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53:1-6 Israel: **Our** rejection and recognition

1-3 Our **rejection** of him

4 Hinge: He hath **borne our griefs**, we did **esteem** him ...

5-6 Our **recognition** of his sacrifice for our sin

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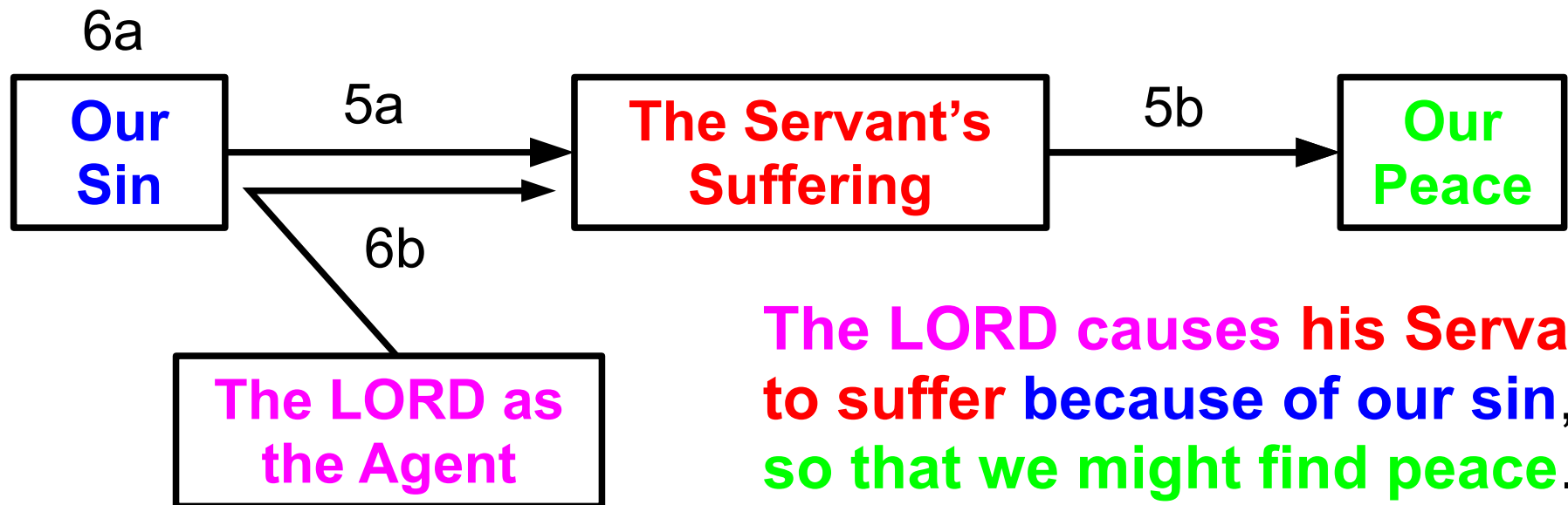
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The Context of 53:5b

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.**

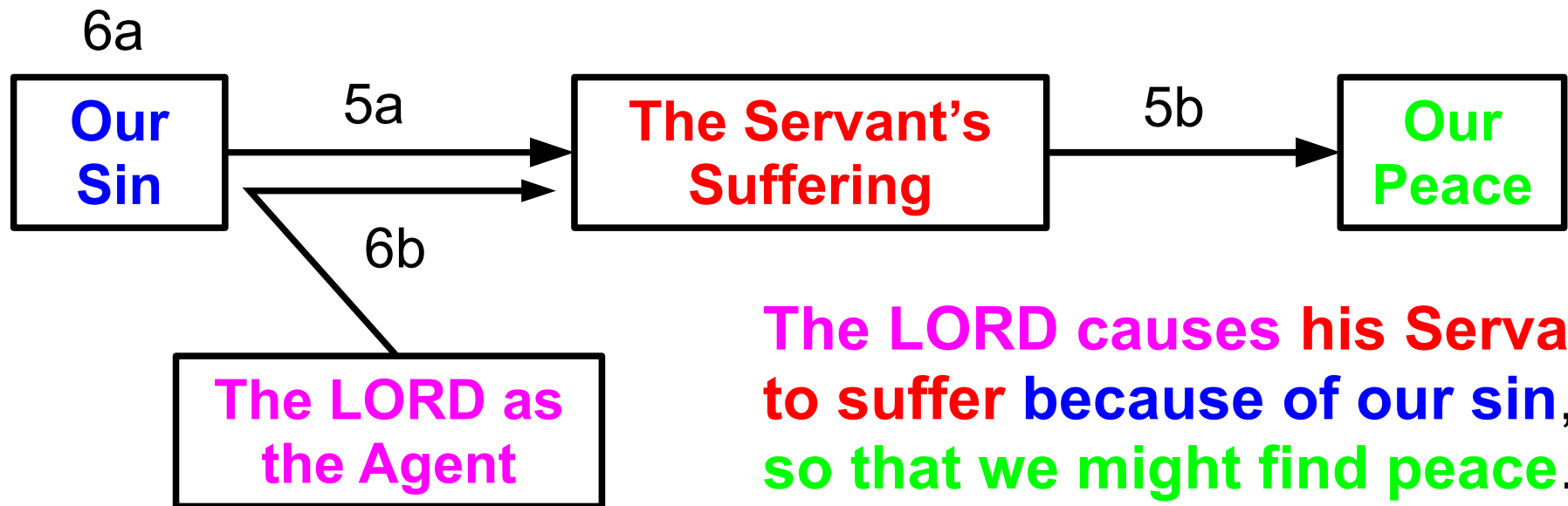
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53:6 “Laid on him” (Causative of פגע)

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 פגע** the priests of the LORD. 18 And the king said to Doeg, Turn thou, and **fall upon פגע** the priests. And Doeg the Edomite turned, and he **fell upon פגע** 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**:

Suffering

Reward



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”:

He is brought
as a lamb to the slaughter

Illustration of “he opened not his mouth”:

and **as a sheep** before her shearers is
dumb,
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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

Isa 53:7-10	NT History
7... he was afflicted, ... he is brought as a lamb to the slaughter,...	Surrendered peacefully to soldiers, John 18:3-12
7 ... yet he opened not his mouth: ... as a sheep before her shearers is dumb, so he openeth not his mouth.	Offered no defense to Sanhedrin (Matt 27:12) and Pilate (Mark 15:5)
8 He was taken from prison and from judgment:	After being bound and tried ...
8 ... he was cut off out of the land of the living:	...he died, abandoned by God (Matt 27:46)
9 And he made his grave with the wicked, and with the rich in his death;	With wicked (Luke 23:32-33) and rich (Matt 27:57-60)
10 ... when his soul shall make an offering for sin, he shall see <i>his</i> seed, he shall prolong <i>his</i> days,	Resurrection (Matt 28:6)