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The LORD causes his Servant to suffer because of our sin, so that we might find peace.
The Context of 53:5b

53:5b the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed.

Peter’s interpretation: 1Pe 2:24 Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes ye were healed.

Isa 1:5 Why should ye be stricken any more? ye will revolt more and more: the whole head is sick, and the whole heart faint.

Isa 6:10 Make the heart of this people fat, and make their ears heavy, and shut their eyes; lest they see with their eyes, and hear with their ears, and understand with their heart, and convert, and be healed.

Isa 30:26 Moreover the light of the moon shall be as the light of the sun, and the light of the sun shall be sevenfold, as the light of seven days, in the day that the LORD bindeth up the breach of his people, and healeth the stroke of their wound.
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Our Sin

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Our Peace

The LORD as the Agent

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53:6 “Laid on him” (Causative of הָפַע)

1Sa 22:13-19 And Saul said unto [Ahimelech], Why have ye conspired against me, thou and the son of Jesse, in that thou hast given him bread, and a sword, and hast enquired of God for him, that he should rise against me, to lie in wait, as at this day? ... 17 And the king said unto the footmen that stood about him, Turn, and slay the priests of the LORD; because their hand also is with David, and because they knew when he fled, and did not shew it to me. But the servants of the king would not put forth their hand to fall upon הָפַע the priests of the LORD. 18 And the king said to Doeg, Turn thou, and fall upon הָפַע the priests. And Doeg the Edomite turned, and he fell upon הָפַע the priests, and slew on that day fourscore and five persons that did wear a linen ephod.

Saul caused Doeg to fall upon the priests

God caused our sin to fall upon his Servant
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9 And he made his grave with the wicked, and with the rich in his death; because he had done no violence, neither was any deceit in his mouth.

10 Yet it pleased the LORD to bruise him; he hath put him to grief: when thou shalt make his soul an offering for sin, he shall see his seed, he shall prolong his days, and the pleasure of the LORD shall prosper in his hand.

11 He shall see of the travail of his soul, and shall be satisfied:
An Alternative Parsing of 53:7

General statement (finite verb):

He was **oppressed**, 

His twofold response (participle continued by finite verb):

and he letting himself **be afflicted**, yet **opened not his mouth**:

Illustration of “he let himself be afflicted”:

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and as a **sheep** before her shearers is **dumb**, so he **openeth not his mouth**.
53:7 “he let himself be afflicted”

An earlier example:

Exod 10:3 And Moses and Aaron came in unto Pharaoh, and said unto him, Thus saith the LORD God of the Hebrews, How long wilt thou refuse to humble thyself before me? let my people go, that they may serve me.

Fulfillment:

Joh 18:3-12 Judas then, having received a band of men and officers from the chief priests and Pharisees, cometh thither with lanterns and torches and weapons. 4 Jesus therefore, knowing all things that should come upon him, went forth, and said unto them, Whom seek ye? 5 They answered him, Jesus of Nazareth. Jesus saith unto them, I am he. … 6 … they went backward, and fell to the ground. … 10 Then Simon Peter having a sword drew it, and smote the high priest's servant, and cut off his right ear. … 11 Then said Jesus unto Peter, Put up thy sword into the sheath: the cup which my Father hath given me, shall I not drink it? 12 Then the band and the captain and officers of the Jews took Jesus, and bound him, …
53:8 “yet he opened not his mouth”

Mat 27:12-14 And when he was accused of the chief priests and elders, he answered nothing.

Mar 15:5 But Jesus yet answered nothing; so that Pilate marvelled.
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Two Kinds of Sheep

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Heb 2:16-17 For verily he took not on him the nature of angels; but he took on him the seed of Abraham. 17 Wherefore in all things it behoved him to be made like unto his brethren, that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in things pertaining to God, to make reconciliation for the sins of the people.
An alternative rendering of 53:8

**AV:**

Who shall declare his generation [object]?

*for* [explanation] he was cut off out of the land of the living: for the transgression of my people was he stricken.

**Alternative:**

*As for his generation* [hanging subject], who shall declare

*that* [content] he was cut off out of the land of the living: for the transgression of my people, whose was the stroke.
53:8 “out of the land of the living”

The place of God’s presence and blessing:

Psa 27:13  I had fainted, unless I had believed to see the goodness of the LORD in the land of the living.
Psa 116:9  I will walk before the LORD in the land of the living.
Psa 142:5  I cried unto thee, O LORD: I said, Thou art my refuge and my portion in the land of the living.

(Hezekiah, about to die:) Isa 38:11 I said, I shall not see the LORD, even the LORD, in the land of the living:

(David to Doeg:) Psa 52:5 God shall likewise destroy thee for ever, he shall take thee away, and pluck thee out of thy dwelling place, and root thee out of the land of the living.

Mat 27:46 And about the ninth hour Jesus cried with a loud voice, saying, Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani? that is to say, My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?
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Isa 53 in Acts 8

26 And the angel of the Lord spake unto Philip, saying, Arise, and go toward the south unto the way that goeth down from Jerusalem unto Gaza, which is desert. 27 And he arose and went: and, behold, a man of Ethiopia, an eunuch of great authority under Candace queen of the Ethiopians, who had the charge of all her treasure, and had come to Jerusalem for to worship, 28 Was returning, and sitting in his chariot read Esaias the prophet. 29 Then the Spirit said unto Philip, Go near, and join thyself to this chariot. 30 And Philip ran thither to him, and heard him read the prophet Esaias, and said, Understandest thou what thou readest? 31 And he said, How can I, except some man should guide me? And he desired Philip that he would come up and sit with him. 32 The place of the scripture which he read was this, He was led as a sheep to the slaughter; and like a lamb dumb before his shearer, so opened he not his mouth: 33 In his humiliation his judgment was taken away: and who shall declare his generation? for his life is taken from the earth. 34 And the eunuch answered Philip, and said, I pray thee, of whom speaketh the prophet this? of himself, or of some other man? 35 Then Philip opened his mouth, and began at the same scripture, and preached unto him Jesus.
### 53:7-10 as Narrative of the Passion

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