

52 ¹³ See, my servant will act wisely^[b];
he will be raised and lifted up and highly
exalted.

¹⁴ Just as there were many who were
appalled at him^[c]—
his appearance was so disfigured beyond
that of any human being
and his form marred beyond human
likeness—

¹⁵ so he will sprinkle many nations,^[d]
and kings will shut their mouths because
of him.
For what they were not told, they will see,
and what they have not heard, they will
understand.

53 Who has believed our message
and to whom has the arm of
the LORD been revealed?
² He grew up before him like a tender shoot,
and like a root out of dry ground.
He had no beauty or majesty to attract us
to him,
nothing in his appearance that we should
desire him.
³ He was despised and rejected by mankind,
a man of suffering, and familiar with pain.
Like one from whom people hide their
faces
he was despised, and we held him in low
esteem.
⁴ Surely he took up our pain
and bore our suffering,
yet we considered him punished by God,
stricken by him, and afflicted.

⁵ But he was pierced for our transgressions,
he was crushed for our iniquities;
the punishment that brought us peace was
on him,
and by his wounds we are healed.

⁶ We all, like sheep, have gone astray,
each of us has turned to our own way;
and the LORD has laid on him
the iniquity of us all.

⁷ He was oppressed and afflicted,
yet he did not open his mouth;
he was led like a lamb to the slaughter,
and as a sheep before its shearers is silent,
so he did not open his mouth.

⁸ By oppression^[e] and judgment he was
taken away.

Yet who of his generation protested?
For he was cut off from the land of the
living;
for the transgression of my people he was
punished.^[f]

⁹ He was assigned a grave with the wicked,
and with the rich in his death,
though he had done no violence,
nor was any deceit in his mouth.

¹⁰ Yet it was the LORD' s will to crush him
and cause him to suffer,
and though the LORD makes^[g] his life an
offering for sin,
he will see his offspring and prolong his
days,
and the will of the LORD will prosper in his
hand.

¹¹ After he has suffered,

he will see the light of life^[h] and be
satisfied^[i];

by his knowledge^[j] my righteous
servant will justify many,
and he will bear their iniquities.

12 Therefore I will give him a portion among
the great,^[k]

and he will divide the spoils with the
strong,^[l]

because he poured out his life unto death,
and was numbered with the transgressors.

For he bore the sin of many,
and made intercession for the
transgressors.