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“He Bore our Sickness”

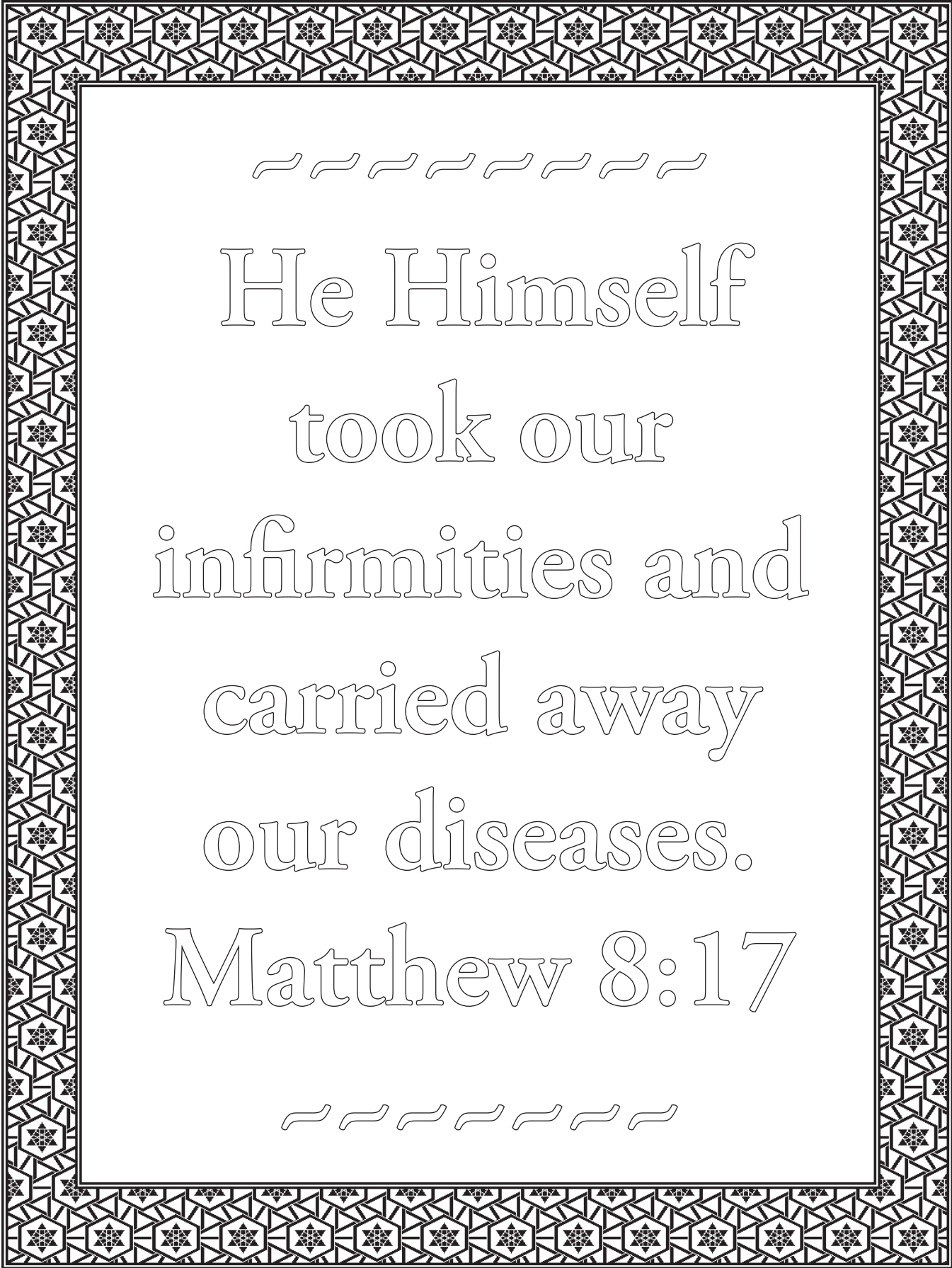
After Yeshua began to call His disciples to follow Him, He went up on a mountain and began to teach the people in the ways of truth. Many people gathered to hear His teaching. He taught them that how they acted was a true sign of what they honestly believed about God. He taught the good news about God’s desire to forgive and restore His people. Many people came to listen to Yeshua’s teaching, and they realized that He was teaching with real authority—that His words were true and that His message was indeed from God. Many people began to understand that Yeshua was the promised Messiah, the One spoken of by Israel’s prophets, Who would come at the end of days, restore Israel to the true worship of the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, and begin the ingathering of people from every nation to worship the one true God of Israel.



The prophets of Israel, long before Yeshua came, spoke of the Messiah and His time, when all of this would take place. Writing about the time of Messiah, Isaiah wrote:

Then the eyes of the blind will be opened and the ears of the deaf will be unstopped.
Then the lame will leap like a deer, and the tongue of the mute will shout for joy.
For waters will break forth in the wilderness and streams in the Arabah.
(Is. 35:5 –6)

This is why Yeshua began to heal the sick people. He wanted to show everyone that the time of restoring Israel had come, and that He was the promised One of whom the prophets spoke. After He had finished teaching the people, a leper came to Him and begged Him for healing. Yeshua stretched out His hand and touched him, and immediately the man was healed! Then Yeshua instructed him to go to the Temple, show himself to the high priest, and offer the sacrifice for his purification, just as Moses had commanded in the Torah. When Yeshua came to K’far Nachum (Capernaum), a soldier came to Him, asking Him to heal his servant. He told Yeshua that there was no need to come to his house, but that Yeshua could just speak the word of healing, and it would be enough. Yeshua was amazed at how much faith the soldier had! He said, “I haven’t seen faith like this in all of Israel!” So Yeshua told the soldier to go back home, and that he would find his servant healed from his sickness. When the soldier did arrive at his home, he found his servant healed, just as Yeshua had said. In performing these miracles of healing, Yeshua was fulfilling the words of Isaiah when He wrote: “Surely He (the Messiah) has borne our sicknesses and carried away our diseases” (Is 53:4, cf. Matt 8:17).



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