

Treasure Hunt

- What are the three paragraphs of vv. 1-15, and how does Isaiah mark them?
- What two ways of interaction between God and his people are repeated in vv. 1-3?
- What earlier passage of Scripture does Isaiah expound in vv. 1-3 and vv. 7-8?
- In addition to offending God and hurting other people, what consequence of sin does Isaiah warn about in the metaphors in vv. 4b and 5-6?

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	

Structure by Pronouns

Accusation

59:1 Behold, the LORD'S hand is not shortened, that it cannot save; neither his ear heavy, that it cannot hear: 2 But **your** iniquities have separated between **you** and **your** God, and **your** sins have hid *his* face from **you**, that he will not hear. 3 For **your** hands are defiled with blood, and **your** fingers with iniquity; **your** lips have spoken lies, **your** tongue hath muttered perverseness.

Description

4 None calleth for justice, nor *any* pleadeth for truth: **they** trust in vanity, and speak lies; **they** conceive mischief, and bring forth iniquity. 5 **They** hatch cockatrice' eggs, and weave the spider's web: he that eateth of **their** eggs dieth, and that which is crushed breaketh out into a viper. 6 **Their** webs shall not become garments, neither shall **they** cover themselves with **their** works: **their** works *are* works of iniquity, and the act of violence *is* in **their** hands. 7 **Their** feet run to evil, and **they** make haste to shed innocent blood: **their** thoughts *are* thoughts of iniquity; wasting and destruction *are* in **their** paths. 8 The way of peace **they** know not; and *there is* no judgment in **their** goings: **they** have made **them** crooked paths: whosoever goeth therein shall not know peace.

Confession

9 Therefore is judgment far from **us**, neither doth justice overtake **us**: **we** wait for light, but behold obscurity; for brightness, *but* **we** walk in darkness. 10 **We** grope for the wall like the blind, and **we** grope as if *we had* no eyes: **we** stumble at noonday as in the night; *we are* in desolate places as dead *men*. 11 **We** roar all like bears, and mourn sore like doves: **we** look for judgment, but *there is* none; for salvation, *but* it is far off from **us**.

12 For **our** transgressions are multiplied before thee, and **our** sins testify against us: for **our** transgressions *are* with **us**; and *as for* **our** iniquities, **we** know them; 13 In transgressing and lying against the LORD, and departing away from **our** God, speaking oppression and revolt, conceiving and uttering from the heart words of falsehood. 14 And judgment is turned away backward, and justice standeth afar off: for truth is fallen in the street, and equity cannot enter. 15 Yea, truth faileth; and he *that* departeth from evil maketh himself a prey:

Action and Speech



Action	Speech
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Anatomy of Iniquity

Pro 6:16-19		Isa 59	
16 These six <i>things</i> doth the LORD hate: yea, seven <i>are</i> an abomination unto him:		1-2 Behold, the LORD'S hand is not shortened, that it cannot save; neither his ear heavy, that it cannot hear: 2 But your iniquities have separated between you and your God, and your sins have hid his face from you, that he will not hear.	
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4a, None summons in justice, nor any pleads in truth

Isa 10:1-2 Woe unto them that decree unrighteous decrees, and that write grievousness *which* they have prescribed; 2 To turn aside the needy from judgment, and to take away the right from the poor of my people, that widows may be their prey, and *that* they may rob the fatherless!

4b they **conceive mischief** עַמַּל,
and **bring forth iniquity** אֵון

Job 15:34-35 [Eliphaz] For the congregation of hypocrites *shall be* desolate, and fire shall consume the tabernacles of bribery. 35 They **conceive mischief** עַמַּל, and **bring forth vanity** אֵון, and their belly prepareth deceit מַרְמָה.

Psa 7:14 [David] Behold, he travaileth with **iniquity** אֵון, and hath **conceived mischief** עַמַּל, and **brought forth** falsehood שֶׁקֶר.

Jam 1:15 Then when lust hath **conceived**, it **bringeth forth** sin: and sin, when it is finished, **bringeth forth** death.

5-6, Poisonous Animals

Summary	5a They hatch cockatrice' eggs,	and weave the spider's web:
Detail	5b he that eateth of their eggs dieth, and that which is crushed breaketh out into a viper.	6 Their webs shall not become garments, neither shall they cover themselves with their works: their works <i>are</i> works of iniquity, and the act of violence <i>is</i> in their hands.

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Mar 7:21-23 from within, **out of the heart of men,**

proceed evil thoughts, adulteries, fornications, murders, 22 Thefts, covetousness, wickedness, deceit, lasciviousness, an evil eye, blasphemy, pride, foolishness: 23 All these evil things

come **from within,** and defile the man.