

# Treasure Hunt

- When did the mountains flow down (64:3)?
- Why should God cause the mountains to flow again?
- What causes the people to wither like leaves?
- What is unusual about this role?

# Chiastic Confession, 63:15-64:12

<p><b>God's Habitation</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Why don't you deliver us?</li> </ul>	63:15, <i>Heavenly Habitation</i>	64:10-12, <i>Earthly House</i>
<p><b>God's People</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•God our Father</li> <li>•His creative power</li> <li>•Imperative request</li> <li>•Titles of relationship</li> </ul>	63:16-19	64:8-9
<p><b>God's Wrath</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•His presence/face</li> <li>•Judgment as melting/shaking</li> </ul>	64:1-3 Wrath against the <i>nations</i>	64:5b-7 Wrath against his <i>people</i>
<p><b>God's Expectation</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Wait for him</li> <li>•Rejoice</li> <li>•Work Righteousness</li> <li>•Remember him</li> </ul>	64:4-5a	

# 64:1-3, 5b-7, God's Wrath

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 *when* the **melting** fire burneth, the fire causeth the waters to **boil**, to make thy name known to thine adversaries, *that* **the nations** may tremble **at thy presence [face]**! 3 When thou didst terrible things *which* we looked not for, thou camest down, the mountains **flowed** down at thy presence.

5b 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 thing, and all our righteousnesses are as filthy rags; and we all do fade as a leaf; and our iniquities, like the wind, have taken us away. 7 And there is 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** **in us**, because of our iniquities.

Isa 45:6 I *am* the LORD, and *there is* none else.

7 I form the light, and create darkness:

I make peace, and create evil:

I the LORD do all these *things*.

Job 2:10 shall we receive good at the hand of God, and shall we not receive evil?

# 64:2 “the melting fire”?

“Melting” = המסים, nowhere else in OT

- KJV: derives from מם “to melt,” but missing one letter
- 1QIsa<sup>a</sup> עמסים directs attention to Arabic forms with both *h* and *ʿ* meaning “brushwood”

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Oh that thou wouldest rend the heavens,  
that thou wouldest come down,  
that the mountains might flow down at thy  
presence,

2 *As when fire kindleth brushwood,*  
the fire causeth the waters to boil



# Why should God cause the Mountains to Flow?

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that thou wouldest come down,  
that the mountains might flow down at thy presence,

2 As fire kindleth brushwood,  
the fire causeth the waters to boil,

to make thy name known to thine adversaries,  
**that the nations may tremble at thy presence!**

63:12 to make himself **an everlasting name**

63:14 to make thyself **a glorious name.**

Num 14:15-16 Now *if* thou shalt kill *all* this people as one man,  
then the nations which have heard **the fame of thee** will speak,  
saying, 16 Because the LORD was not able to bring this people  
into the land which he sware unto them, therefore he hath slain  
them in the wilderness.

# When did the Mountains Flow?

64:3 When thou didst terrible things *which* we looked not for, thou camest down, **the mountains flowed down** at thy presence.

Jdg 5:4 LORD, when thou wentest out of Seir, when thou marchedst out of the field of Edom, the earth trembled, and the heavens dropped, the clouds also dropped water. 5 **The mountains melted** from before the LORD, *even* that Sinai from before the LORD God of Israel.

Exo 19:18 And mount Sinai was altogether on a smoke, because the LORD descended upon it in fire: and the smoke thereof ascended as the smoke of a furnace, and **the whole mount quaked greatly.**



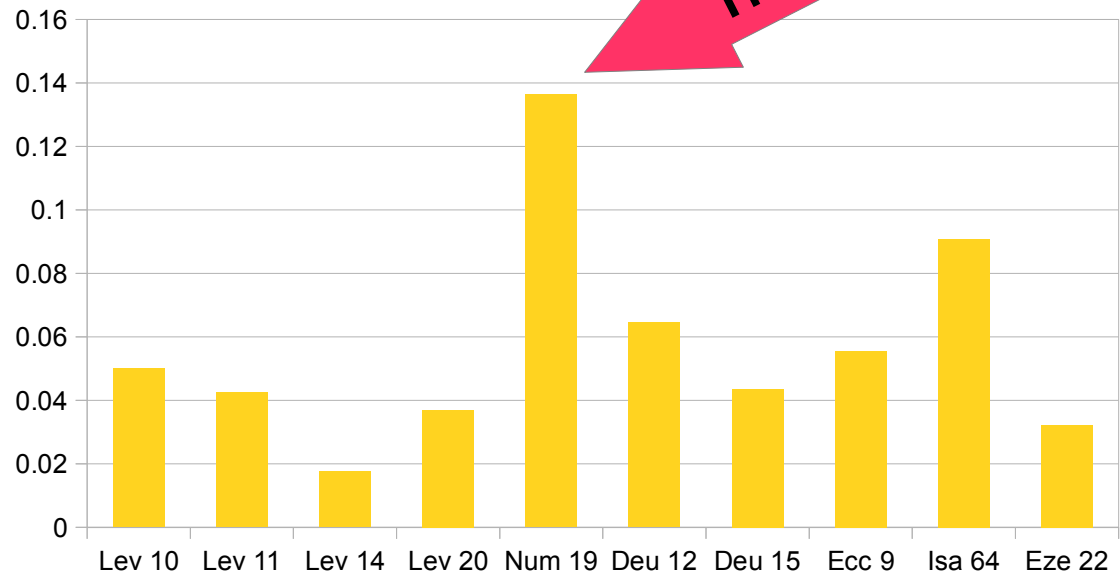
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# 64:5b-7, God's Wrath against his People

<p>Our Sin leads to God's Wrath</p>	<p>5b behold, thou art <b>wroth</b>; for <b>we have sinned</b>:</p>	<p>7b for thou hast <b>hid thy face</b> from us, and hast consumed us, because of <b>our iniquities</b>.</p>
<p>We were oblivious to our sin and the remedy</p>	<p>5c in those is continuance, and shall we be saved?</p>	<p>7a And <i>there is</i> none that calleth upon thy name, that stirreth up himself to take hold of thee:</p>
<p>Now we recognize our sin and your judgment</p>	<p>6 But we are all as <del>an</del> <b>the unclean thing</b>, and all our righteousnesses <i>are</i> as <b>filthy rags</b>; and we all do fade <b>as a leaf</b>; and our iniquities, <b>like the wind/Spirit</b> <del>nn</del>, have taken us away.</p>	

# Images of Sin

The Unclean Thing:



Lev 15:31 Thus shall ye separate the children of Israel from their uncleanness; that they die not in their uncleanness, when they defile my tabernacle that *is* among them.



# What does the Spirit Bring?

Isa 40:6 The voice said, Cry. And he said, What shall I cry? All flesh *is* grass, and all the goodness thereof *is* as the flower of the field: 7 The grass withereth, the flower fadeth: **because the spirit of the LORD bloweth upon it:** surely the people *is* grass. 8 The grass withereth, the flower fadeth: but the word of our God shall stand for ever.

Eze 37:9 Then said he unto me, Prophecy unto the **wind** רוח, prophecy, son of man, and say to the wind, Thus saith the Lord GOD; Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live. 10 So I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood up upon their feet, an exceeding great army. ... 13 And ye shall know that I *am* the LORD, when I have opened your graves, O my people, and brought you up out of your graves, 14 And **shall put my spirit in you, and ye shall live,**

Eze 36:25-27 Then will I sprinkle clean water upon you, and ye shall be clean: from all your filthiness, and from all your idols, will I cleanse you. 26 A new heart also will I give you, and a new spirit will I put within you: and I will take away the stony heart out of your flesh, and I will give you an heart of flesh. 27 And **I will put my spirit within you,** and cause you to walk in my statutes, and ye shall keep my judgments, and do *them*.

Joh 3:8 The wind bloweth where it listeth, and thou hearest the sound thereof, but canst not tell whence it cometh, and whither it goeth: **so is every one that is born of the Spirit.**