

Treasure Hunt

- What four main themes are identified when we recognize the chiastic structure of 63:15-64:12?
- The beginning and end of the chiasm identify two different habitations or houses. How are they related?
- How did Solomon emphasize this relationship?
- What abuse of the temple did Isaiah and Jeremiah point out?

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:

63:15-64:12, Chiastic Confession

<p>15 Look down from heaven, and behold from the habitation of thy holiness and of thy glory:</p> <p>where is thy zeal and thy strength, the sounding of thy bowels and of thy mercies toward me? are they restrained?</p>	<p>10 Thy holy cities are a wilderness, Zion is a wilderness, Jerusalem a desolation. 11 Our holy and our beautiful house, where our fathers praised thee, is burned up with fire: and all our pleasant things are laid waste.</p> <p>12 Wilt thou refrain thyself for these <i>things</i>, O LORD? wilt thou hold thy peace, and afflict us very sore?</p>
<p>16 Doubtless for thou art our father, though for Abraham he is ignorant of us, and Israel acknowledges us not: thou, O LORD, art our father, "our redeemer from everlasting" is thy name.</p> <p>17 O LORD, why hast thou made us to err from thy ways, and hardened our heart from thy fear?</p> <p>Return for thy servants' sake, the tribes of thine inheritance. 18 The people of thy holiness [thy holy people] have possessed <i>it</i> but a little while: our adversaries have trodden down thy sanctuary. 19 We are thine: thou never barest rule over them; they were not called by thy name.</p>	<p>8 But now, O LORD, thou art our father;</p> <p>we <i>are</i> the clay, and thou our potter; and we all <i>are</i> the work of thy hand.</p> <p>9 Be not wroth very sore, O LORD, neither remember iniquity for ever: behold, see, we beseech thee, we are all thy people.</p>
<p>64:1 Oh that thou wouldest rend the heavens, that thou wouldest come down, that the mountains might flow down at thy presence [face] 2 As <i>when</i> the melting fire burneth, the fire causeth the waters to boil, to make thy name known to thine adversaries, <i>that</i> the nations may tremble at thy presence [face]! 3 When thou didst terrible things <i>which</i> we looked not for, thou camest down, the mountains flowed down at thy presence.</p>	<p>behold, thou art wroth; for we have sinned: in those is continuance, and we shall be saved. 6 But we are all as an unclean <i>thing</i>, and all our righteousnesses <i>are</i> as filthy rags; and we all do fade as a leaf; and our iniquities, like the wind, have taken us away. 7 And <i>there is</i> none that calleth upon thy name, that stirreth up himself to take hold of thee: for thou hast hid thy face from us, and hast consumed מוּגַד us, because of our iniquities.</p>
<p>4 For since the beginning of the world <i>men</i> have not heard, nor perceived by the ear, neither hath the eye seen, O God, beside thee, <i>what</i> he hath prepared for him that waiteth for him.</p> <p>5 Thou meetest him that rejoiceth and worketh righteousness, <i>those that</i> remember thee in thy ways:</p>	

Solomon's Prayer in 1 Kings 8

Intro: 1Ki 8:29-30 That thine eyes may be open toward **this house** night and day, *even* toward the place of which thou hast said, My name shall be there: that thou mayest hearken unto the prayer which thy servant shall make toward **this place**.
 30 And hearken thou to the supplication of thy servant, and of thy people Israel, when they shall pray toward **this place**: and hear thou **in heaven thy dwelling place**: and when thou hearest, forgive.

Component	31-32	33-34	35-36	37-40	41-43	44-45	46-50
Problem: If something happens ...	31a Oaths	33a Defeat in battle	35a Drought	37 Famine, pests, attack, plague	41 stranger comes	44a Battle	46 Defeat and captivity
Prayer: ... and people {pray, come to} this house ...	31b	33b	35b	38	42	44b	47-48
Petition: ...then hear thou in heaven and take action	32	34	36	39-40	43	45	49-50

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1Ki 8:46 If they sin against thee, (for *there is* no man that sinneth not,) and thou be angry with them, and deliver them to the enemy, so that they carry them away captives unto the land of the enemy, far or near;

47 Yet if they shall bethink themselves in the land whither they were carried captives, and repent, and make supplication unto thee in the land of them that carried them captives, saying, We have sinned, and have done perversely, we have committed wickedness; 48 And so return unto thee with all their heart, and with all their soul, in the land of their enemies, which led them away captive, and pray unto thee toward their land, which thou gavest unto their fathers, the city which thou hast chosen, and **the house which I have built** for thy name:

49 Then hear thou their prayer and their supplication **in heaven thy dwelling place**, and maintain their cause,

Jeremiah's Warning to the People

Jer 7:4 Trust ye not in lying words, saying, The temple of the LORD, The temple of the LORD, The temple of the LORD, *are* these. ... 8 Behold, ye trust in lying words, that cannot profit. 9 Will ye steal, murder, and commit adultery, and swear falsely, and burn incense unto Baal, and walk after other gods whom ye know not; 10 And come and stand before me in **this house**, which is called by my name, and say, We are delivered to do all these abominations? 11 Is **this house**, which is called by my name, become a den of robbers in your eyes? Behold, even I have seen *it*, saith the LORD. 12 But go ye now unto my place which *was* in Shiloh, where I set my name at the first, and see what I did to it for the wickedness of my people Israel. 13 And now, because ye have done all these works, saith the LORD, ... 14 Therefore will I do unto **this house**, which is called by my name, **wherein ye trust**, and unto the place which I gave to you and to your fathers, as I have done to Shiloh.

Abuse of the Temple in Isaiah's Day

Isa 1:11 To what purpose *is* the multitude of your sacrifices unto me? saith the LORD: I am full of the burnt offerings of rams, and the fat of fed beasts; and I delight not in the blood of bullocks, or of lambs, or of he goats. 12 When ye come to appear before me, who hath required this at your hand, to tread my courts? 13 Bring no more vain oblations; incense is an abomination unto me; the new moons and sabbaths, the calling of assemblies, I cannot away with; *it is* iniquity, even the solemn meeting. 14 Your new moons and your appointed feasts my soul hateth: they are a trouble unto me; I am weary to bear *them*. 15 And when ye spread forth your hands, I will hide mine eyes from you: yea, when ye make many prayers, I will not hear: your hands are full of blood.