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considered to be ~~an~~ a quotation of it or a reference for it. But you will also find in your many Bibles a reference to a verse in Matthew where this is specifically quoted. Whoever has a Bible with that margin note in it.... Mathew 8:17 you look there and you'll find that it is explicitly quoted from this verse ~~to show you that~~ ^{so it shows you that} this verse does have the _____. The N.T. so interprets it. Mathew 8:17. He says that Jesus healed those that were possessed of the devil and cast out the spirits and healed all that were sick that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Isaiah the prophet saying, "Himself took our infirmities and bare our sicknesses." That is this verse quoted. There's no question about it. The subject in the Greek is identical what is quoted here in Matthew.

Well then if this verse says that Jesus took away infirmities and sicknesses then how can you deny that there's healing in the atonement.

Questions Answer: Well the fact is that this verse is not about the atonement at all and that is where people misuse this verse. And where they misuse this verse when they give a reference to Peter which has only one word in it in common with this verse. This verse does not say, the beginning of verse 4 that he has borne our sins. It is not the atonement. Matthew specifically interprets what this verse is. This verse is a description of the healing ministry of Christ and these are the people who see him perform his healing ministry and Jesus says if you won't believe my words at least believe me for the works sake. They've seen his ministry. They said, surely he did cure our diseases, he did take away our sorrows and yet we esteemed stricken, smitten of God and afflicted. It is an exact description of the attitude of mind of the ^{two} men on