

Christians today. This particular vs. 4 is describing as Mr. MacRae pointed out the situation, and Mat. would agree with him, the situation of people in Palestine at that time that they were healed of sicknesses that He performed most marvellous works, and yet he says "we did esteem him smitten, stricked of God and afflicted." People failed to draw the obvious conclusion that the one who could perform these miracles was not a malefactor, was not the weak fellow who had the delusions of grandure, but was actually what He claimed to be the Son of God. The next vs. goes on to describe the real situation, why he was stricked and smitted of God. He was not because he could not help it. He was because it was part of God's purpose.

(Student: Would you call vs. 4 inorganic?) I would incline to think that it is. I would not think it added to the atonement. Of course you might say, it is not ^{strictly} ~~simply~~ inorganic in the sense of being with the rich tomb is, because it did draw attention to it. It helped prepare the way for the atonement. It helped prepare the way for people to realize its significance and so on. It's sort of half way in between I think. But it certainly is an element in that direction:- vs. 4 is.

Then in vs. 5 we have the real explanation of what it means, why it was He suffered because there you have that wonderful picture of the atonement in vs 4 and 5. So I think it is unfortunate that so many Bibles put in a reference to the vs. in Peter. Peter certainly refers to this chapter. There is no question in that connection, and he refers to the wonderful predictions of the atonement in this chapter, but the only word that is the same in this first part that is repeated ^{in Peter} does not say he is quoting. The only part that is the same is the word "sins" which is not in the Hebrew, and I don't know how it ever gets into the LXX because that's the only case in the whole OT where the LXX translates this word "disease" as "sins". It is a very strange thing.

We will close for today. How far have you gone in your preparation? For next Wed. let us look at vs. 8 particularly.