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My **Abba** (Father)
my **El** (God),
and **Tzur** (Rock) -
my **Yeshua** (Salvation)
- Psalms 89:26 -

Isaiah 53 - Key terms explained from the Strong's Hebrew Dictionary by Abraham E. Sandler,
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1. Who has believed our message?
And to whom has the arm of Jehovah been revealed?
2. For He grew up in the personal presence of God himself.
Yet He was like a sprout from a fallen tree sending out new shoots
And like a root out of barren, parched ground
He has no magnificence, nor majesty
So that we would want to look upon Him.
Nor is there anything about his appearance
That would cause us to desire Him
3. He was counted as vile and worthless by men
And men gave Him nothing, forsaking Him.
He was a man who felt pain and anguish,
And from repeated afflictions
He knows personally what it means to grieve.
And like someone you avoid, and someone men always keep away
He was considered vile,
And we did not allow any connection with him.
4. It is a certain and unavoidably observable fact that
it was He, I emphasize it was He
Who lifted off of us and carried away our repeated afflictions.
And He burdened Himself with our pain and anguish,
carrying them away.
And we wove a system of thinking
That Elohim was demeaning Him, mishandling Him
Putting Him beneath contempt
As we considered how Elohim laid hold of Him, beating Him.
5. Especially note that it was He who was --
Violated and wounded for our revolt,
For our attempt to break away from God
Crushed and beaten to pieces
For our crookedness and perversion
The blows that correct our situation, that make us safe,
And give us peace
Rained down on Him
And the very cords by which He was bound and whipped
Are now the cords by which our brokenness is mended.

[The picture here is that He had wounds from being bound, like Isaac was bound on the altar. And now because of what He suffered from being bound, the cords that tied us to the punishment we deserve before God, have been loosened, and we are set free.]

" Say to the daughter of Zion ... behold your Yeshua (Jesus) . . ." - Isaiah 62:11

6. In complete totality and without exception,
 The multitudes of all of us wander away from God's way
 And the path we make in this world looks like
 The staggering, erratic path
 Of someone who has lost their minds on drugs or alcohol.
 Specifically each feeble one of us walks a path where
 We look to ourselves.
 And Jehovah has imposed upon Him,
 Laying on specifically Him our crookedness and perversion.
7. He was oppressed,
 Specifically it was He who was
 Beneath contempt and mishandled
 Yet He did not open His mouth,
 (If he had opened his mouth,
 He could have blown away the affliction coming upon Him.)
 Like a lamb that is alone, separated from the flock,
 There is a flow that is bringing Him, with ceremony, to slaughter.
 And as a sheep is bound and silent in the presence of
 Those who will shear off its wool, or cut off its life
 So He did not open up His mouth.
8. Bound and having been sentenced He was taken away.

 Who from His generation will put forth the idea
 That He was destroyed, cut off from the land of the living, and that it was
 For the attempt of my people to revolt and break away from God He was struck?
9. When He died He was assigned a grave with the wicked
 And with those who accumulate things for themselves
 But against this humiliating end, contrast the fact that
 He had done no violence, he had mistreated no one
 Nor was any misdirection, deception or betrayal in His mouth
10. But Jehovah was inclined to and took pleasure
 In crushing Him, beating Him to pieces,
 Wounding Him with repeated afflictions
 Moreover He is established as an offering for sin, a sacrifice that died on the altar.
 And yet, He will live and breathe,
 He and His seed will enjoy beholding each other
 Jehovah shall add new length to His days
 And the desire and pleasure of Jehovah will succeed in His hand
11. He will find fulfillment
 When He sees the time it is unbearably difficult
 For Him to draw a breath
 This One who does what I, Jehovah, command
 Because He knows Me as an intimate friend and is privy to My perspective - -
 He shall make things right for those as numerous as drops of rain
 And it is specifically He who shall take the burden
 Of their crookedness and perversion
12. Therefore I will assign to Him the spoils that
 Go to the great and the powerful conqueror
 Because He emptied himself of breath to the point of dying
 And was numbered among those who were separated from God
 And it was specifically He who lifted off
 The results and penalty of the myriads who have gone astray
 And interrupted [the judgment due to] those who are
 Separated from God