

12:10

רוח חן ורחמינות

"a spirit of grace and supplication"

והביטו "they shall look"

לי "unto me"

אשר דקרו "whom they have pierced."

The text suggestions on this verse should be considered although the MT is hard to avoid, I think. For text study the notes in Kittel are probably adequate. The LXX is interesting; Theodotian seems to have borrowed from John or have read the pronouns back from the following section.

עזין "for him"

I think I see the "Father/Son" connexion. "They will weep for him, their God, having looked on me, their shepherd, whom they rejected.

The mention of the loss of the firstborn is interesting in the light of the role of the firstborn in Israel's history. What had God lost in the idolatry and rejection of the Deity? His firstborn! We are reminded of the weeping scene in Matthew 23 and the expression of Hosea..."When Ephraim was a child...then I loved him..."

It is also possible to speculate that the one pierced could have been a bondsman...a lot of possibilities in that.

12:11....

Note the mourning in Jerusalem...like that for Josiah 2 Kings 23

12:12....

The mourning by families...the king, prophet, priest and the stranger. In the light of our thinking of the cutting off of the shepherds, this is an interesting reference. Note also the sex segregation.

13:1

זחטא "for sin"

וזנדה "for uncleanness"

An action of penitence for the house of David and the dwellers in Jerusalem.