

chapter, not as early as this. Here it is speaking of His healing work, of His great miracles that He performed. Seeing those then to say, Yet we consider Him stricken by God, smitten by Him and afflicted. When actually he was wounded--the greatest healing work He ever did was when He bore our sins there on the cross.

So the answer is given: He was pierced for our He was  
crushed for our iniquities. The punishment that brought us peace was upon Him." So here we have the three great emphases we were looking at in Romans. The emphasis on sin, and misery that comes from sin. We have the salvation that Jesus provides thru His death on the cross, and we have the part of Israel, that Israel was God's servant to ~~win~~ bring into the world the One who would provide deliverance from sin, and the One who would overcome the power of Satan, the one who would crush the serpent under His feet.

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. Then we have "we all like sheep have gone astray, each of us has turned to his way, and then the stress on the salvation God has provided. 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. What a prediction of what happened 700 years after Isaiah wrote when Jesus answered not a word of the accusations against him.

He was like a sheep before his shearers. The Lord laid on him the iniquity of us all. By oppression and judgment--a phrase which together means an illegal judgment, and oppressive judgment. Certainly it was utterly illegal, the trial of Jesus. Pilate said I find no fault in Him, and yet he sent him to be crucified! By oppression and judgment he was taken away, and who can speak of his descendants? Here we see the disciples scattered, thinking it had all failed. They had taken and killed him! Who can speak of his descendants, he was cut off out of the land of the living for the transgression of my people He was stricken.

This next verse is better trans. here than in KJV. KJV says he made his grave with the wicked, and with a rich man in his death. But (NIV) he was assigned with the wicked and with the rich in  
his death. That is a more accurate trans. of the Hebrew. He was given a grave with wicked men. That is what you would expect to happen. A man who was crucified between two thieves, his body would be cast into a pit along with these two men with whom he was crucified. He was assigned a grave with the wicked, but he was with a rich man in his death.

Some have tried to make rich parallel with the wicked, but it certainly is not the sense of it at all. It is a prediction made 700 years in advance. This One whom you would have expected would be buried with the wicked men with whom he was crucified, that his body was taken and put in the tomb of a rich man. Tho he had done no violence nor was deceit in his mouth, yet it was the Lord's will to crush him, and cause him to suffer. Tho the Lord makes his life a guilt offering he will see ~~the~~ his offspring and prolong his days.