

ISAIAH 53:4-5 – Old Testament (Hebrew) Word Study

Isaiah 53:4-5 (NASB)

Surely our griefs³ He Himself bore, And our sorrows⁴ He carried; Yet we ourselves esteemed Him stricken, Smitten of God, and afflicted. But He was pierced through for our transgressions¹, He was crushed for our iniquities²; The chastening for our well-being⁵ *fell* upon Him, And by His scourging we are healed⁶.

THREE MAIN WORDS FOR SIN

Sin = *Chattah*

- Most often used – 300 times in Old Testament
- Evil committed against another
- Using body or lips (something done or spoken)
- From *hata*
 - “miss the mark”
- Picture of slinger missing his target
- Failure to reach a goal (God’s purpose for your life)
- Not used In Isaiah 53:4-5

¹Transgression = *peshah*

- Rebellion specifically against God or His leaders
- Guilt that comes from the transgression
- Much stronger word
- From *pasa*
 - “to rebel or revolt”
 - “break away from authority”
- Speaks of willful rebellion
- Used in Isaiah 53:5

²Iniquity = *avon*

- Twisted, perverted, bent, crooked
- Moral uncleanness – intrinsic
- Perversion that changes one's DNA/RNA
 - Genetic changes passed from generation to generation
 - Tendency to do wrong

HEALING WORDS OF ISAIAH 53

³Griefs = *chali*

- Sickness, disease, illness
- Physical injury
- Suffering brought on by losing wealth
- From *hala*
 - Becoming weak
 - Can mean becoming sick unto dying

⁴Sorrows = *makob*

- Pain, suffering
- Only used 4 times in the context of physical suffering
- Usually mental, emotional anguish
- Heartbreak

⁵Well-being = *shalom*

- Peace
- Wholeness, soundness, completeness

⁶Healed = *raphe*

- To make fresh
- To restore
- To make healthy
- Also speaks of restoration of soul (mind, will, emotions)