

150 52:13-53:12

to have recognized that this chapter would be fulfilled in an individual, and the first suggestion to the contrary was probably the suggestion of the noted Jewish commentator Rashi, in the eleventh century, that the chapter describes the suffering of the entire nation.

It should be noted that the statement at the beginning of the passage, "Behold, my servant" (52:13), and the words "my righteous servant" in 53:11 tie the passage tightly together. The unity of its entire contents cannot reasonably be questioned.