

Treasure Hunt

- What four steps summarize Israel's repeated experience with the Lord?
- What two words summarize "the lovingkindnesses of the Lord" in v. 7?
- What does each of these words teach us about God's actions toward us?
- In v. 8, God says that the Israelites are "children that will not lie." What does he mean?

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:

Structure of 63:7-65:25

	Speaker	Refs to the Lord	Refs to People	State of People	Theme
63:7-14	Isaiah	He	They	Wicked	Indictment
63:15-64:12		Thou	Us		Confession
65:1-7	The Lord	I	They	Righteous	Indictment
65:8-10					Promise
65:11-12			You	Wicked	Indictment
65:13-16			You-They	Comparison	Mixed
65:17-25			They	Righteous	Promise

A Brief History of Israel

Prolog	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 he hath bestowed on them according to his mercies, and according to the multitude of his lovingkindnesses.
Gracious Care	8 For he said, Surely they <i>are</i> my people , children <i>that</i> will not lie: so he was their Saviour. 9 In all their affliction he was afflicted, and the angel of his presence saved them: in his love and in his pity he redeemed them; and he bare them, and carried them all the days of old.
Rebellion	10 But they rebelled, and vexed his holy Spirit:
Chastisement	therefore he was turned to be their enemy, <i>and</i> he fought against them.
Repentance	11 Then he [Israel] remembered the days of old, Moses, <i>and</i> his people , <i>saying</i> , Where <i>is</i> he that brought them up out of the sea with the shepherd of his flock? where <i>is</i> he that put his holy Spirit within him? 12 That led <i>them</i> by the right hand of Moses with his glorious arm, dividing the water before them, to make himself 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:
Summary	so didst thou lead thy people , to make thyself a glorious name.

Israel's History in Ps 78

Theme: David as God's Gracious Gift after Ephraim's Failure
(Saul)

Prolog	1-8							
Care		12-16 Red Sea, Water from Rock	23-29 Manna & Quail			38-39	43-55 Exodus & Conquest	65-72 Reign of David
Rebellion	9-11 Ephraim	17-20 Murmuring for Food	30a Lust	32	36-37	40-42	56-58	
Chastisement		21-22	30b-31	33			59-64 Fall of Shiloh	
Repentance				34-35				

Israel's History in Ps 106

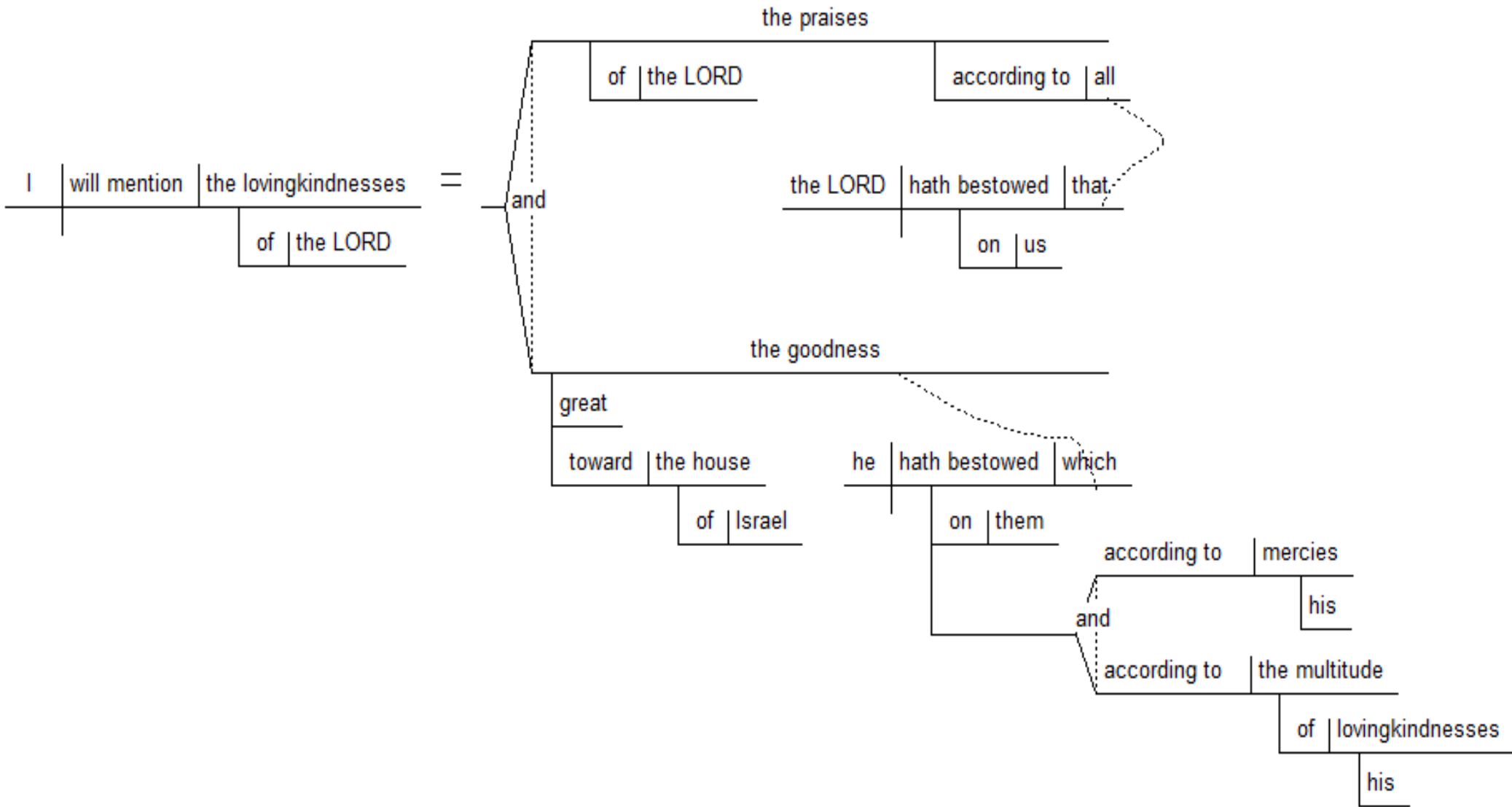
Theme: Looking Back from Captivity

Prolog	1-6							
Care		8-11 Red Sea						
Rebellion	7 Murmur- ing at Red Sea		13-14 Wilderness Lusting	16 Rebel- lion of Dothan	19-22 Golden Calf	24-25 Despised the Land	28-29a Baal- Peor	32-39 Waters of Strife; infant sacrifice
Chastise- ment			15 Lean- ness	17-18	23a Promised destruc- tion	26-27	29b Plague	40-42 Subject to Enemies
Repentance		12			23b Moses' inter- cession		30-31 Phine- has	
Summary								43-48

The Cycles of Judges 3-16

Rebellion: <i>Did Evil</i> <i>Forsook/served</i>	2:11 :12-13	3:7 :7	3:12	4:1	6:1	10:6 :6	13:1
Judgment: <i>Lord angry</i> <i>Spoilers</i> <i>Years</i>	:14 :14-15	:8 :8 <i>Meso-</i> <i>potamia</i> 8	:12-14 <i>Moab</i> 18	:2 <i>Canaan</i> 20	:1-6 <i>Midian</i> 7	:7 :7-9 <i>Philistines,</i> <i>Ammon</i> 18	:1 <i>Philistines</i> 40
Repentance: <i>Cry to Lord</i> <i>Rebuke</i>	:18	:9	:15	:3	:6 :7-10	:10 :11-16	
Care: <i>Judge</i> <i>Land had rest</i> <i>Years</i> <i>He judged Israel</i> <i>Years</i>	:16-19	:9-11 <i>Othniel</i> :11 40	:15-30 <i>Ehud</i> :30 80	:4-5:31 <i>Deborah</i> :31 40	:11-8:28 <i>Gideon</i> :28 40	:17-12:7 <i>Jephthah</i> :7 6	:2-15:19 16:1-31 <i>Samson</i> 15:20, 16:31 20
Supplements:			:32 <i>Shamgar</i>		:29-9:64 <i>Abimelech, 64</i> 10:1,2 <i>Tola, 23</i> :3-5 <i>Jair, 22</i>	:8-10 <i>Ibzan, 7</i> :11-12 <i>Elon, 10</i> :13-15 <i>Abdon, 8</i>	

Isa 63:7



Praises תהלות of the Lord

Subjective response or objective characteristic (“praiseworthy deeds”)?

The plural is rare (6/59x), but when it appears, almost always it refers to God’s objective characteristics. For example:

Psa 78:4 We will not hide *them* from their children, shewing to the generation to come the **praises** of the LORD, and his **strength**, and his wonderful **works** that he hath done.

Exo 15:11 Who *is* like unto thee, O LORD, among the gods? who *is* like thee, glorious in **holiness**, fearful *in* **praises**, doing **wonders**?

Motivation for the idiom:

Isa 43:21 This people have I formed for myself; they shall shew forth my praise.

Isa 63:8-9 and the Exodus

Text	Relation to Exodus
8 For he said, Surely they <i>are</i> my people, children <i>that</i> will not lie: so he was their Saviour.	God's solemn decree to choose, sanctify, and deliver Israel
9 In all their affliction he was afflicted,	God's compassion for their sufferings in Egypt
and the angel of his presence saved them:	Promises of God's guidance during the Exodus
in his love and in his pity he redeemed them;	Exodus as redemption
and he bare them, and carried them all the days of old.	Deut 32:11-13

63:8 “Surely”: Wishful Thinking or Solemn Declaration?

Isa 45:14 Thus saith the LORD, The labour of Egypt, and merchandise of Ethiopia and of the Sabeans, men of stature, shall come over unto thee, and they shall be thine: they shall come after thee; in chains they shall come over, and they shall fall down unto thee, they shall make supplication unto thee, *saying*, **Surely** God is in thee; and *there is none else, there is no God*.

Isa 45:23-25 I have sworn by myself, the word is gone out of my mouth *in* righteousness, and shall not return, That unto me every knee shall bow, every tongue shall swear. 24 **Surely**, shall *one* say, in the LORD have I righteousness and strength: *even* to him shall *men* come; and all that are incensed against him shall be ashamed. 25 In the LORD shall all the seed of Israel be justified, and shall glory.

“Children that will not lie”?

Their promise:

Exo 19:7-8 And Moses came and called for the elders of the people, and laid before their faces all these words which the LORD commanded him. 8 And all the people answered together, and said, **All that the LORD hath spoken we will do.**

Hebrew imperfect as obligation rather than prediction:

Exo 20:13 Thou **shalt** not kill. 14 Thou **shalt** not commit adultery. 15 Thou **shalt** not steal. 16 Thou **shalt** not bear false witness against thy neighbour. 17 Thou **shalt** not covet thy neighbour's house, thou **shalt** not covet thy neighbour's wife, nor his manservant, nor his maidservant, nor his ox, nor his ass, nor any thing that *is* thy neighbour's.

→ “Children that **SHALL** not lie.”

NT Echo:

Eph 2:10 For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, **which God hath before ordained** that we should walk in them.

63:9 “In all their affliction he was afflicted”

The general principle:

Jdg 10:16 And they put away the strange gods from among them, and served the LORD: and his soul was grieved for the misery of Israel.

Zec 2:8 For thus saith the LORD of hosts; After the glory hath he sent me unto the nations which spoiled you: for he that toucheth you toucheth the apple of his eye.

At the Exodus:

Exo 3:7 And the LORD said, I have surely seen the affliction of my people which *are* in Egypt, and have heard their cry by reason of their taskmasters; for I know their sorrows;