn't saying that ~~N~~ the people won't. It is saying that it is a strange thing, incomprehensible thing. I think contrary to normal expectation because you normally expect a great conqueror to come and have a great victory. Instead of that you have a man