

Treasure Hunt

- Please give two examples of people whose righteousness went before them, and whom the Lord defended with glory (v. 8).
- What are people doing wrong when they “put forth the finger” and “speak vanity” (v. 9)?
- What is the physical meaning of repairing the breach (v. 12)?
- What is the spiritual application of repairing the breach?

Overview of Isaiah 58-66

False vs. True Worship	58:1-14	66:1-24
Indictment & Confession	59:1-15a	63:7-65:25
The Redeemer	59:15b-21	63:1-7
Zion's Glory (2fs)	60:1-22	62:1-12
The Redeemer	61:1-11	

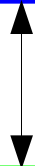
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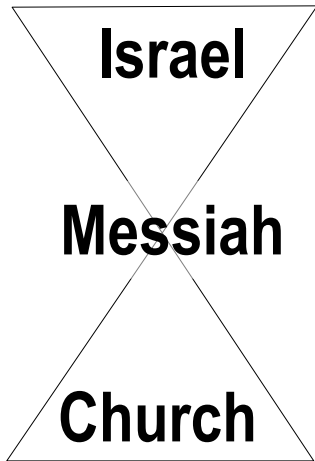
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Metaphors of Restoration in 58:8a

	Isa 58:8a	2 Sam 23:3-5
Dawn after a dark night	Then shall thy light break forth as the morning ,	4a And he shall be as the light of the morning , when the sun riseth, even a morning without clouds;
Rain after a drought	and thine health shall spring forth speedily	4b as the tender grass springing out of the earth by clear shining after rain.
Who is in view?	“Thy” → the nation	3 The God of Israel said, the Rock of Israel spake to me, He that ruleth over men must be just, ruling in the fear of God. ... 5 Although my house be not so with God; yet he hath made with me an everlasting covenant , ordered in all things, and sure: → Messiah

The Servant Hourglass



41:8-13 42:1-7 42:19 43:10 43:22-44:5 44:21-23 44:26 48:20 49:1-13 50:4-9 50:10 52:13-53:12

Israel	X		X		X	X	X	X	X			
Messiah	X	X		X					X	X	X	X
Church		X							X	X		X

Servant Mostly
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In ch. 58-66

- No “Servant” language
- Messianic prophecies emphasize **Deity**

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Daniel’s Righteousness

Dan 6:4 Then the presidents and princes sought to find occasion against Daniel concerning the kingdom; but they could find none occasion nor fault; forasmuch as he *was* faithful, neither was there any error or fault found in him.

Where was the glory? Not in the palace ...

Dan 6:18 Then the king went to his palace, and passed the night fasting: neither were instruments of musick brought before him: and his sleep went from him.

...but in the lion’s den

Dan 6:21-22 Then said Daniel unto the king, O king, live for ever. 22 My God hath sent his angel, and hath shut the lions' mouths, that they have not hurt me: forasmuch as before him innocency was found in me; and also before thee, O king, have I done no hurt.

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Our Lord’s Righteousness

Luk 23:4 Then said Pilate to the chief priests and to the people, **I find no fault in this man.**

Mat 26:59-61 Now the chief priests, and elders, and all the council, sought false witness against Jesus, to put him to death; 60 **But found none: yea, though many false witnesses came, yet found they none.**

His glory

Mat 16:27 For the Son of man shall come in the **glory** of his Father with his angels; and then he shall reward every man according to his works.

Mat 25:31 When the Son of man shall come in his **glory**, and all the holy angels with him, then shall he sit upon the throne of his **glory**:

Luk 24:25-26 Then he said unto them, O fools, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken: 26 Ought not Christ to have suffered these things, and to enter into his **glory**?

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58:9b, Fingers and Talking

Isa 58:9	Pro 6:12-13
If thou take away from the midst of thee the yoke,	A naughty person, a wicked man,
the putting forth of the finger,	walketh with a froward mouth.
and speaking vanity;	13 He winketh with his eyes, he speaketh with his feet, he teacheth with his fingers;

**Say what you Mean and Mean what you Say.
No crossed fingers!**

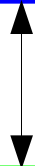
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58:10-11, God Satisfies the Satisfier

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Isa 58:10-11 10 And *if* thou draw out thy soul to the hungry, and **satisfy** the afflicted soul; then shall thy light rise in obscurity, and thy darkness *be* as the noonday: 11 And the LORD shall guide thee continually, and **satisfy** thy soul in drought, ...

Pro 11:25 The liberal soul shall be made fat: and he that watereth shall be watered also himself.

58:12 The Rebuilders

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Multiple Layers

- Nehemiah’s challenge in 445 BC (Neh 1:3): “The wall of Jerusalem also is broken down, and the gates thereof are burned with fire.”
- “The repairer גדר of the breach פרץ, the restorer of paths נתיבות to dwell in”
 - “Paths” are country byways, not the city streets (רחובות) restored by Nehemiah.
 - Where else do we read about “repair” and “breach”?

Repairers and Breaches

Amo 9:11-12 In that day will I raise up the tabernacle of David that is fallen, and **close up גדר the breaches פרצים** thereof; and I will raise up his ruins, and I will build it as in the days of old: 12 **That they may possess the remnant of Edom, and of all the heathen**, which are called by my name, saith the LORD that doeth this. → Acts 15

Recall Isaiah 2,

Isa 2:2 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.

Repairers and Breaches (2)

Eze 13:3-5 3 Thus saith the Lord GOD; Woe unto the foolish prophets, that follow their own spirit, and have seen nothing! 4 O Israel, thy prophets are like the foxes in the deserts. 5 Ye have not gone up into the **gaps פּרְצִים**, neither **made up גָּדַר** the hedge for the house of Israel to stand in the battle in the day of the LORD.

Eze 22:29-30 The people of the land have used oppression, and exercised robbery, and have vexed the poor and needy: yea, they have oppressed the stranger wrongfully. 30 And I sought for a man among them, that should **make up גָּדַר** the hedge, and stand in the **gap פּרְצִים** before me for the land, that I should not destroy it: but I found none.

Targum Jonathan on Isa 58:12:

they shall call thee one that **confirms the right way**, and **converts the ungodly** to the law.

Israel's Failure to "Repair the Breaches"

Rom 2:17-24 Behold, thou art called a Jew, and retest in the law, and makest thy boast of God, 18 And knowest *his* will, and approvest the things that are more excellent, being instructed out of the law; 19 And art confident that thou thyself art a **guide** of the blind, a **light** of them which are in darkness, 20 An **instructor** of the foolish, a **teacher** of babes, which hast the form of knowledge and of the truth in the law. 21 Thou therefore which teachest another, teachest thou not thyself? thou that preachest a man should not steal, dost thou steal? 22 Thou that sayest a man should not commit adultery, dost thou commit adultery? thou that abhorrest idols, dost thou commit sacrilege? 23 Thou that makest thy boast of the law, through breaking the law dishonourest thou God? 24 **For the name of God is blasphemed among the Gentiles through you, as it is written.**

The Servant Repairs the Breaches

Mat 5:17-18 Think not that I am come to destroy **the law, or the prophets: I am not come to destroy, but to fulfil.** 18 For verily I say unto you, Till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law, till all be fulfilled.

Mat 22:35-40 Then one of them, *which was a lawyer*, asked *him a question*, tempting him, and saying, 36 Master, *which is the great commandment in the law?* 37 Jesus said unto him, **Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind.** 38 This is the first and great commandment. 39 And the second *is like unto it*, **Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself.** 40 **On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.**

Luk 10:25-28 And, behold, a certain lawyer stood up, and tempted him, saying, Master, what shall I do to inherit eternal life? 26 He said unto him, What is written in the law? how readest thou? 27 And he answering said, **Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy strength, and with all thy mind; and thy neighbour as thyself.** 28 And he said unto him, **Thou hast answered right: this do, and thou shalt live.**

Mat 28:19-20 Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: 20 **Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you:**