כי נגזר מארץ חיים מפשע עמי

These words read KEE NEEGZAR MAYERETZ CHAYYIM MEEPAYSHAH AMEE. The Dead Sea Scrolls (1QIsa^b) proved that these words written by the 8th Century B.C.E. Jewish prophet Isaiah and found in the Tanakh are authentic words from the Holy Jewish Scriptures, his actual words that were not lost in transcription down through the centuries. Furthermore, Tractate Sanhedrin 98b in the Talmud proves that these words are speaking not about Israel but about Moshiach. The Torah firmly states that prophetic canonical utterances were not the words of a mere man, but "the Ruach Elohim (Spirit of G-d) came upon him" (Bamidbar 24:2). **Therefore, to reject the six words above is to reject** <u>*G-d's* words and *G-d Himself*.</u>

Now, seeing the importance of these six words, do we know what they mean? The first word is easy. KEE means "For." NEEGZAR means "He was cut

off/excluded/separated" and this word comes from אזר according to the standard Hebrew/English Lexicon of Brown, Driver, and Briggs, p.160. The word is so used two other places in the Tanakh. MAYERETZ CHAYYIM means "from the Land of the Living." To say he was cut off or excluded or separated from the Land of the Living is a poetic way of saying that he died. Who died? Moshiach died. Why did he die? MEEPAYSHAH AMI "for the transgression of my people." Moshiach died for your sins. You cannot claim to be Jewish and assert that you are part of Isaiah's people ("my people" i.e. the Jewish people, look at the last word again) unless you also admit and accede to the first part of the verse, that Moshiach died for your sins. Moshiach "died for the sins of my [Jewish] People." You can fight these words, you can try to tear up these words, you can run from these words, but the words themselves will never go away. They are eternal, the words of Almighty G-d. And these words leave you with only one choice: Turn from your rebellion and sinful unbelief to trust these words or die in your unbelief and rebellion against these words. It is your choice.

Why not pray this prayer. "Moshiach, I am a sinner, not just in the sin that I do but in what I am, a rebel against You and Your word. Thank you for dying to release me and redeem me and free me from the penalty my sins incurred, which is eternal death, separation from G-d. Help me find you and serve you as I search the Scriptures, Moshiach. Amen.