

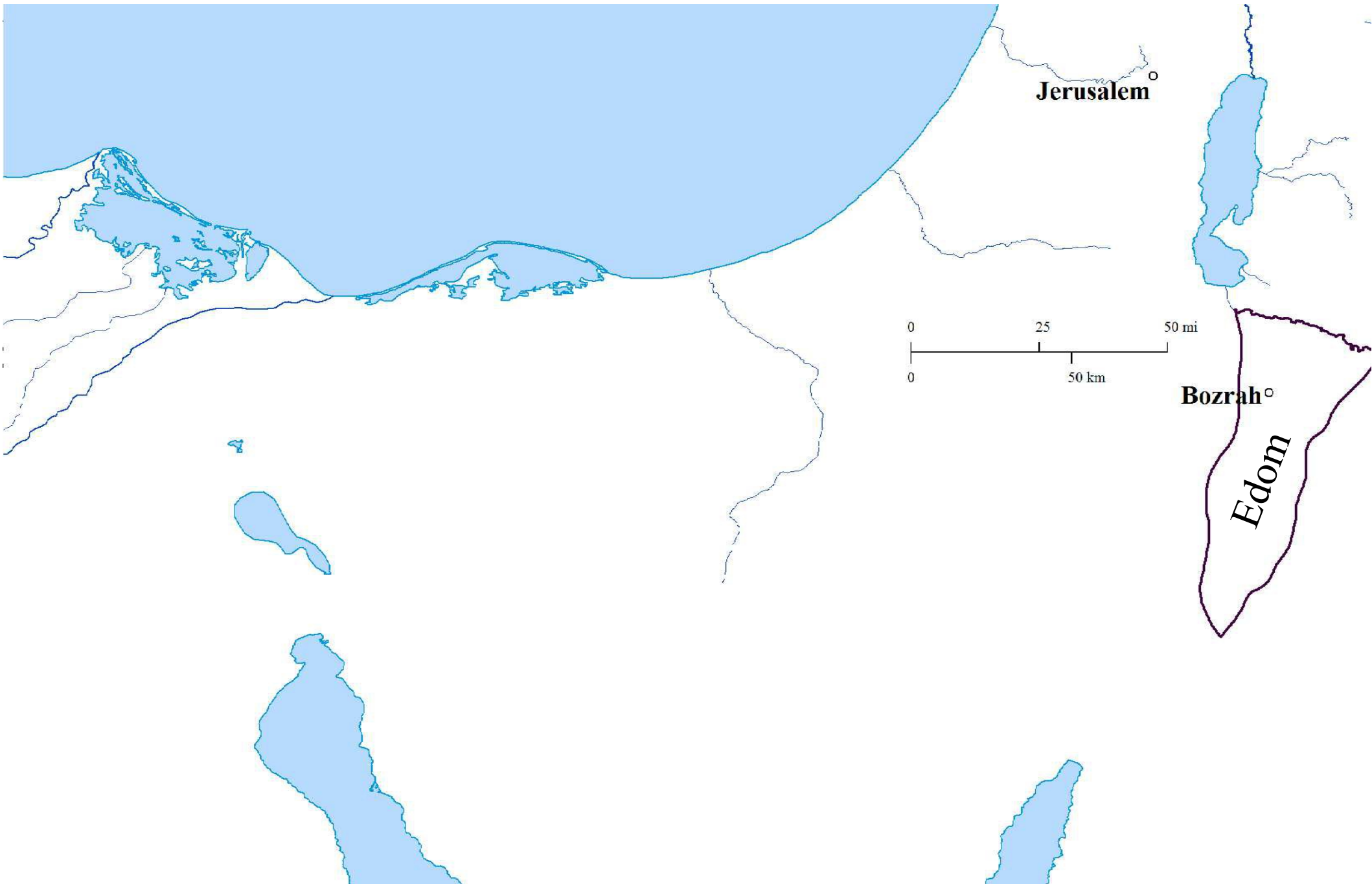
Treasure Hunt

- In this passage, who brings salvation, and who brings judgment?
- Why does the traveler mix the verb tenses in vv. 3-6?
- Contrast 61:2 and 63:4. How are they different, and what do these differences mean?

Overview of Isaiah 58-66

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Jerusalem, Edom, and Bozrah



Meaning of “Edom ... Bozrah” in 63:1?

Promise of judgment on Edom?

Isa 11:12 And he shall set up an ensign for the nations, and shall assemble the outcasts of Israel, and gather together the dispersed of Judah from the four corners of the earth. ... 14 But they shall fly upon the shoulders of the Philistines toward the west; they shall spoil them of the east together: **they shall lay their hand upon Edom and Moab**; and the children of Ammon shall obey them.

Isa 34:6 The sword of the LORD is filled with blood, it is made fat with fatness, *and* with the blood of lambs and goats, with the fat of the kidneys of rams: **for the LORD hath a sacrifice in Bozrah, and a great slaughter in the land of Idumea.**

...but all “peoples” are also included.

The focus may be on the red color characteristic of Edom’s territory, or of the grapes from Bozrah.

Gen 25:30 And Esau said to Jacob, Feed me, I pray thee, with that same red *pottage*; for I *am* faint: therefore was his name called Edom.

63:1b “I that speak in righteousness...”

“In Righteousness”

Isa 48:1 Hear ye this, O house of Jacob, which are called by the name of Israel, and are come forth out of the waters of Judah, which swear by the name of the LORD, and make mention of the God of Israel, *but* not in truth, nor **in righteousness**.

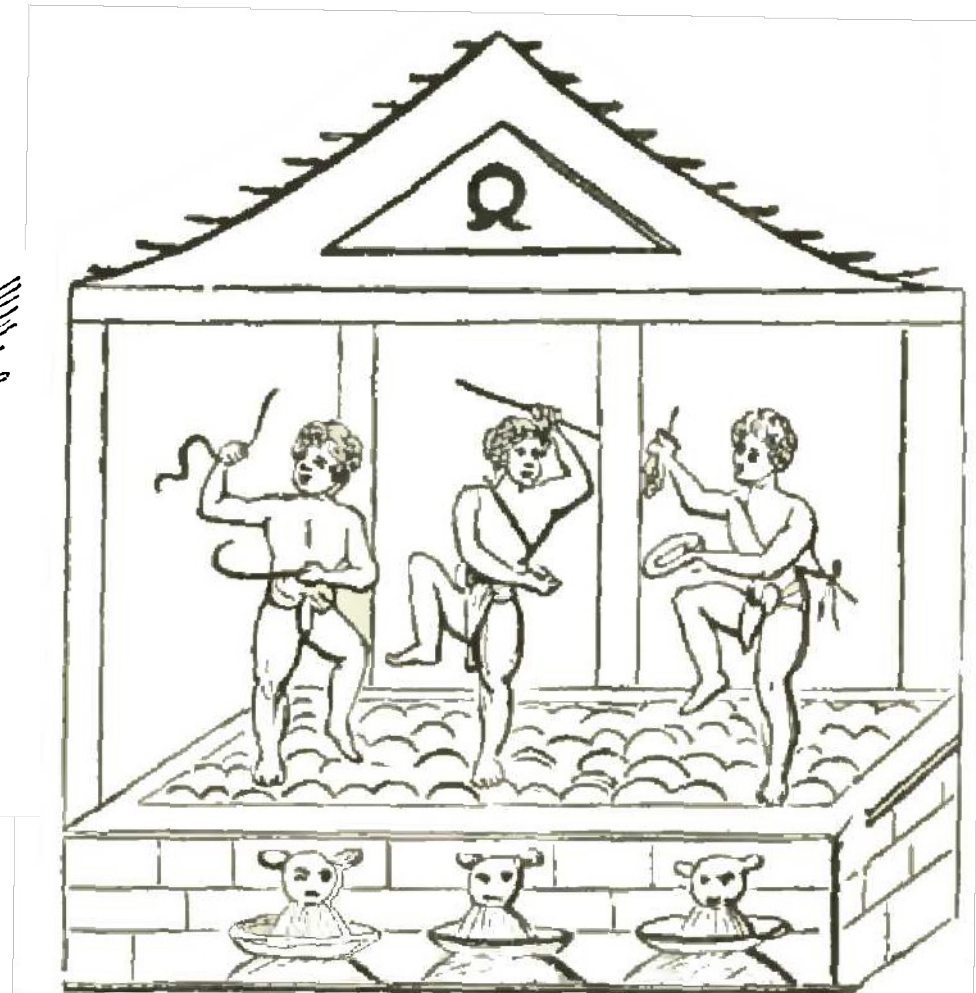
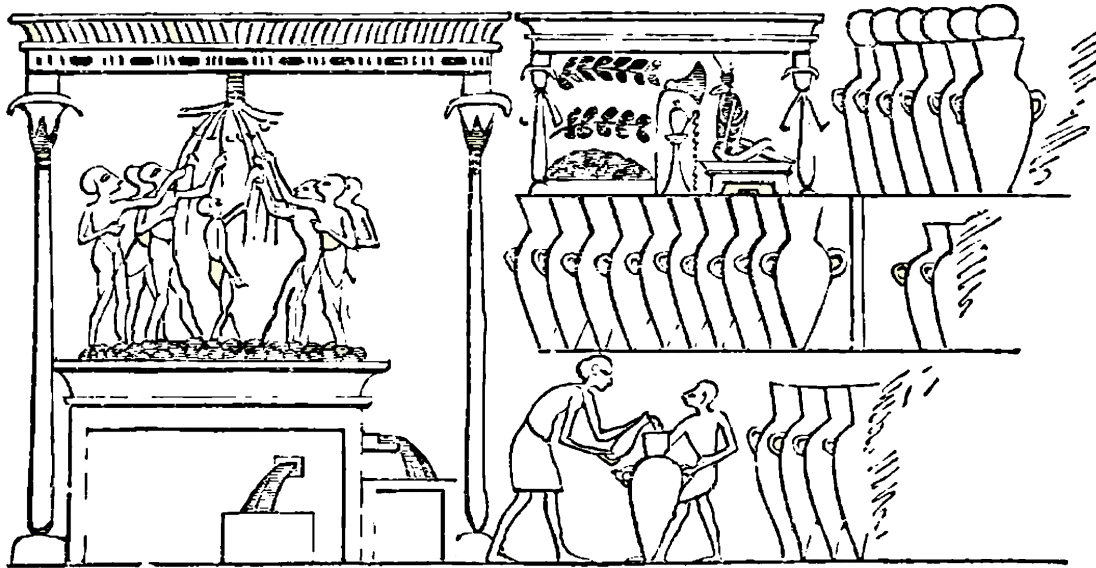
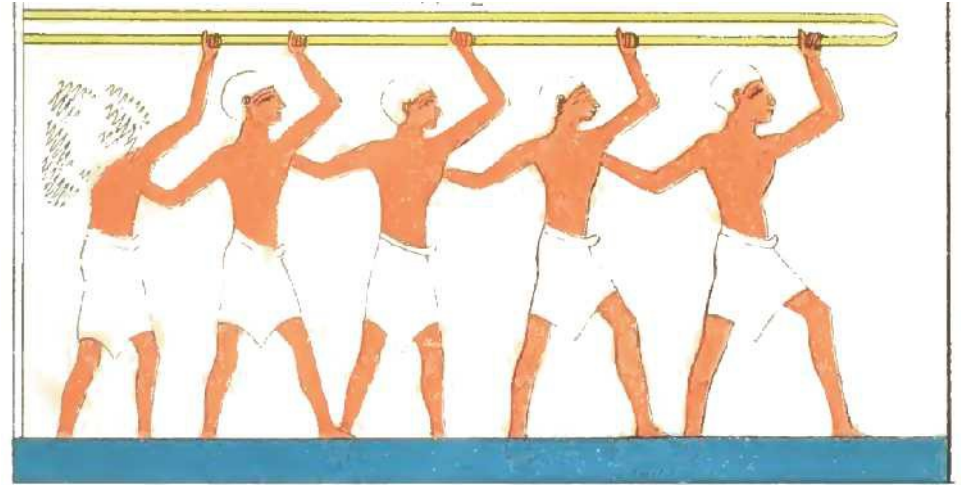
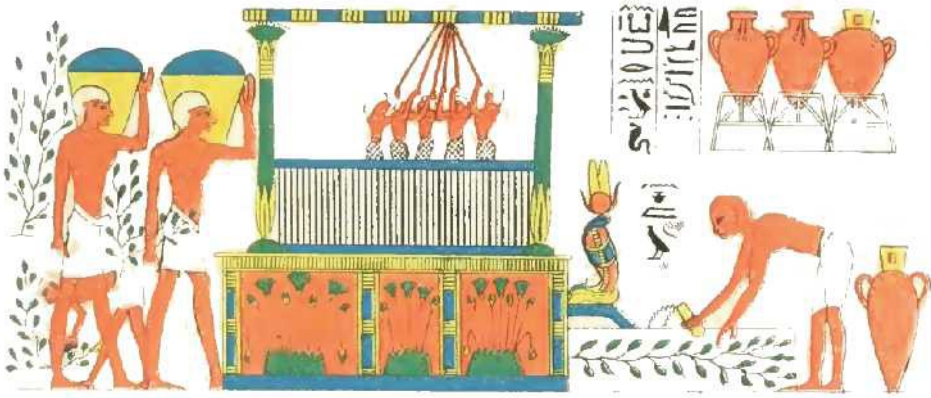
Joh 12:49 I have not spoken of myself; but the Father which sent me, he gave me a commandment, what I should say, and what I should speak.

“speak ... save”

Jer 32:18 the Great, the Mighty God, the LORD of hosts, *is* his name, 19 Great in **counsel**, and mighty in **work**

Treading the Grapes

Wilkinson, Ancient Egyptians II



Tenses in 63:3-6

Key: **Perfect (past)**, **Imperfect (present-future)**, **Waw relative (past)**, **Verbless**, **Other**

Isa 63:3 I **have trodden** the winepress alone; and of the people ***there was*** none with me:

for I **will tread** them in mine anger, and **trample** them in my fury; and their blood **shall be sprinkled** upon my garments, and **I will stain** אגאלתי all my raiment.

4 For the day of vengeance **is** in mine heart, and the year of my redeemed **is come**.

5 And I **looked**, and ***there was*** none to help; and I **wondered** that ***there was*** none to uphold: therefore mine own arm **brought** salvation unto me; and my fury, it **upheld** me.

6 And I **will tread down** the people in mine anger, and **make them drunk** in my fury, and I will **bring down** their strength to the earth.

Lessons from the Tenses

Past tense: understand past tragedies

Amos 3:6 Shall there be evil in a city, and the LORD hath not done *it*?

Future tense: avoid future tragedies

Pro 22:3 = 27:12 A prudent *man* foreseeeth the evil, and hideth himself: but the simple pass on, and are punished.

The Judgment of 63:3-6

<p>Solitary</p>	<p>Isa 63:3-6 I have trodden the winepress alone;</p> <p>and of the peoples <i>there was</i> none with me:</p>	<p>5 And I looked, and <i>there was</i> none to help; and I wondered that <i>there was</i> none to uphold:</p> <p>therefore mine own arm brought salvation unto me; and my fury, it upheld me.</p>
<p>Vicious</p>	<p>for I will tread דרך them in mine anger,</p> <p>and trample them in my fury;</p> <p>and their blood shall be sprinkled upon my garments, and I will stain all my raiment.</p>	<p>6 And I will tread down בוש the peoples in mine anger,</p> <p>and make them drunk in my fury,</p> <p>and I will bring down their strength [blood] to the earth.</p>
<p>Determined</p>	<p>4 For the day of vengeance <i>is</i> in mine heart, and the year of my redeemed <i>is</i> come.</p>	

References

Solitary

Joh 5:22 For the Father judgeth no man, but hath committed all judgment unto the Son:

Vicious

Rev 19:15 And out of his mouth goeth a sharp sword, that with it he should smite the nations: and he shall rule them with a rod of iron: and he treadeth the winepress of the **fierceness** and **wrath** of Almighty God.

Exo 34:6 The LORD, The LORD God, merciful and gracious, **longsuffering** [אָרַךְ אַפַּיִם, elsewhere translated “**slow to anger**”], and abundant in goodness and truth.

Ps 7:11 God is **angry** *with the wicked* every day.

Determined

Isa 61:2 To proclaim the acceptable year of the LORD, and the day of vengeance of our God;

Compare 61:2 and 63:4

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61:2, First Advent	63:4, Second Advent
To proclaim	For ... <i>is</i> in mine heart,
1. the acceptable year of the LORD,	2. and the year of my redeemed [ones] is come.
2. and the day of vengeance of our God;	1. For the day of vengeance <i>is</i> in mine heart,

“The year of my redeemed ones”:

Rev 6:9 I saw under the altar the souls of them that were slain for the word of God, and for the testimony which they held: 10 And they cried with a loud voice, saying, How long, O Lord, holy and true, dost thou not judge and avenge our blood on them that dwell on the earth?

Compare 59:16 and 63:5

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59:16, Isaiah's Description	63:5, The Redeemer Speaks
And he saw ראה that <i>there was no</i> man,	And I looked בִּיט, and <i>there was none</i> to help;
and wondered שָׁמַם that <i>there was no</i> intercessor:	and I wondered שָׁמַם that <i>there was none</i> to uphold:
therefore his arm brought salvation unto him;	therefore mine own arm brought salvation unto me;
and his righteousness , it sustained סוּמַךְ him.	and my fury , it upheld סוּמַךְ me.