

“Everything must be fulfilled that is  
written about me in the Law of Moses,  
the Prophets and the Psalms.”

Who has believed our message?

To whom has the Lord's power been revealed?

He grew up in his presence like a young tree,  
like a root out of dry ground.

He had no form or majesty that would make us look at him.

He had nothing in his appearance that would make us desire him.

He was despised and rejected by people.

He was a man of sorrows, familiar with suffering.

He was despised like one from whom people turn their faces,  
and we didn't consider him to be worth anything.

He certainly has taken upon himself our suffering  
and carried our sorrows,

but we thought that God had wounded him, beat him, and punished him.

He was wounded for our rebellious acts.

He was crushed for our sins.

He was punished so that we could have peace,  
and we received healing from his wounds.

We have all strayed like sheep.

Each one of us has turned to go his own way,  
and the Lord has laid all our sins on him.

He was abused and punished,

but he didn't open his mouth.  
He was led like a lamb to the slaughter.  
He was like a sheep that is silent when its wool is cut off.  
He didn't open his mouth.

He was arrested, taken away, and judged.  
Who would have thought that he would be removed from the world?  
He was killed because of my people's rebellion.  
He was placed in a tomb with the wicked.  
He was put there with the rich when he died,  
although he had done nothing violent  
and had never spoken a lie.

Yet, it was the Lord's will to crush him with suffering.  
When the Lord has made his life a sacrifice for our wrongdoings,  
he will see his descendants for many days.  
The will of the Lord will succeed through him.  
He will see and be satisfied because of his suffering.  
My righteous servant will acquit many people  
because of what he has learned through suffering.  
He will carry their sins as a burden.

So I will give him a share among the mighty,  
and he will divide the prize with the strong,  
because he poured out his life in death  
and he was counted with sinners.  
He carried the sins of many.  
He intercedes for those who are rebellious.

— Isaiah 53 (GOD's WORD Translation)

“For Moses truly said unto the fathers, A prophet shall the Lord your God raise up unto you of your brethren, like unto me; him shall ye hear in all things whatsoever he shall say unto you. And it shall come to pass, that every soul, which will not hear that prophet, shall be destroyed from among the people. Yea, and all the prophets from Samuel and those after, as many as have spoken, have likewise foretold of these days.

“Ye are the children of the prophets, and of the covenant which God made with our fathers, saying unto Abraham, and in thy seed shall all the kindred of the earth be blessed. Unto you first, God, having raised up his Son Jesus, sent him to bless you, in turning away every one of you from his iniquities”

(Acts 3:22-26)