

The Prophecy of the Suffering Servant

See, my servant will act wisely;
he will be raised and lifted up and highly exalted.

He was despised and rejected by men,
a man of sorrows, and familiar with suffering.
Like one from whom men hide their faces
he was despised, and we esteemed him not.

Surely he took up our infirmities
and carried our sorrows,
yet we considered him stricken by God,
smitten by him, and afflicted.
But he was pierced for our transgressions,
he was crushed for our iniquities;
the punishment that brought us peace
was upon him,
and by his wounds we are healed.
We all, like sheep, have gone astray,
each of us has turned to his own way;
and the Lord has laid on him
the iniquity of us all.

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 her shearers is silent,
so he did not open his mouth.

Yet it was the Lord's will to crush him
and cause him to suffer,
and though the Lord makes his life a
guilt offering,
he will see his offspring and prolong his days,
and the will of the Lord will prosper in his hand.

Isaiah 52:13; 53:3-7, 10