"Delivered from the Plague"

Isaiah 53

Isaiah, the Greatest Prophet in Israel's history, foresaw the Greatest Truth in all history, 600 years before CHRIST's birth. Follow the clues to the Truth. (You're here, too)

1. "Who has _____ our message?" V.1 In spite of multitudes of prophesies, few in Israel would _____ the Messiah when HE came.

2. "The Arm of the LORD has been revealed" At HIS first coming, the Nation of Israel did not grasp that JESUS was their mighty ______.

3. **"HE grew up before HIM like a** ______ **shoot"** V.2 The Father would carefully oversee every ______ of HIS SON's earthly life.

4. **"No stately form or majesty ... no ______ that we should be attracted to HIM"** The LORD JESUS would spend HIS entire life in humble conditions, with none of the trappings of ______, making HIS true identity known only to those who had discerning eyes of ______.

5. "Despised (twice) ... forsaken ... a man of ______ and acquainted with grief" V.3 Isaiah foresaw the demonically-driven hatred and ______ of the Messiah by men. Isaiah also saw how heartbreaking their refusal would be to the very ONE sent to _____ them from eternal harm.

6. "We did not ______ HIM" – The Nation would show little respect or value for the ONE that ______ all respect, honor, and gratitude.

7. "Our griefs (sickness) HE bore ... our sorrows carried; ______ by GOD" V.4 "Pierced through for our transgressions ... crushed for our iniquities ... the chastening for our well-being fell on HIM. V.5 ... and by HIS stripes we are healed" As our ______, JESUS, the sinless ONE, suffered for our sinfulness. Heb. 4:15 HE received our ______ (chastisement) in order to procure our ______. HIS beatings ______ us forgiveness, healing, and the offer of adoption as GOD's children. Mt. 8:17, John 1:12

8. ______ like sheep ... each of us ... of us all to fall onHIM." V.6All of us have _____. By nature we are all rebels.

Yet the Father ______ all of our iniquity on HIS Sinless SON.

9. "HE did not open HIS mouth ... Like a _____ led to slaughter"
V.7 "Cut off ... for the transgression of My People" V. 8 (Acts 8:32-33) The Savior uttered _____, as HE was led to the place of execution. HIS substitutionary death _____ the forgiveness of our sins. ("Vicarious" means someone acted _____)

10. "HIS ______ was assigned with wicked men ... Yet HE was with a rich man in HIS death" V.9 Because of HIS disgraceful death the Jews intended CHRIST to have a ______ burial along with the thieves. Instead ______ of Arimathea (a rich man) donated his own tomb to the Messiah. Mt. 27:57-60

11. **"The LORD was** ______ **to crush HIM ... as a guilt offering"** V.10 Though the Messiah did not deserve to die, it was the ______ for HIM to die. (Mt. 26:39) HE died as our ______ to take away our guilt, shame, and sin. (Ex. 12, John 1:29, 1 Cor. 5:7)

12. **"HE will SEE it and be ______ ... MY Servant will justify the many, as HE will bear their iniquities"** V.11 In GOD's eyes, the need for ______ was forever satisfied with CHRIST's death. (1 Peter 3:18. 1 John 2:2) HE bore our iniquities, so we could be justified; which means,

13. **"Therefore I will allot HIM a portion with the** ______... **because HE poured out Himself to death"** V.12 Because GOD's Son, JESUS, ______ offered Himself as our sacrifice for our sin, HE will be honored for all Eternity, with the ______ above every name. Phil.2:9-11

14. **"Numbered with transgressors"** V.12 – The Savior obeyed the Father, by choosing to ______ with sinful mankind, and finally was crucified between ______. (Luke 22:37)

15. **"Interceded for the transgressors"** This reveals CHRIST's office as our ______ High Priest, which began on the Cross (Luke 23:24) and continues in Heaven ______. (Heb. 7:25; 9:24)

Do you know what the LORD JESUS is praying now?