

# Treasure Hunt

- What four steps summarize Israel's repeated experience with the Lord?
- Does God have emotions? If so, what difference does it make?
- What three gifts did God give Israel during the wanderings, according to 63:11-12?
- Why should we learn about God's past mighty acts for his people?

# 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	

# Accusation (2pl) Structure of 59:1-15

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 (3pl)

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 (1pl)

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:

# A Brief History of Israel

<b>Prolog</b>	7 I will mention the lovingkindnesses of the LORD, <i>and</i> the praises of the LORD, according to all that the LORD hath bestowed on us, and the great goodness toward the house of Israel, which <b>he</b> hath bestowed on them according to his mercies, and according to the multitude of his lovingkindnesses.
<b>Gracious Care</b>	8 For <b>he</b> said, Surely they <i>are</i> <b>my people</b> , children <i>that</i> will not lie: so he was their Saviour. 9 In all their affliction <b>he</b> was afflicted, and the angel of <b>his</b> presence saved them: in <b>his</b> love and in <b>his</b> pity he redeemed them; and <b>he</b> bare them, and carried them all the days of old.
<b>Rebellion</b>	10 But they rebelled, and vexed <b>his</b> holy Spirit:
<b>Chastisement</b>	therefore <b>he</b> was turned to be their enemy, <i>and</i> <b>he</b> fought against them.
<b>Repentance</b>	11 Then he [Israel] remembered the days of old, Moses, <i>and</i> <b>his people</b> , <i>saying</i> , Where <i>is</i> <b>he</b> that brought them up out of the sea with the shepherd of <b>his</b> flock? where <i>is</i> <b>he</b> that put his holy Spirit within him? 12 That led <i>them</i> by the right hand of Moses with <b>his</b> glorious arm, dividing the water before them, to make <b>himself</b> an everlasting name? 13 That led them through the deep, as an horse in the wilderness, <i>that</i> they should not stumble? 14 As a beast goeth down into the valley, the Spirit of the LORD caused him to rest:
<b>Summary</b>	so didst <b>thou</b> lead <b>thy people</b> , to make <b>thyself</b> a glorious name.

# 63:10a Vexing the Holy Spirit

Cooccurrence of מרה and עצב:

Psa 78:40 How oft did they **provoke מרה him** in the wilderness, and **grieve עצב him** in the desert!

The image of the forsaken widow,

Isa 54:6 For the LORD hath called thee as a woman forsaken and **grieved עצב in spirit**, and a wife of youth, when thou wast refused, saith thy God.

NT Parallel:

Eph 4:29-30 Let no corrupt communication proceed out of your mouth, but that which is good to the use of edifying, that it may minister grace unto the hearers. 30 And **grieve** not the holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption.

# 63:10b he was turned to be their enemy

Deu 32:15-25 But Jeshurun waxed fat, and kicked: thou art waxen fat, thou art grown thick, thou art covered *with fatness*; then he forsook God *which* made him, and lightly esteemed the Rock of his salvation. 16 **They provoked him to jealousy** with strange *gods*, with abominations **provoked they him to anger**. 17 They sacrificed unto devils, not to God; to gods whom they knew not, to new *gods that* came newly up, whom your fathers feared not. 18 Of the Rock *that* begat thee thou art unmindful, and hast forgotten God that formed thee. 19 And when the LORD saw *it*, **he abhorred them**, because of the provoking of his sons, and of his daughters. 20 And he said, I will hide my face from them, I will see what their end *shall be*: for they *are* a very froward generation, children in whom *is* no faith. 21 They have moved me to jealousy with *that which is* not God; they have provoked me to anger with their vanities: and I will move them to jealousy with *those which are* not a people; I will provoke them to anger with a foolish nation. 22 For **a fire is kindled in mine anger**, and shall burn unto the lowest hell, and shall consume the earth with her increase, and set on fire the foundations of the mountains. 23 I will heap mischiefs upon them; I will spend mine arrows upon them. 24 *They shall be* burnt with hunger, and devoured with burning heat, and with bitter destruction: I will also send the teeth of beasts upon them, with the poison of serpents of the dust. 25 The sword without, and terror within, shall destroy both the young man and the virgin, the suckling *also* with the man of gray hairs.

# Who is speaking in 63:11?

Then **he** remembered ... saying, “Where is **he** ...?”

The second “**he**” is the Lord.

So the first “**he**” must be someone else.

- The pattern of Judges, Ps 78, Ps 106 has the people responding to chastisement.
- Isaiah regularly uses 3ms for the Servant of the Lord, including the nation.
- Later in this verse, “put his Holy Spirit within him ...”
- → Then he [Israel, the faithful remnant] remembered ...

# 63:11 he that put his Holy Spirit within him...

Num 11:25 And the LORD came down in a cloud, and spake unto [Moses], and took of the **spirit** that *was* upon him, and gave *it* unto the seventy elders: and it came to pass, *that*, when the spirit rested upon them, they prophesied, and did not cease.

Neh 9:19 Yet thou in thy manifold mercies forsookest them not in the wilderness: the pillar of the cloud departed not from them by day, to lead them in the way; neither the pillar of fire by night, to shew them light, and the way wherein they should go. 20 **Thou gavest also thy good spirit to instruct them**, and withheldst not thy manna from their mouth, and gavest them water for their thirst.



# 63:13b-14, How the Shepherds guide the Flocks and Herds

13b As a horse in the wilderness, they do not stumble

14 As a beast goeth down into the valley, the Spirit of the LORD  
causes him to rest

Psa 23:2 He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he  
leadeth me beside the still waters.

# The Big Lesson of vv. 11-14

Psa 22:4 Our fathers trusted in thee: they trusted, and thou didst deliver them. 5 They cried unto thee, and were delivered: they trusted in thee, and were not confounded. 6 But I *am* a worm, and no man; a reproach of men, and despised of the people.

Psa 44:1 We have heard with our ears, O God, our fathers have told us, *what* work thou didst in their days, in the times of old. 2 *How* thou didst drive out the heathen with thy hand, and plantedst them; *how* thou didst afflict the people, and cast them out. 3 For they got not the land in possession by their own sword, neither did their own arm save them: but thy right hand, and thine arm, and the light of thy countenance, because thou hadst a favour unto them. ... 9 But thou hast cast off, and put us to shame; and goest not forth with our armies. 10 Thou makest us to turn back from the enemy: and they which hate us spoil for themselves. ... 23 Awake, why sleepest thou, O Lord? arise, cast *us* not off for ever.

Rom 15:4 For whatsoever things were written aforetime were written for our learning, that we through patience and comfort of the scriptures might have hope.