

Overview of ch. 49-57

The Lord and his Servant	49:1-13 Lord ↔ Servant	52:13-53:12 Lord ↔ People about the Servant
The Lord and the Woman	Mother Zion 49:14-50:3	Barren Sarah 54:1-17
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51:9-52:12 The Watchman's Call

Arm of the Lord	51:9-16	52:10
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Invitations in 50:10-51:-8

Finding Righteousness and Salvation

Invitation	Addressees	Advice	Theme
1 Listen to me	Ye that follow after righteousness Ye that seek the Lord	Look unto Abraham	Righteousness by Faith
4 Hearken to me ... give ear to me	My people ... my nation	God's R&S are for all people (4-5) and all time (6)	Gospel Outreach
7 Listen to me	Ye that know righteousness The people in whose heart is my law	Do not fear opposition	Patience under Persecution

Invitations in ch. 55-57: Salvation & Judgment

55-57, Invitations

55:1-56:8, Invitation to the **Receptive**

55:1-5 “Come **ye** to the waters”: **Davidic Leader**

4 “I have given **him** ...”

55:6-13 “Seek **ye** the Lord”: **Forgiveness & Restoration**

7 “Let the wicked forsake **his** way ...”

56:1-8, “Keep ye judgment and do justice”: **Reward to Obedient**

2 “Blessed is the man ...”

56:9-57:14, Summons to the **Wicked**

56:9-57:2 “All **ye** beasts ... come to devour”: **Judgment Prepared**

10 “**His** watchmen are blind ...”

57:3-14 “Draw near ..., ye sons of the sorceress”: **Defendant Summoned**

6 “Among the smooth stones ... is **thy** portion ...”

57:15-21, **The Choice**

15-16 “**I dwell** ... with him that is of a humble and contrite spirit”

17 “**I was wroth** ... and smote him”

18-19 “I have seen his ways, and **will heal him**”

20-21 “There is **no peace**, saith my God, to the wicked”

The Two Women of Prov 9

1-5, Dame Wisdom

1 **Wisdom** hath builded her house, she hath hewn out her seven pillars:
2 She hath killed **her** beasts; she hath mingled **her** wine; she hath also furnished her table.

3 She hath sent forth her maidens: she crieth upon **the highest places of the city,**

4 **Whoso is simple, let him turn in hither: as for him that wanteth understanding, she saith to him,**

5 Come, eat of **my** bread, and drink of the wine *which* I have mingled.

13-17, Dame Folly

13 **A foolish woman** is clamorous: *she is* simple, and knoweth nothing.

14 For she sitteth at the door of her house, on a seat **in the high places of the city,** 15 To call passengers who go right on their ways:

16 **Whoso is simple, let him turn in hither: and as for him that wanteth understanding, she saith to him,**

17 **Stolen** waters are sweet, and bread *eaten* in secret is pleasant.

Isa 55:3 and the Resurrection

Act 13:34-35 34 And as concerning that he raised him up from the dead, now no more to return to corruption, he said on this wise, **I will give you the sure mercies of David.** 35 Wherefore he saith also in another [place], Thou shalt not suffer **thine Holy One** to see corruption.

v.34 “ sure mercies of David	Isa 55:3 LXX σσια “holy things” Hebrew מדין “faithfulnesses”	The “ holy things ” are the promise of the eternal Seed (Ps 89:6 “his seed shall endure forever”)
v.35 “thine Holy One ”	Ps 16:10 LXX σσιον “holy one” Hebrew ידן “saint”	The “ holy one ” will not see corruption

1Co 15:17 if Christ be not raised, your faith is vain; ye are yet in your sins.

The Source of Isa 55:4

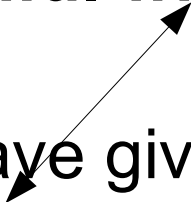
Psa 89:36-37 an AbBa alternation/chiasm

- A,a: statements about his seed
- B,b: statements about his throne (linked by sun/moon)
- A,B: addition of “for ever”

36 His seed shall endure **for ever**
and his throne as **the sun** before me.

37 It [his throne] shall be established **for ever** as **the moon**,
and [his seed] **a faithful witness in heaven**.

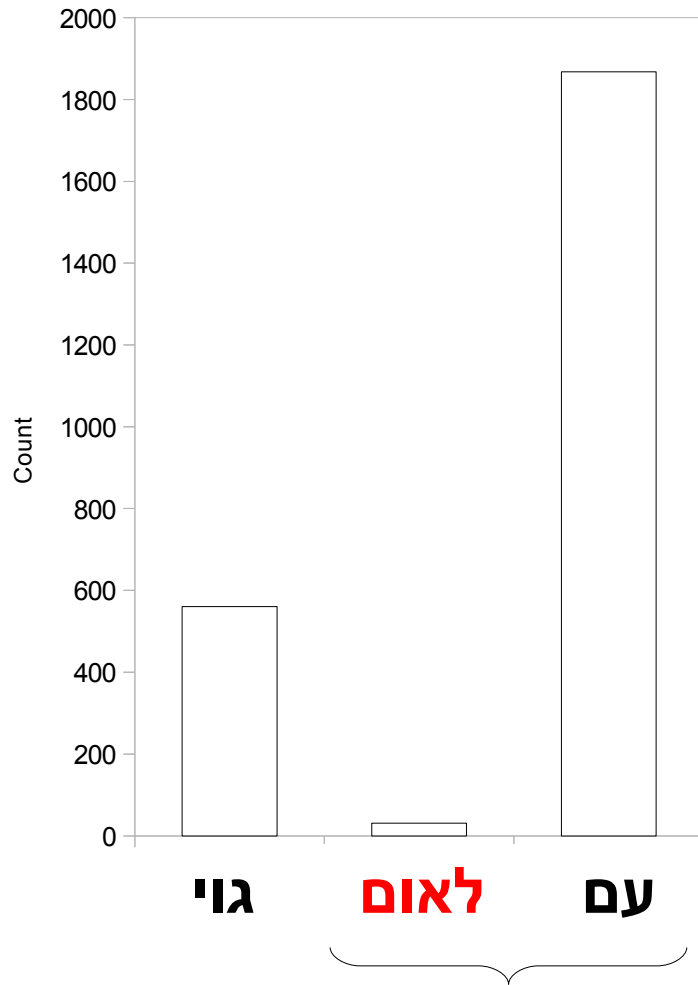
Isa 55:4 Behold, I have given him [the promised Seed]
for a **witness** to the **peoples**
a **leader** and **commander** to the **peoples**



- Zion quotes “a witness” from Ps 89:37.
- Where does she get “to the peoples”?

Hebrew Words for “People, Nation”

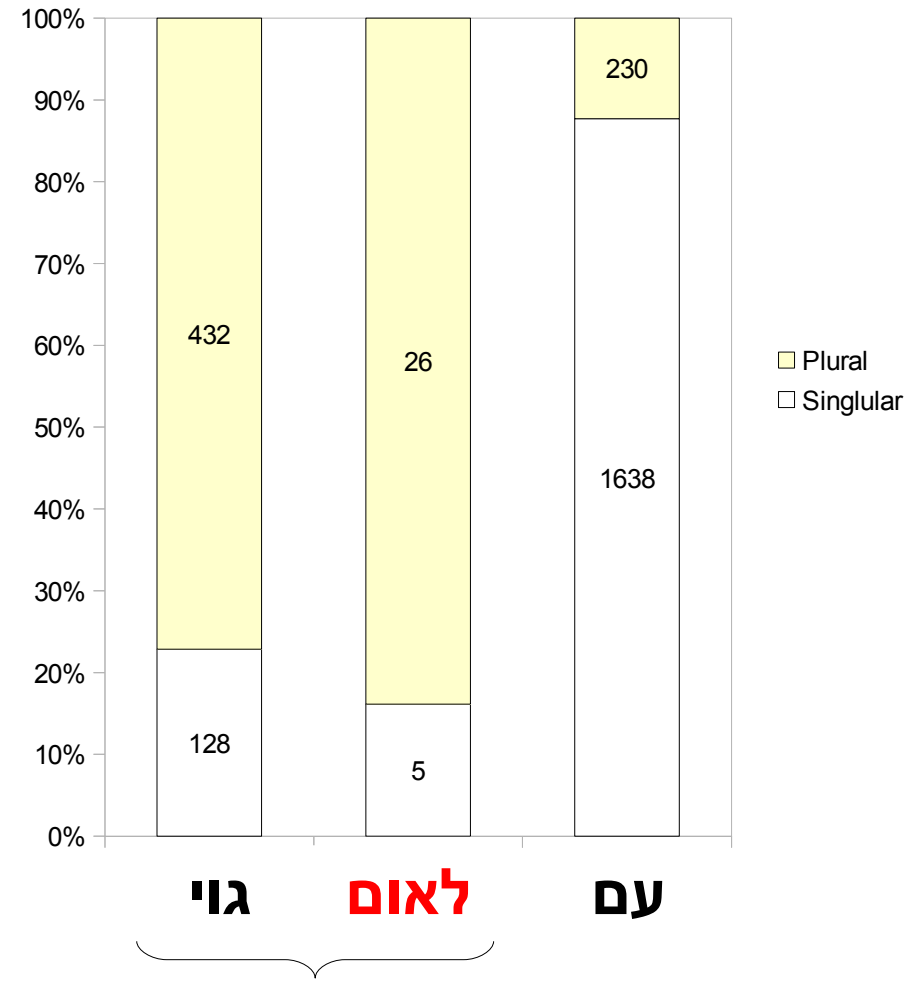
Total Uses



Political

Social

% Singular vs. Plural



Mostly
Gentiles

Mostly
Israel

יהוה
> Marduk et al.

YHWH
vs. the
Idols

Servant's
Suffering
& Glory

Sinful vs.
Faithful
Israel

48:22 *There is no peace*, saith the LORD, unto the **wicked**.

57:21 *There is no peace*, saith my God, to the **wicked**.

66:23-24 the men that have **transgressed** against me: ... their worm **shall not die**, **neither** shall their fire be **quenched**

40:12-31

Based on **Creation**

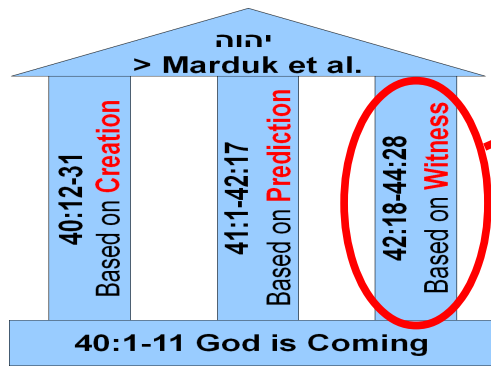
41:1-42:17

Based on **Prediction**

42:18-44:28

Based on **Witness**

40:1-11 **God is Coming**



Climax of 42:18-44:28

	42:18-43:21	43:22-44:28		
A. Servant Condemned	42:18-25	43:22-24	43:26-28	
B. Servant Restored	43:1-7	43:25	44:1-5	44:21-23
C. Witnesses: God's Uniqueness	43:8-13	44:6-20		
D. End of Captivity	43:14-21 Babylon	44:24-28 Cyrus		

The Meaning of נגיד

Related words:

- Preposition נגד : “in front of,” “before,” “in the presence of”
 - Noun: “counterpart,” Gen 2:18, 20
 - Verb (causal): “propose, announce, inform” (put a matter in front of people)
- Distinct but on the same level; someone “out in front”

Anarchy

Jdg 17:6 In those days *there was no king* in Israel, *but every man did that which was right* in his own eyes.

Jdg 18:1 In those days *there was no king* in Israel:

Jdg 19:1 And it came to pass in those days, when *there was no king* in Israel,

Jdg 21:25 In those days *there was no king* in Israel: every man did *that which was right* in his own eyes.

נגיד

Psa 78:70-72 He chose David also his servant, and took him from the sheepfolds: 71 From following the ewes great with young he brought him to feed Jacob his people, and Israel his inheritance. 72 So he fed them according to the integrity of his heart; and guided them by the skilfulness of his hands.

מלך

1Sa 12:12 ye said unto me, **Nay; but a king shall reign over us:** when **the LORD your God was your king.**

Is Messiah a נגיד or a מלך?

<p>Isa 55:4 Behold, I have given him <i>for ... a leader</i> נגיד ... to the peoples.</p>	<p>Psa 2:6 Yet have I set my king מלך upon my holy hill of Zion.</p>
<p>Psa 89:4 Thy seed will I establish for ever</p>	<p>Psa 2:7 the LORD hath said unto me, Thou <i>art my Son</i>; this day have I begotten thee.</p>
<p>Son of Man</p>	<p>Son of God</p>

נגיד in the New Testament

Hebrew
נגיד

LXX
Participle
of ηγεσθαι

Heb 13:7 Remember them which **have the rule over** you, who have spoken unto you the word of God: whose faith follow, considering the end of their conversation.

Heb 13:17 Obey them that **have the rule over** you, and submit yourselves: for they watch for your souls, as they that must give account,

Heb 13:24 Salute all them that **have the rule over** you,

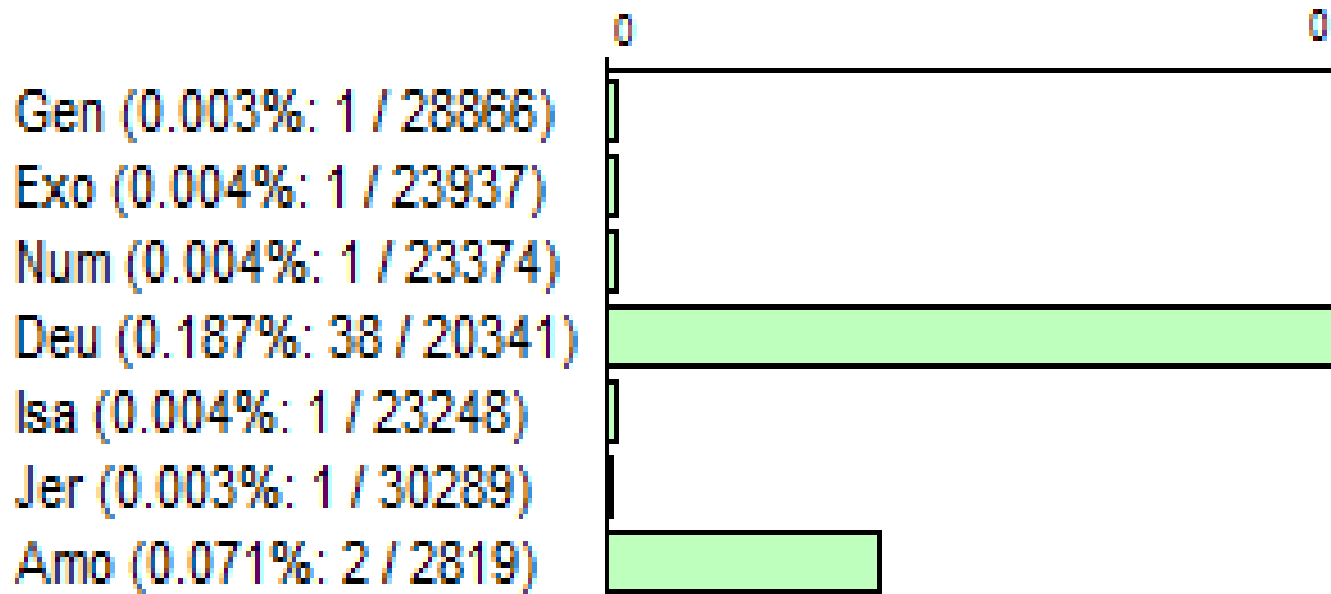
Act 15:22 Then pleased it the apostles and elders, with the whole church, to send chosen men of their own company to Antioch with Paul and Barnabas; *namely*, Judas surnamed Barsabas, and Silas, **chief men** among the brethren:

The Law of the King and NT Leadership

The Law of the King Deut 17	The Savior's Instruction Matt 20:25-28	Exhortation to Elders 1 Pet 5:1-3
<p>14 When thou art come unto the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee, and shalt possess it, and shalt dwell therein, and shalt say, I will set a king over me, like as all the nations that are about me ... 20 That his heart be not lifted up above his brethren, and that he turn not aside from the commandment, to the right hand, or to the left: to the end that he may prolong his days in his kingdom, he, and his children, in the midst of Israel.</p>	<p>Mat 20:25-28 But Jesus called them <i>unto him</i>, and said, Ye know that the princes of the Gentiles exercise dominion κατακυριεω over them, and they that are great exercise authority upon them. 26 But it shall not be so among you: but whosoever will be great among you, let him be your minister; 27 And whosoever will be chief among you, let him be your servant: 28 Even as the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many.</p>	<p>1Pe 5:1-3 The elders which are among you I exhort, who am also an elder, and a witness of the sufferings of Christ, and also a partaker of the glory that shall be revealed: 2 Feed the flock of God which is among you, taking the oversight <i>thereof</i>, not by constraint, but willingly; not for filthy lucre, but of a ready mind; 3 Neither as being lords κατακυριεω over <i>God's</i> heritage, but being ensamples to the flock.</p>

55:4 “a commander to the peoples”

- מצוה = Piel participle of צוה “to command”
- Distribution of this form in the OT:



- Stereotyped description of Moses in Deut: “the words which I command thee
- cf. Deu 18:15 “The LORD thy God will raise up unto thee a Prophet from the midst of thee, of thy brethren, like unto me; unto him ye shall hearken;”

Messiah = the Anointed One

Who is anointed in the OT?

- **Prophet** (1 Kings 19:16)
- Priest (Exod 28:41)
- King (1 Kings 19:16) and **נגיד** “leader” (1 Sam 9:16)

Isa 55:4 Behold, I have given him *for* a **witness** to the peoples, a **leader** and **commander** to the peoples.

55:5 and 49:7

49:7 (Servant Song)	55:5
Thus saith the LORD, the Redeemer of Israel, <i>and</i> his Holy One, to him whom man despiseth, to him whom the nation abhorreth, to a servant of rulers,	
Kings shall see and arise, princes also shall worship,	Behold, thou shalt call a nation <i>that</i> thou knowest not, and nations <i>that</i> knew not thee shall run unto thee
because of יְמִינֶךָ [for the sake of] the LORD that is faithful, <i>and</i> the Holy One of Israel , and he shall choose has chosen thee.	because of יְמִינֶךָ [for the sake of] the LORD thy God, and for the Holy One of Israel ; for he hath glorified thee.

Isa 55:5 and Ps 18

Psa 18:43-44, David	Isa 55:5, Messiah
<p>Thou hast delivered me from the strivings of the people; and thou hast made me the head of the heathen: a people whom I have not known shall serve me.</p>	<p>Behold, thou shalt call a nation <i>that thou knowest not</i>,</p>
<p>44 As soon as they hear of me, they shall obey me: the strangers shall submit themselves unto me.</p>	<p>and nations <i>that knew not thee</i> shall run unto thee</p>

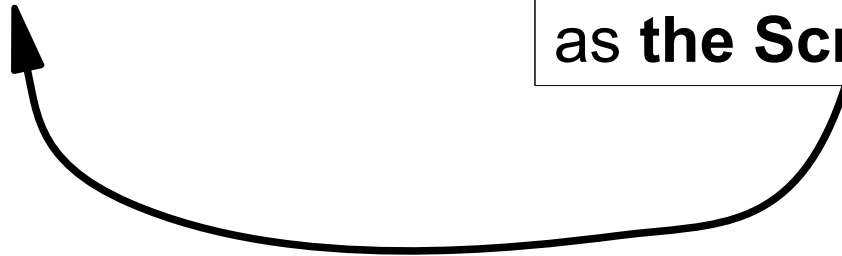


David's Kingdom 2 Sam 8

2Sa 8:1-14 David smote the **Philistines**, ... 2 And he smote **Moab**, ...3 David smote also Hadadezer,... king of **Zobah**, ... 5 David slew of the **Syrians** two and twenty thousand men. ... 9 ... Toi king of **Hamath** ... sent Joram his son unto king David, to salute him, and to bless him,... 11 ... all nations which he subdued; 12 ... **Syria**, ... **Moab**, and ... **Ammon**, ... the **Philistines**, ... **Amalek**, ... **Zobah**. ... 14 all they of **Edom** became David's servants .

Isa 55:1 and John 7:37-38

Isa 55:1 (LXX)	John 7:37-38
Isa 55:1 Ye that thirst, proceed to the water,	Joh 7:37-38 If any man thirst, let him come unto me,
and as many as have no money, as you go, buy and drink wine and eat without money or price.	and let him drink , 38 he that believeth on me,
	as the Scripture hath said.



“Believeth” ~ “without money or price”:

- Belief ~ without working, Rom 4:5 But to him that **worketh not**, but **believeth** on him that justifieth the ungodly, his faith is counted for righteousness.
- Working ~ money, Isa 55:2 Wherefore do ye spend **money** for *that which* is not bread? and your **labour** for *that which* satisfieth not?

Water Within

John 4	John 7
14 But whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst ;	37-38 If any man thirst , let him come unto me, and let him drink , 38 he that believeth on me, as the scripture hath said.
but the water that I shall give him shall be in him a well of water springing up into everlasting life.	Out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water .

6-7, The Invitation

6 The Opportunity: **Promised** but **Limited**

Seek ye the LORD **while he may be found**, call ye upon him **while he is near**:

7a The Requirement: **Repentance**

Let the wicked forsake his **way**, and the unrighteous man his **thoughts**:

7b The Promise: **Merciful Pardon**

and let him return unto the LORD, and he will **have mercy** upon him;
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9 **Superior** thoughts

For ... my ways [are] higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts.

10-11 **Active** thoughts

For ... it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper *in the thing* whereto I sent it.

12-13a Thoughts of **Blessing**

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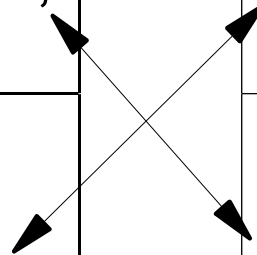
13b Overall Motive

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55:6 Claiming an Earlier Promise

Isa 66:6
6 Seek ye the LORD while he may be found ,
call ye upon him while he is near :

Deut 4
7 For what nation <i>is there</i> so great, who <i>hath</i> God so nigh unto them, as the LORD our God <i>is</i> in all <i>things that we call</i> upon him <i>for</i> ?
27-29 the LORD shall scatter you among the nations, and ye shall be left few in number among the heathen, whither the LORD shall lead you. 28 And there ye shall serve gods, the work of men's hands, wood and stone, which neither see, nor hear, nor eat, nor smell. 29 But if from thence thou shalt seek the LORD thy God, thou shalt find <i>him</i> , if thou seek him with all thy heart and with all thy soul.



55:7 The Requirement

Psa 24:4	Isa 55:7	Jam 4:8
He that hath clean hands	Let the wicked forsake his way	Cleanse <i>your</i> hands, ye sinners
and a pure heart	and the unrighteous man his thoughts:	and purify <i>your</i> hearts, ye double minded

Luk 24:46-47 Thus it is written, and thus it behoved Christ to suffer, and to rise from the dead the third day: 47 And that **repentance** and remission of sins should be preached in his name among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem.

Act 2:38 Then Peter said unto them, **Repent**, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins,

55:7b The Promise of Forgiveness

let him return unto the LORD, and **he will have mercy רחם** upon him;
and to our God, for **he will abundantly pardon**

Recall Isa 54:7-8

For a small moment have I forsaken thee; but with great **mercies רחמים** will I gather thee. 8 In a little wrath I hid my face from thee for a moment; but with everlasting **kindness חסד** will I have **mercy רחם** on thee, saith the LORD thy Redeemer.

Exo 34:6-7 And the LORD passed by before him, and proclaimed, The LORD, The LORD God, **merciful חנון** and **gracious רחום**, longsuffering, and abundant in **goodness טוב** and truth,

7 Keeping **mercy טוב** for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin, and that

and that will by no means clear *the guilty*; visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children, and upon the children's children, unto the third and to the fourth *generation*.

Exo 33:19 I ... will **be gracious חן** to whom I will be gracious, and will **shew mercy רחם** on whom I will shew mercy.

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55:9 God's Thoughts are Superior to Ours

Isa 55:9	Psa 103 < Exod 34
	<p>8 The LORD <i>is</i> merciful רחום and gracious חנון, slow to anger, and plenteous in mercy טוֹן.</p> <p>9 He will not always chide: neither will he keep <i>his anger</i> for ever. 10 He hath not dealt with us after our sins; nor rewarded us according to our iniquities.</p>
<p>9 For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts.</p>	<p>11 For as the heaven is high above the earth, so great is his mercy טוֹן toward them that fear him.</p>
	<p>12 As far as the east is from the west, so far hath he removed our transgressions from us.</p>

What's Wrong with Sin?

7 Let the wicked forsake
his **way**,
and the unrighteous man
his **thoughts**

9 For as the heavens are higher
than the earth,
so are my **ways** higher than your
ways,
and my **thoughts** than your
thoughts.

Gen 1:26 And God said, Let us make man **in our image,**
after our likeness:

Rom 3:23 For all have sinned, and **come short of the**
glory of God;

55:10-11, God's Thoughts are Active

Physical Creation:

Gen 1: 3 And **God said**, Let there be light: **and there was light**.

6 And **God said**, Let there be a firmament in the midst of the waters, ... **and it was so**.

9 **And God said**, Let the waters under the heaven be gathered together ... **and it was so**.

11 And **God said**, Let the earth bring forth grass, ... **and it was so**.

14 And **God said**, Let there be lights in the firmament of the heaven... **and it was so**.

20 **And God said**, Let the waters bring forth abundantly the moving creature that hath life, and fowl *that* may fly above the earth in the open firmament of heaven.

24 **And God said**, Let the earth bring forth the living creature after his kind, ... **and it was so**.

26 **And God said**, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness:

Spiritual Life:

Joh 6:63 It is the spirit that quickeneth; the flesh profiteth nothing: **the words that I speak unto you**, they are spirit, and they are life.

Jam 1:18 Of his own will begat he us **with the word of truth**, that we should be a kind of firstfruits of his creatures.

1Pe 1:23 Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, **by the word of God**,

Heb 4:12 For **the word of God** *is* quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and *is* a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.

55:12-13, God's Thoughts are thoughts of Blessing

12 For ye shall **go out** with joy, and be led forth with **peace**

Jeremiah's Echo of **Peace**

Jer 29:11 For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, saith the LORD, thoughts of **peace**, and not of evil, to give you an expected end.

From what are they to “**go out**”?

Isa 48:20 **Go ye forth** of **Babylon**, **flee ye** from the **Chaldeans**, with a voice of singing declare ye, tell this, utter it even to the end of the earth; say ye, The LORD hath redeemed his servant Jacob.

Isa 52:11 **Depart ye, depart ye, go ye out** from thence, touch no unclean thing; **go ye out of the midst of her**; be ye clean, that bear the vessels of the LORD.

Rev 18:2, 4 **Babylon the great** is fallen, is fallen, and is become the habitation of devils, and the hold of every foul spirit, and a cage of every unclean and hateful bird. ... **Come out of her**, my people, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues.

2Co 6:17 Wherefore **come out** from among them, and **be ye separate**, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean *thing*; and I will receive you,

Past

Present &
Future

56:1-8, **Promise of Inclusion**

56:1-8

1, The Commitment **Stated**

1a The Requirement:
Judgment and Justice

1b The Occasion:
God's salvation & righteousness

2-8, The Commitment **Illustrated**

2 Opening **Summary**
Lay Hold, Sabbath

3-7a Excluded People Restored

3 The Categories **Excluded** from the Congregation

3a Son of the Stranger Exod 12:43, 48; Lev 22:25.

3b Eunuch Deut 23:1

4-7a The Categories **Restored** to God's House

4-5 Eunuch: everlasting name

6-7a Son of Stranger: offerings accepted

7b-8, Closing **Summary** נאם יהוה
All people, outcasts, God's house

Isa 56:1 Keep ye **judgment**, and do **justice**:

Gen 18:19 For I know him, that he will command his children and his household after him, and they shall keep the way of the LORD, **to do justice and judgment**; that the LORD may bring upon Abraham that which he hath spoken of him.

Judgment	משפט, a kind of law	According to God's commands
Justice	צדקה " righteousness "	According to God's character

Ezek 18:5, 19, 21, 27; 33:14, 16, 19 do that which is **lawful (judgment)** and **right (justice, righteousness)**

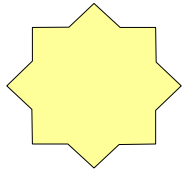
Luk 11:39 And the Lord said unto him, Now do ye Pharisees make clean the outside of the cup and the platter (**judgment**); but your inward part is full of ravening and wickedness (no **righteousness**).

Matt 5:17-48

Exceeding the righteousness of the scribes and Pharisees...

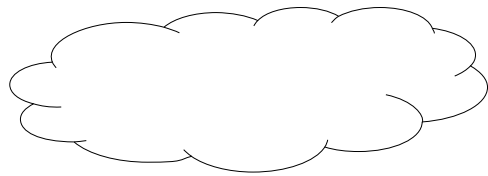
Judgment	Justice = Righteousness
21 Thou shalt not kill	22 Do not be angry
27 Thou shalt not commit adultery	28 Do not lust
33 Perform unto the Lord thine oaths	34 Swear not at all
38 An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth	39 Resist not evil
43 Love thy neighbor	44 Love your enemies

The Cosmology of Godliness



Psa 36:5-6 Thy **mercy**, O LORD, is in the heavens;

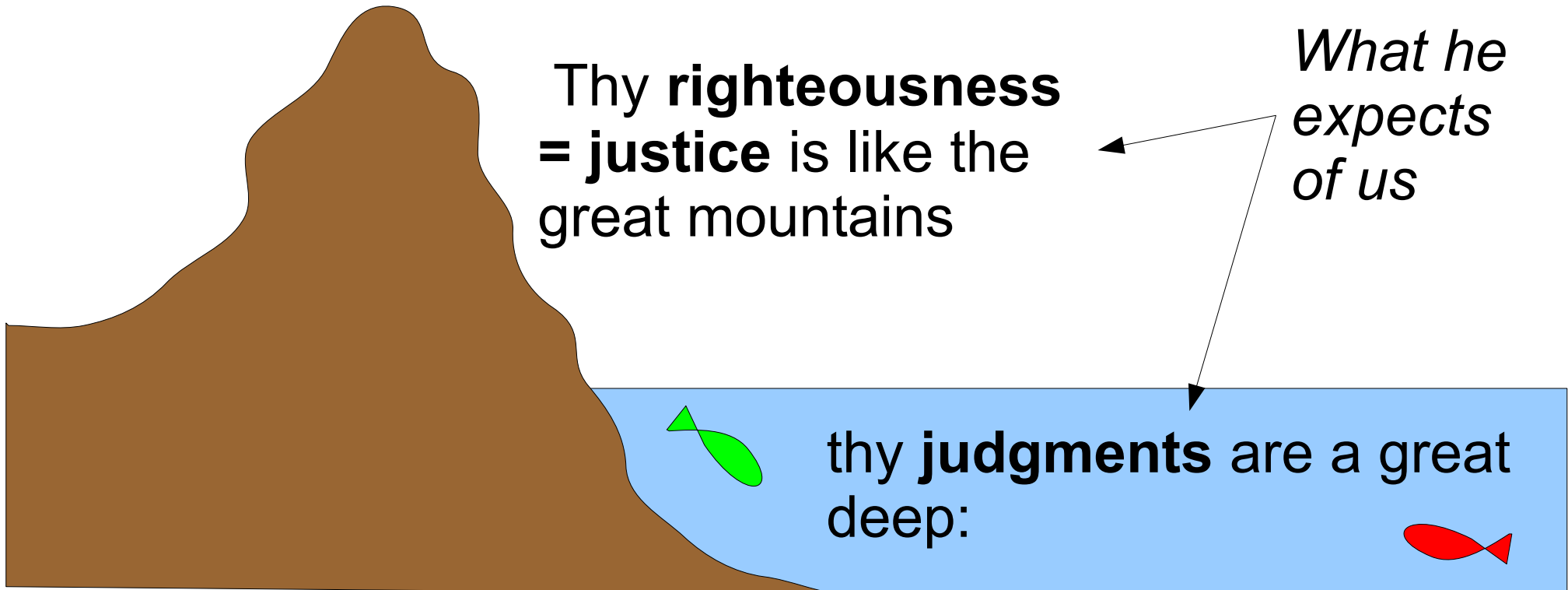
*God's character
(Exod 34:6)*



and thy **faithfulness** reacheth unto the clouds.

Thy **righteousness = justice** is like the great mountains

What he expects of us



thy **judgments** are a great deep:



A Motive for Godliness

Teacher	Ref	Exhortation	Motive
Isaiah	Is 56:1	Keep ye judgment and do justice	For my salvation is near to come, and my righteousness to be revealed
John the Baptist	Mt 3:2	Repent ye	For the kingdom of heaven is at hand
The Lord Jesus	Mt 4:17	Repent (ye)	For the kingdom of heaven is at hand
	Lk12:35-37	Let your loins be girded about, and your lights burning	And ye yourselves like unto men that wait for their Lord, when he shall return ...
Paul	Ti 2:12-13	We should live soberly, righteously, and godly in this present world,	Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Savior Jesus Christ
John	1Jn 2:28	abide in him; that, ... we may have confidence, and not be ashamed before him when he shall appear, ... at his coming.
	1 Jn 3:2-3	3 every man that hath this hope in him purifieth himself	2 when he shall appear ... we shall see him as he is
Peter	2 Pt 3:14	Be diligent that ye may be found of him in peace, without spot, and blameless	Seeing that ye look for such things

The Summaries of 56:2-8

<p>2 Blessed is the man that doeth this, and the son of man that layeth hold on it; that keepeth the sabbath from polluting it, and keepeth his hand from doing any evil.</p>	<p>3a Neither let the son of the stranger, that hath joined himself to the LORD, speak, saying, The LORD hath utterly separated me from his people:</p>	<p>7b-8 for mine house shall be called an house of prayer</p> <p>for all people,</p> <p>8 saith the Lord GOD,</p> <p>which gathereth the outcasts of Israel.</p> <p>Yet will I gather others to him it, beside those that are gathered unto him it.</p>
	<p>3b neither let the eunuch say, Behold, I am a dry tree.</p>	
	<p>4-5 For thus saith the LORD unto the eunuchs that keep my sabbaths, and choose the things that please me, and take hold of my covenant; 5 Even unto them will I give in mine house and within my walls a place and a name better than of sons and of daughters: I will give them an everlasting name, that shall not be cut off.</p>	
<p>6-7 Also the sons of the stranger, that join themselves to the LORD, to serve him, and to love the name of the LORD, to be his servants, every one that keepeth the sabbath from polluting it, and taketh hold of my covenant; 7 Even them will I bring to my holy mountain, and make them joyful in my house of prayer: their burnt offerings and their sacrifices shall be accepted upon mine altar;</p>		

Alternation in 56:9-57:13

56:9-57:13, Summons to the **Wicked**

56:9-57:2 “All **ye** beasts ... come to devour”:
Judgment Prepared

56:9-12 The **Wicked** Condemned:
10 “**His** watchmen are blind ...”

57:1-2 The **Righteous** Assured:
2 “He shall enter into peace ...”

57:3-13 “Draw near ..., **ye** sons of the sorceress”:
Defendant Summoned

57:3-13a The **Wicked** Condemned:
4 “are **ye** not children of transgression?”

57:13b The **Righteous** Assured:
“He that putteth his trust in me shall
possess the land”



Roles in the Metaphor of the Flock



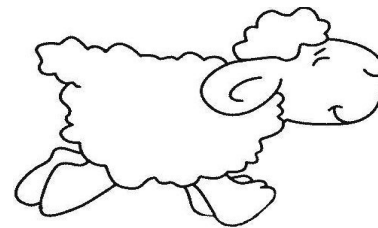
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the field ...



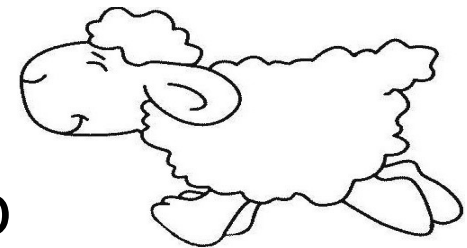
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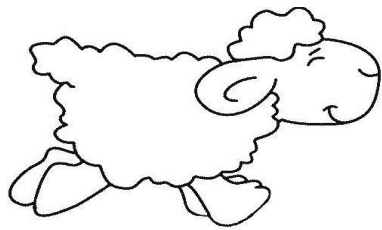


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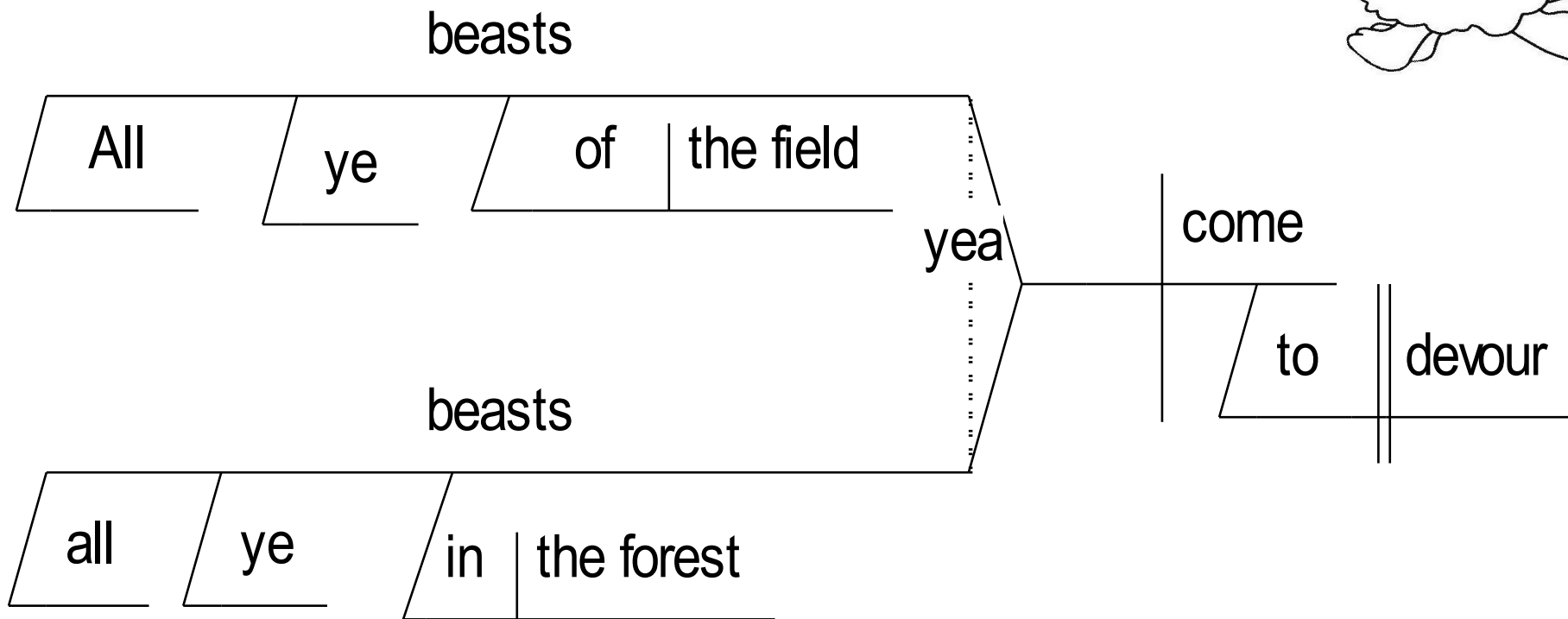
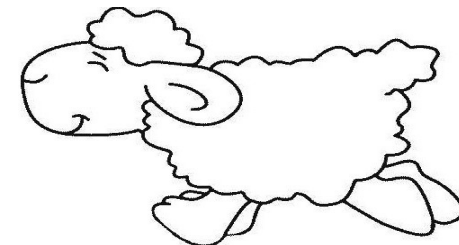
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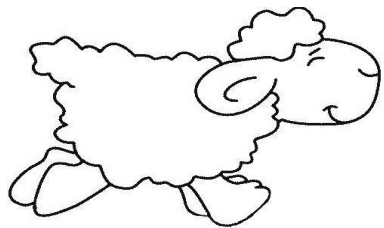




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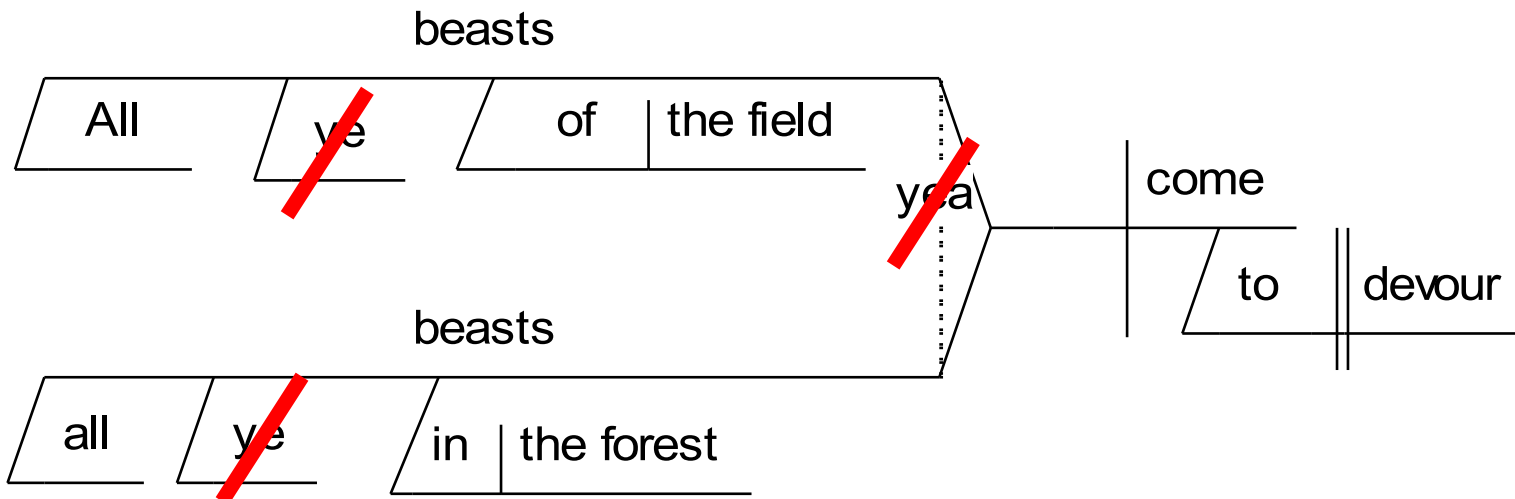
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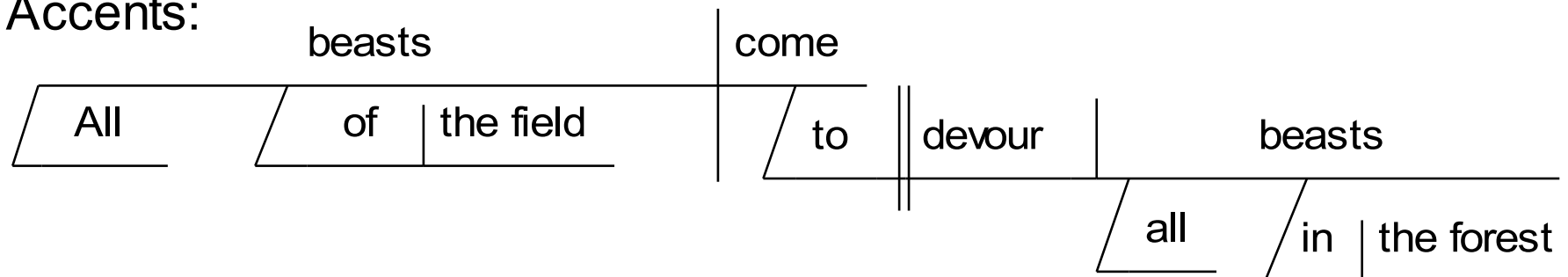


An Alternative Parsing

KJV:



MT Accents:





Failings in Isa 56:10-12



Failing	Sheepdogs	Shepherds
	10a His watchers <i>are</i> blind : all of them do not know,	
Insensitive to the Threat	10b they <i>are</i> all dumb dogs, they cannot bark;	11b and they <i>are</i> shepherds, they cannot understand:
Lazy	10c sleeping, lying down, loving to slumber.	
Self-Serving	11a Yea, <i>they are</i> greedy dogs, they can never have enough,	11c they all look to their own way, every one for his gain, from his quarter. 12 Come ye, <i>say they</i> , I will fetch wine, and we will fill ourselves with strong drink; and to morrow shall be as this day, <i>and</i> much more abundant.

The Wife of the Lord in Isaiah

Passages marked by second person singular (“thou,” “thee,” “thy”) feminine pronouns and verb forms

Reference	Description	Lesson
49:14-50:3	A woman forsaken of her husband and bereaved of her children <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Comfort to the mother • Condemnation to the children 	Present Judgment
51:17-52:6	Jerusalem mourns; Zion rejoices	(Synopsis of 49-50 & 54)
54:1-17	Barren Sarah redeemed and made fruitful	Future Restoration
57:3-13	Sorceress and harlot <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Both children and mother condemned 	Past Sin
60, 62	Blessings on Zion	Future Restoration

A “Literary Form”

- Definition: A set of recognized **elements** in a standard **order**.
- Place in structure: discontinuous alternation (ABC ABC)
- Example: What do you know from these elements alone?
 1. <date>
 2. <name1 and address>
 3. “Dear Sir:”
 4. < bunch of text>
 5. “Sincerely yours,”
 6. <name2>
- Other examples:
 - NT letters
 - Prophetic oracles (Jeremiah)
 - Different types of psalms (Corporate and Individual Lament, Corporate and Individual Declarative Praise, Descriptive Praise, Song of Victory, Epiphany, ...)
 - Covenant Lawsuit (ריב)

57:3-13a, a Covenant Lawsuit (רִיב)

57:3-13a, Covenant Lawsuit

3, **Summons**: “draw nigh hither”

4-5, **Interrogative Accusation**: “Against whom ... ? Against whom ... ? Are ye not ... ?”

Masculine plural: the children
(cf. 50:1-3)

6-11, **Declaration** of Rebellion

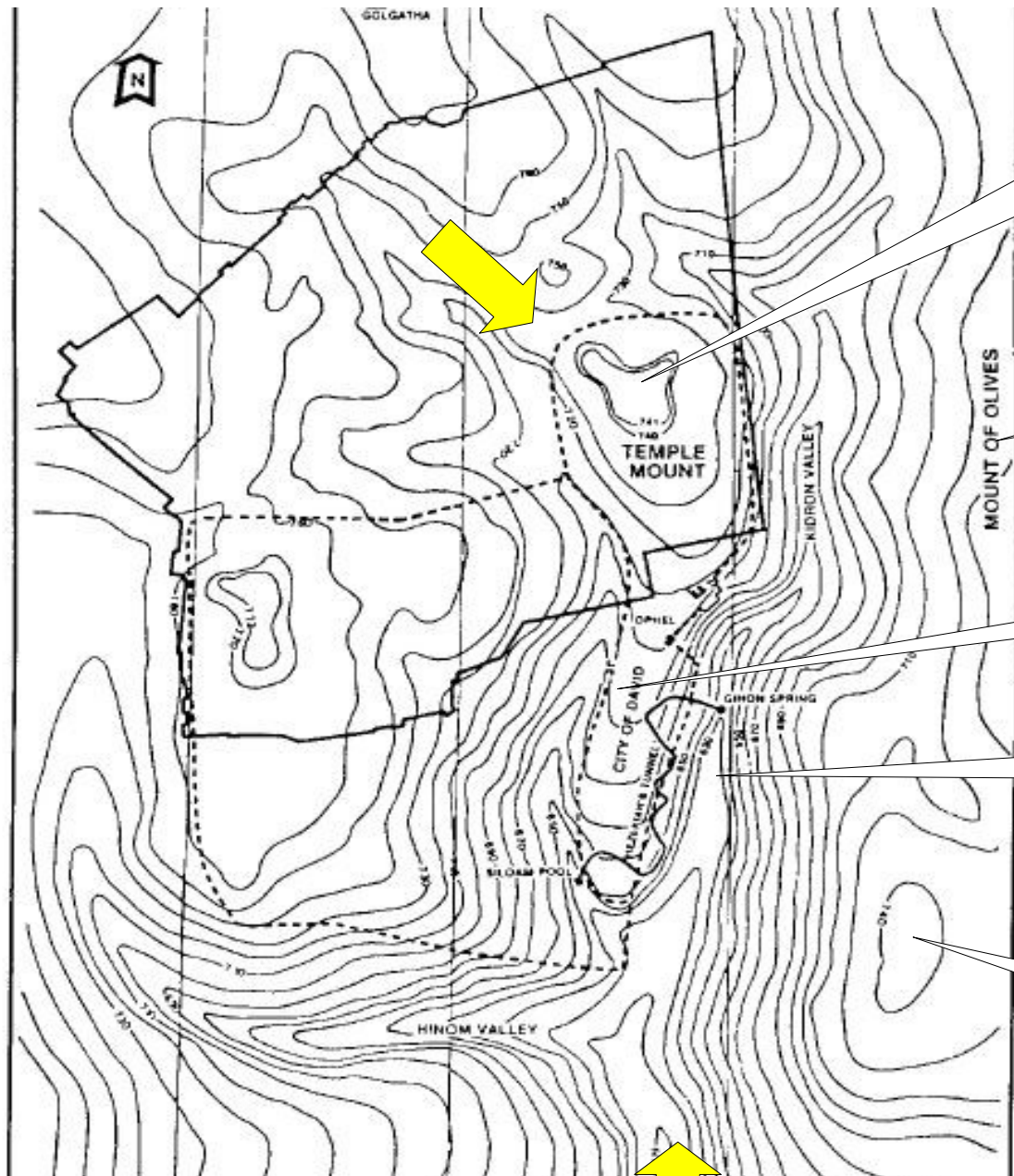
6, **Condemnation of the Sorceress**
→ 6b, Question: “Should I receive comfort...?”

7-11, **Condemnation of the Whore**
• 7-8, the metaphor: faithlessness to the Lord
• 9-10, the reality: trust in foreign kings
→ 11, Question: “Of whom ... ? Have not I ... ?”

Feminine singular: the mother
(cf. 49:14-26)

12-13a, **Threat** of Judgment

Solomon's "Mount of Offense"



Temple Mount

Mount of Olives

Palace

Kidron Valley

Mount of Offense

<http://www.templemount.org/moriah.html>

View from NW (Google Earth)

Mount of Olives

Mount of Offense

Temple Mount

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View from South

Temple Mount

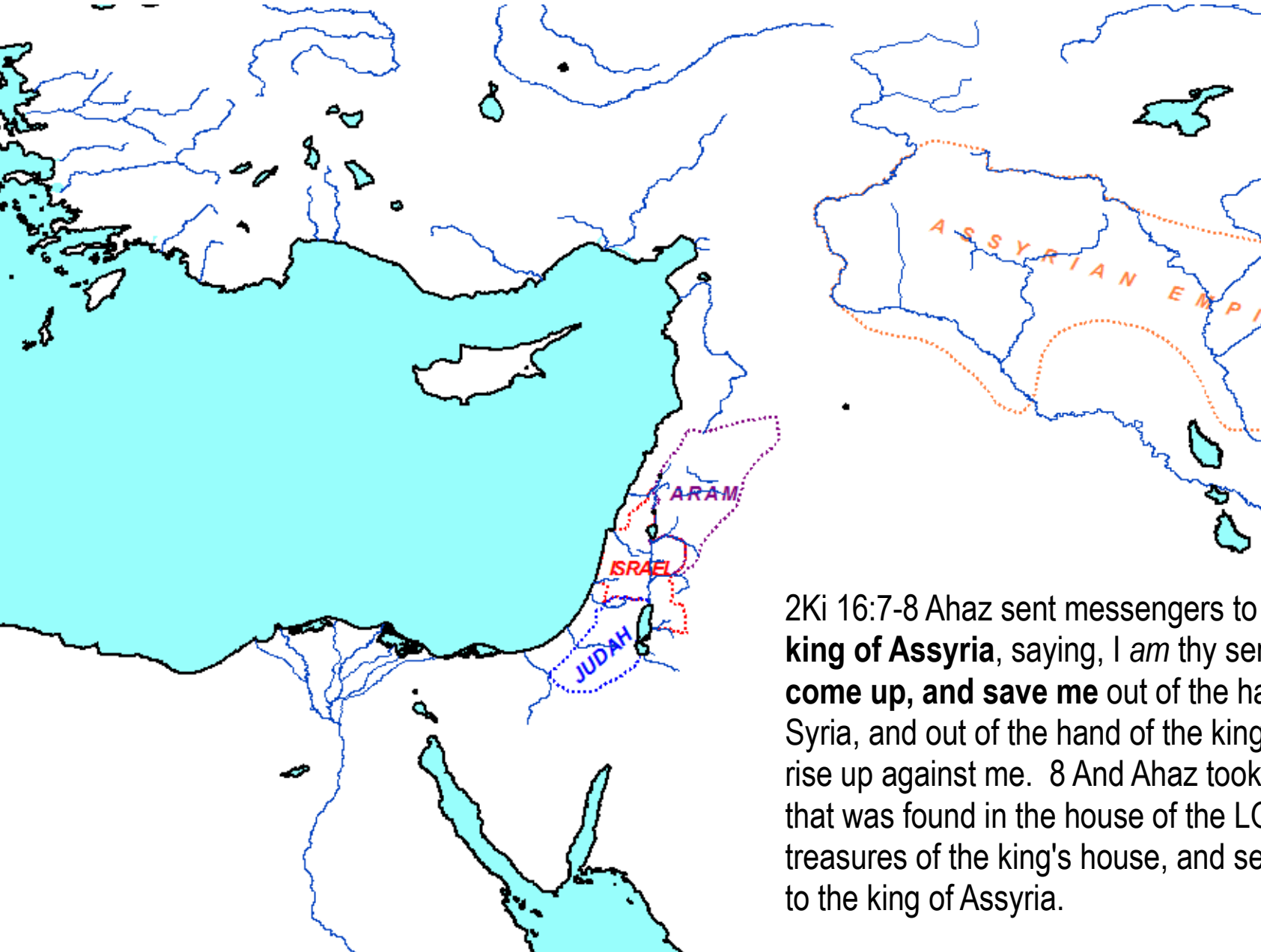
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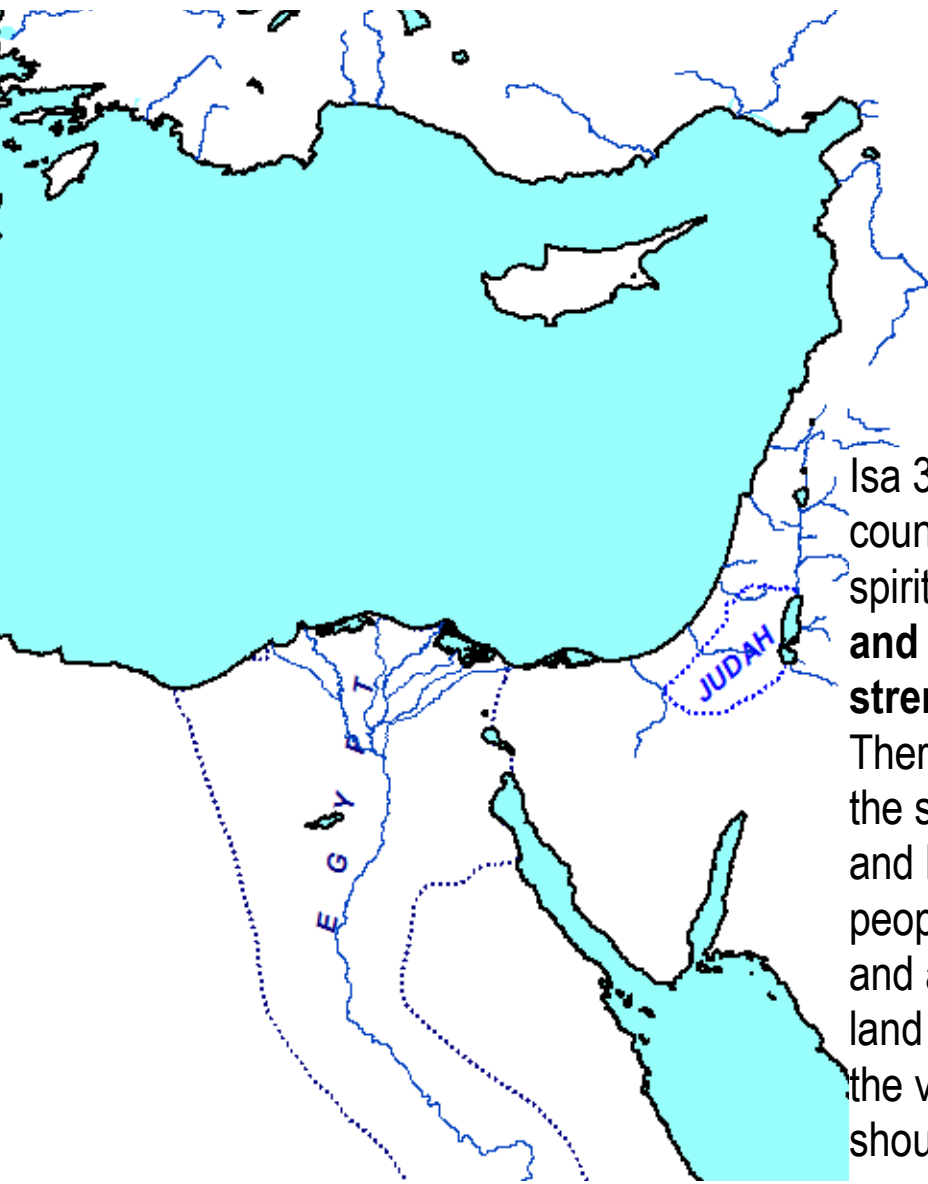
Mount of Offense

v. 9, Israel's Harlotry, Isa 7, ~735 BC



2Ki 16:7-8 Ahaz sent messengers to **Tiglathpileser king of Assyria**, saying, I *am* thy servant and thy son: **come up, and save me** out of the hand of the king of Syria, and out of the hand of the king of Israel, which rise up against me. 8 And Ahaz took the silver and gold that was found in the house of the LORD, and in the treasures of the king's house, and sent *it for* a present to the king of Assyria.

v.9, Israel's Harlotry, ~701 BC

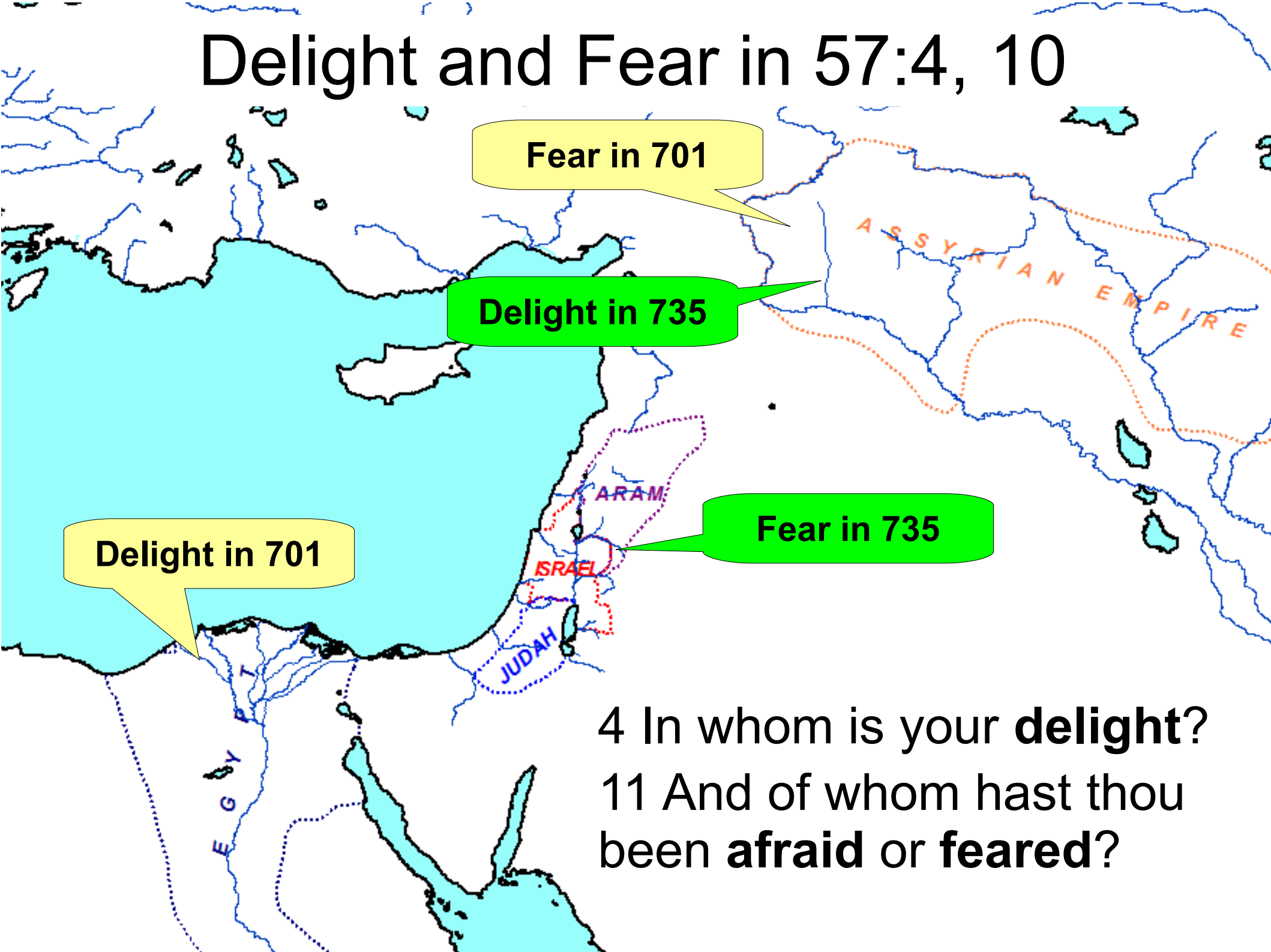


Isa 30:1-7 Woe to the rebellious children, saith the LORD, that take counsel, but not of me; and that cover with a covering, but not of my spirit, that they may add sin to sin: 2 **That walk to go down into Egypt, and have not asked at my mouth; to strengthen themselves in the strength of Pharaoh, and to trust in the shadow of Egypt!** 3 Therefore shall the strength of Pharaoh be your shame, and the trust in the shadow of Egypt *your* confusion. 4 For his princes were at Zoan, and his ambassadors came to Hanes. 5 They were all ashamed of a people *that* could not profit them, nor be an help nor profit, but a shame, and also a reproach. 6 The burden of the beasts of the south: into the land of trouble and anguish, from whence *come* the young and old lion, the viper and fiery flying serpent, they will carry their riches upon the shoulders of young asses, and their treasures upon the bunches of camels, to a people *that* shall not profit *them*. 7 For the Egyptians shall help in vain, and to no purpose: therefore have I cried concerning this, Their strength *is* to sit still.

Alternation in Isa 57:10

Physical effect	10a Thou art wearied in the greatness of thy way,	10c Thou has found the life of thine hand,
Emotional effect	10b yet saidst thou not, "There is no hope."	10d therefore thou was not grieved.

Delight and Fear in 57:4, 10



Fear in 701

Delight in 735

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4 In whom is your **delight**?
11 And of whom hast thou
been **afraid** or **feared**?

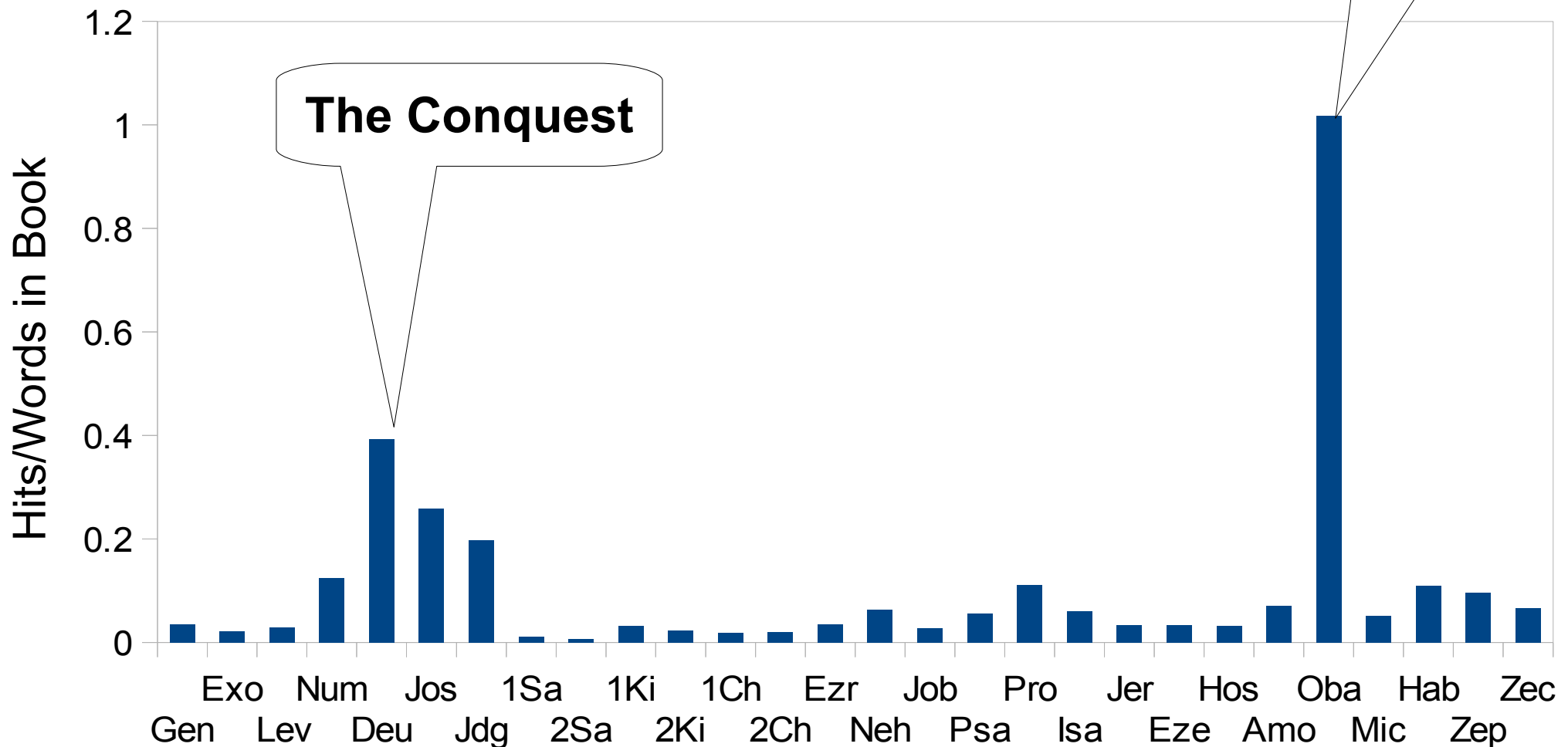
57:11 and the Woes of ch. 29-30

Woes in ch. 29-30	57:9-11
29:13 Wherefore the Lord said, Forasmuch as this people draw near me with their mouth, and with their lips do honour me, but have removed their heart far from me, and their fear toward me is taught by the precept of men:	11a And of whom hast thou been afraid or feared,
30:1-2 Woe to the rebellious children, saith the LORD, that take counsel, but not of me; and that cover with a covering, but not of my spirit, that they may add sin to sin: 2 That walk to go down into Egypt, and have not asked at my mouth; to strengthen themselves in the strength of Pharaoh, and to trust in the shadow of Egypt!	9 And thou wentest to the king with ointment, and didst increase thy perfumes, and didst send thy messengers far off,
30:9 this <i>is</i> a rebellious people, lying children , children that will not hear the law of the LORD:	11b that thou hast lied, and hast not remembered me, nor laid <i>it</i> to thy heart?

57:13 Possessing the Land

Instances of verbs נחל or ירש

Obadiah: 4/393



Closer and Closer

Period	Access to the Land	Access to God's Presence
Exodus	Yes	No
Return from Babylon	Yes	No
Today	No	Yes
Millennium	Yes	Yes

Isa 2:2-3 And it shall come to pass in the last days, *that* the mountain of the LORD'S house shall be established in the top of the mountains, and shall be exalted above the hills; and all nations shall flow unto it. 3 And many people shall go and say, Come ye, and let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob; and he will teach us of his ways, and we will walk in his paths: for out of Zion shall go forth the law, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.

Three Characteristics of God

Isa 57:15 For thus saith

- the **high** and lofty One

- that **inhabiteh** שכן eternally,

- whose name *is* **Holy**;

I **dwell** שכן

in the **high**

and **holy**

place,

God is Eternally Immanent

15b “...that inhabiteth שֹׁכֵן eternity עַד...”

- עַד is almost always adverbial → “that inhabiteth eternally”
- “inhabiteth”: compare two words for God’s dwelling

<p>יָשָׁב</p>	<p>1087x, 42 of God Unmarked term Often used of God’s heavenly abode</p>	<p>1Ki 8:27 But will God indeed dwell יָשָׁב on the earth? behold, the heaven and heaven of heavens cannot contain thee; how much less this house that I have builded?</p>
<p>שֹׁכֵן</p>	<p>130x, 43x of God Special meaning; cf. מִשְׁכָּן “tent, tabernacle”</p>	<p>Deu 12:11 Then there shall be a place which the LORD your God shall choose to cause his name to dwell שֹׁכֵן there; thither shall ye bring all that I command you; your burnt offerings, and your sacrifices, your tithes, and the heave offering of your hand, and all your choice vows which ye vow unto the LORD:</p>

→ 15b “that resides eternally” (among his people)

Chiasm and Progression in 57:17

Isa 57:17 For the **iniquity** of his **covetousness**

Chiasm:
ABC-CBA

A: Sin

**B: Impact
on God**

**C: God's
response**

was I **wroth**,

and **smote** him:

I **hid** me

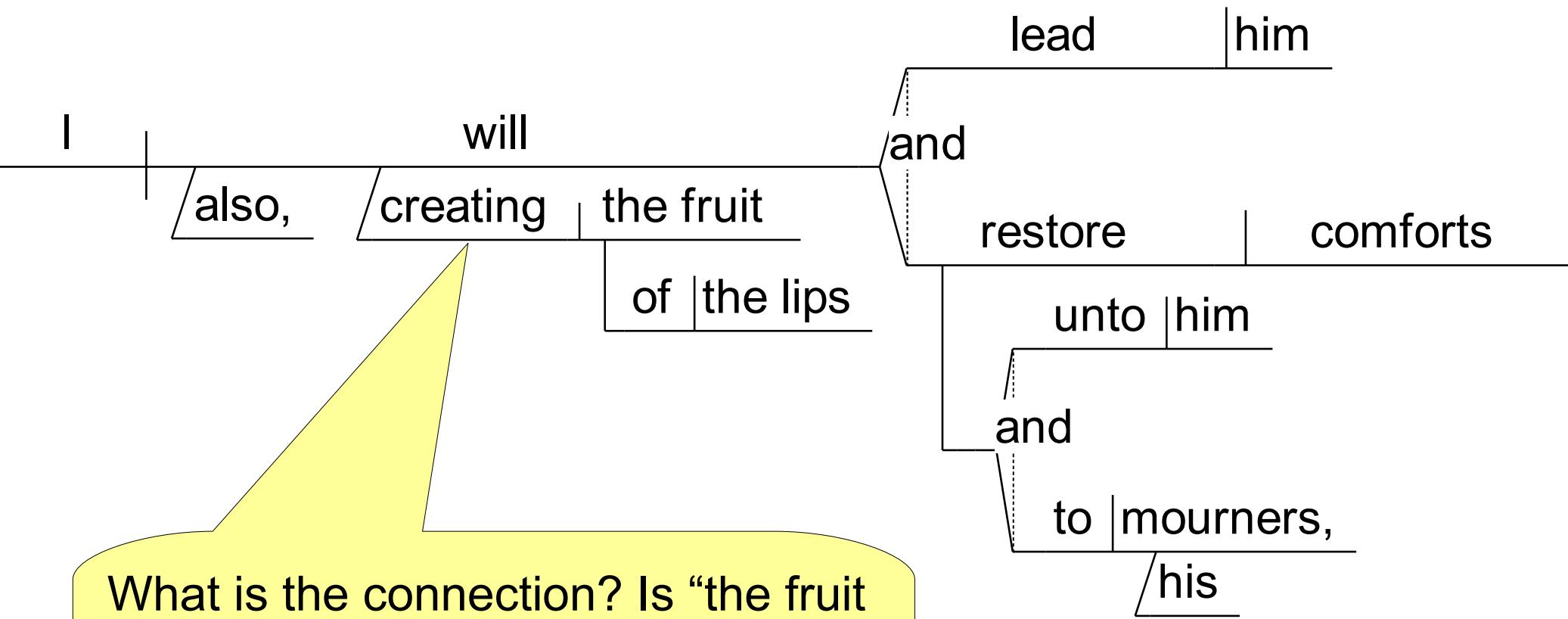
and was **wroth**,

and he went on **frowardly** in the **way of his heart**.

Progression:

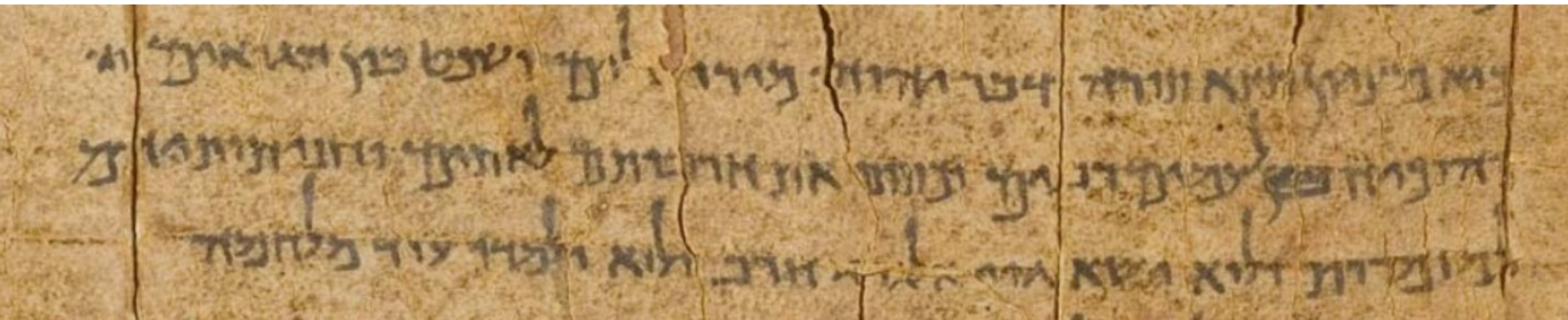
- Initial **sin**
- God's **wrath**
- **External** consequences
- **Rom 1** abandonment
- **Wrath** continues
- Ongoing **decline**

19 “creating the fruit of the lips”



What is the connection? Is “the fruit of the lips”

- The **result** of the restoration, or
- The **means** of the restoration?



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The Work of the Massoretes

Isa 2:3b-4

Top: 1QIsa-a (the great Qumran Isaiah scroll), ca. 150 BC

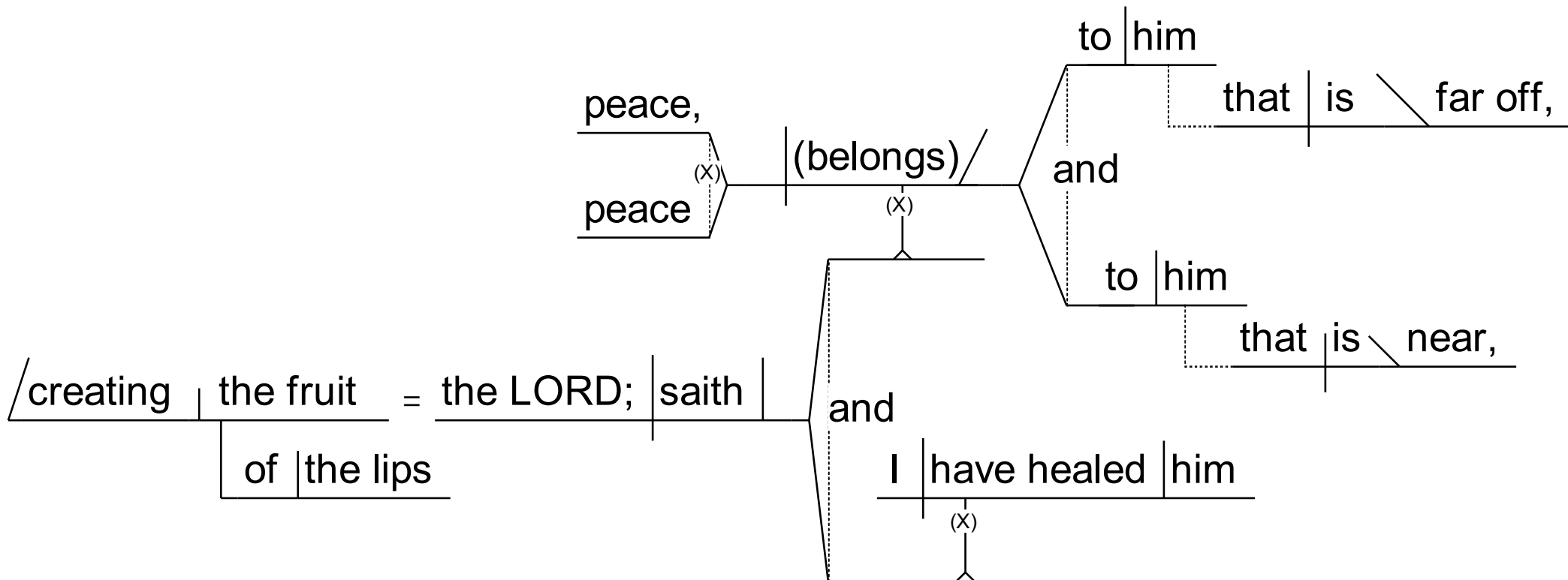
Right: Leningrad Codex, ca. AD 1008

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וְהוֹחַ מִירוּשָׁלַם וְשֹׁפְטֵיכֶם
חֲגֹזִים וְחֹבְתֵי לַעֲמוֹס רַבִּים
וְכַתְּלֵי חֲרָבוֹתֶם לְאֹתִים
וְחֲנִיתֵיהֶם לְמוֹמְרוֹת לֹא
וְשֵׁאֲגֹי אֶלְעֵי חֲרָבוֹ לֹא
וְלִמְדֵי עוֹד מִלְחָמָה

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