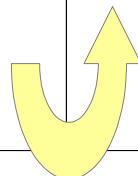


Treasure Hunt

- What is the worst consequence of sin?
- When everybody around us is calling right wrong and wrong right, how can we know what really is right and wrong?
- What does God mean when he says (v. 6), “Behold, it is written before me”?
- Why should we not be afraid when we see God’s judgments falling on people around us?

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Semantic-Syntactic Skewing in 65:3-5

3 A people

that **provoketh me to anger**

continually to my face

sacrificing in gardens,

and **burning** incense upon altars
of brick;

4 Which remain among the **graves**,
and lodge in the **monuments**,

which **eat swine's flesh**, and **broth
of abominable things is in** their
vessels;

5 Which say, Stand by thyself, come
not near to me; for **I am holier than
thou.**

These *are* a **smoke in my nose**, a fire
that burneth all the day.

3 sacrificeth in gardens (pagan groves) The Offenses of 65:3-5

Isa 1:29 For they shall be ashamed of the oaks which ye have desired, and ye shall be confounded for the gardens that ye have chosen.

altars of brick (man-made effort)

Exo 20:24 An altar of earth thou shalt make unto me, and shalt sacrifice thereon thy burnt offerings, and thy peace offerings, thy sheep, and thine oxen: in all places where I record my name I will come unto thee, and I will bless thee. 25 And if thou wilt make me an altar of stone, thou shalt not build it of hewn stone: for if thou lift up thy tool upon it, thou hast polluted it.

4 remain among the graves ... monuments, (necromancy, defilement)

Deu 18:10-11 There shall not be found among you ... a necromancer.

Num 19:11 He that toucheth the dead body of any man shall be unclean seven days. ... 13 Whosoever toucheth the dead body of any man that is dead, and purifieth not himself, defileth the tabernacle of the LORD; and that soul shall be cut off from Israel:

eat swine's flesh, ... broth of abominable *things* (defilement)

Leviticus 11

5 Which say, ... I am holier than thou (reversal of standards)

Isa 5:20 Woe unto them that call evil good, and good evil; that put darkness for light, and light for darkness; that put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter! 21 Woe unto *them that are* wise in their own eyes, and prudent in their own sight!

The Hinge of 65:6-7

2-5 False Worship (sinners = 3rd person)

2-6 Hinge

6-7 Behold, *it is* written before me:

I will not keep silence, but will recompense, even recompense into **their** bosom,
7 **Your** iniquities, and the iniquities of your fathers together, saith the LORD,

which have burned incense upon the mountains,
and blasphemed me upon the hills:

therefore will I measure **their** former work
into **their** bosom.

8-16 Judgment (sinners = 2nd person)

65:6 “Behold, it is written before me...”

Exo 17:14 And the LORD said unto Moses, **Write this for a memorial in a book**, and rehearse *it* in the ears of Joshua: for I will utterly put out the remembrance of Amalek from under heaven.

Psa 56:8 Thou tellest my wanderings: put thou my tears into thy bottle: **are they not in thy book?**

Mal 3:16 Then they that feared the LORD spake often one to another: and the LORD hearkened, and heard *it*, and **a book of remembrance was written before him** for them that feared the LORD, and that thought upon his name.

Cf. the chronicles of Ahasuerus (Esther 2:21-23)

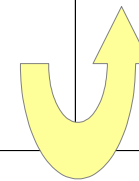
Paradox in 65:7?

Isa 65:6 I will not keep silence, but will recompense, even recompense into their bosom, 7 Your iniquities, and the iniquities of your fathers together,

Eze 18:20 The soul that sinneth, it shall die. The son shall not bear the iniquity of the father, neither shall the father bear the iniquity of the son: the righteousness of the righteous shall be upon him, and the wickedness of the wicked shall be upon him.

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Pronouns & Paragraphs in 65:8-16

8 **Thus saith the LORD,**

As the new wine is found in the cluster, and *one* saith, Destroy it not; for a blessing *is* in it: so will I do for **my servants'** sakes, that I may not destroy **them** all. 9 And I will bring forth a seed out of Jacob, and out of Judah an inheritor of my mountains: and **mine elect** shall inherit it, and **my servants** shall dwell there. 10 And Sharon shall be a fold of flocks, and the valley of Achor a place for the herds to lie down in, for **my people** that have sought me.

11 But **ye** *are* they that forsake the LORD, that forget my holy mountain, that prepare a table for that troop, and that furnish the drink offering unto that number. 12 Therefore will I number **you** to the sword, and **ye** shall all bow down to the slaughter: because when I called, **ye** did not answer; when I spake, **ye** did not hear; but did evil before mine eyes, and did choose *that* wherein I delighted not.

13 Therefore **thus saith the Lord GOD,**

Behold, **my servants** shall eat, but **ye** shall be hungry:

behold, **my servants** shall drink, but **ye** shall be thirsty:

behold, **my servants** shall rejoice, but **ye** shall be ashamed:

14 Behold, **my servants** shall sing for joy of heart, but **ye** shall cry for sorrow of heart, and shall howl for vexation of spirit.

15 And **ye** shall leave your name for a curse unto **my chosen**:

for the **Lord GOD** shall slay **thee**, and call **his servants** by another name:

16 That **he** who blesseth **himself** in the earth shall bless **himself** in **the God of truth**;

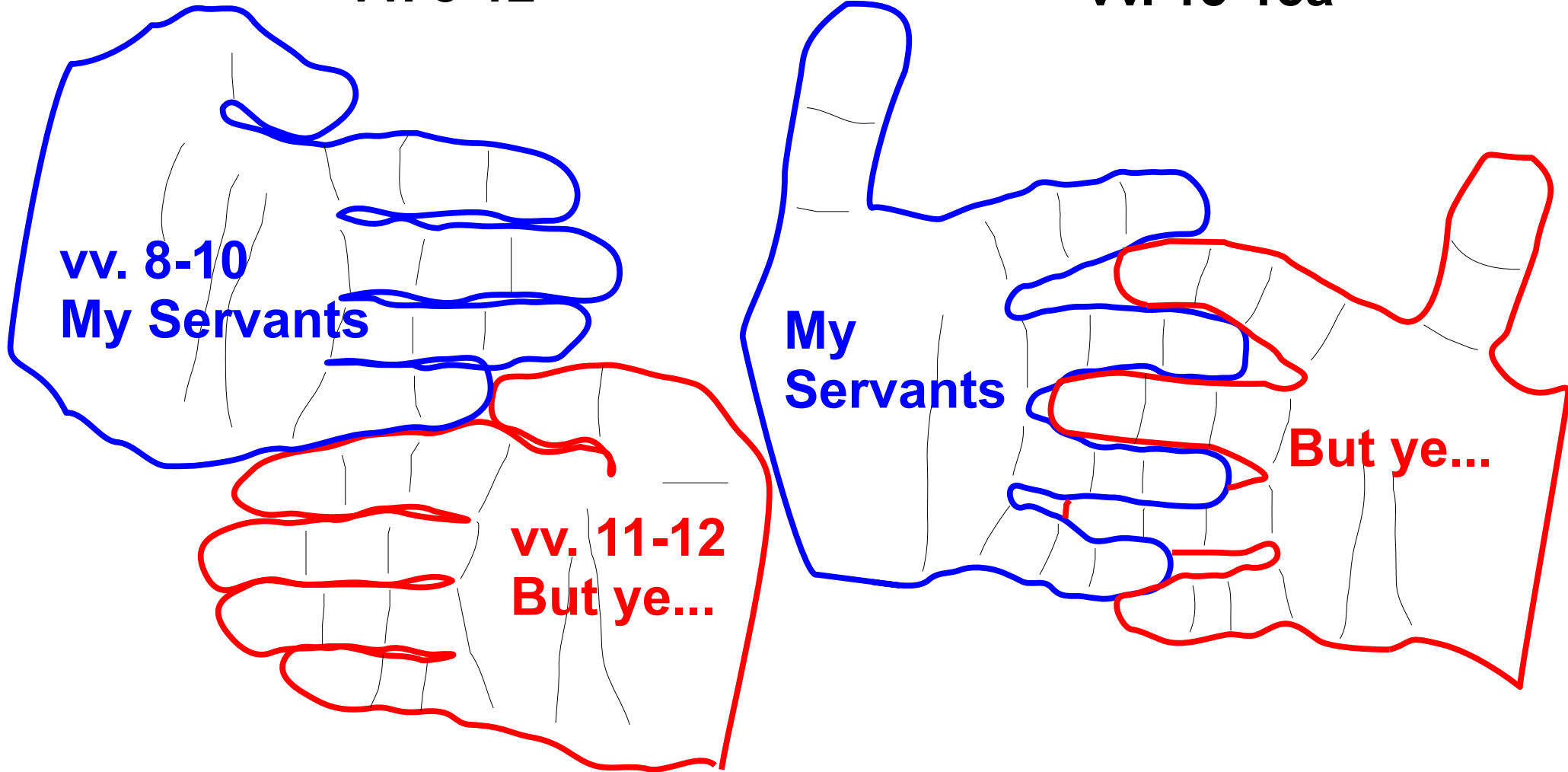
and **he** that sweareth in the earth shall swear by **the God of truth**;

because the former troubles are forgotten, and because they are hid from mine eyes.

Servants and Sinners in 65:8-15

vv. 8-12

vv. 13-15a



God and his Vineyard

Judgment...

Isa 5:5 And now go to; I will tell you what I will do to my vineyard: I will take away the hedge thereof, and it shall be eaten up; *and* break down the wall thereof, and it shall be trodden down: 6 And I will lay it waste: it shall not be pruned, nor digged; but there shall come up briars and thorns: I will also command the clouds that they rain no rain upon it.

Isa 63:2 Wherefore *art thou* red in thine apparel, and thy garments like him that treadeth in the winefat? 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 all my raiment.

...but also mercy

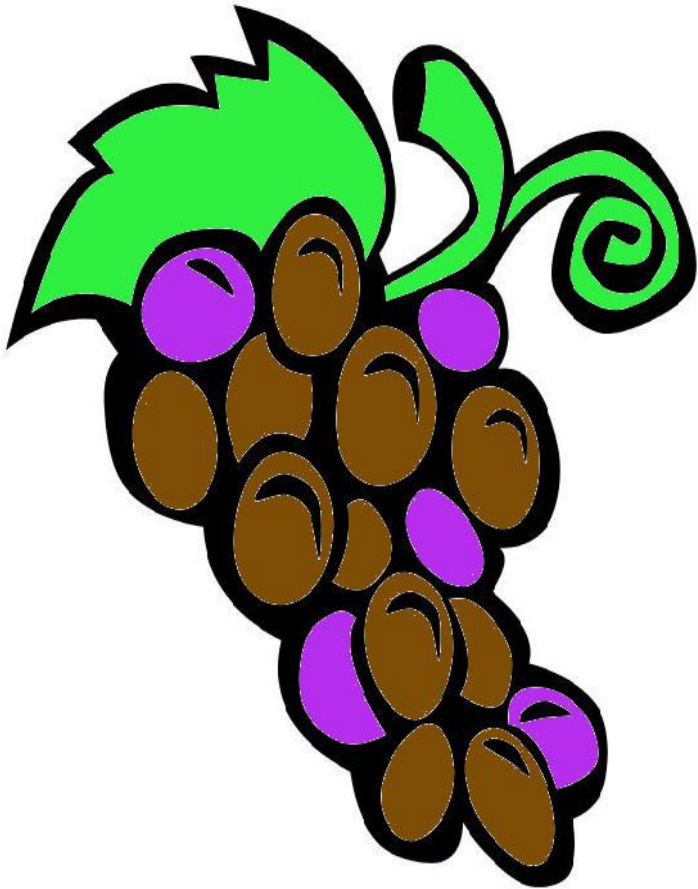
Isa 27:2 In that day sing ye unto her, A vineyard of red wine. 3 I the LORD do keep it; I will water it every moment: lest *any* hurt it, I will keep it night and day. 4 Fury *is* not in me: who would set the briars *and* thorns against me in battle?

Preserving the Remnant

Isa 65:8 As the new wine is found in the cluster, and *one* saith, Destroy it not; for a blessing *is* in it:

Gen 18:23 And Abraham drew near, and said, Wilt thou also destroy the righteous with the wicked? ...
25 That be far from thee to do after this manner, to slay the righteous with the wicked: and that the righteous should be as the wicked, that be far from thee: Shall not the Judge of all the earth do right? ...
32 And he said, I will not destroy *it* for ten's sake.

Mat 13:27 So the servants of the householder came and said unto him, Sir, didst not thou sow good seed in thy field? from whence then hath it tares? 28 He said unto them, An enemy hath done this. The servants said unto him, Wilt thou then that we go and gather them up? 29 But he said, Nay; lest while ye gather up the tares, ye root up also the wheat with them. 30 Let both grow together until the harvest: and in the time of harvest I will say to the reapers, Gather ye together first the tares, and bind them in bundles to burn them: but gather the wheat into my barn.



Servant vs. Servants in Isaiah

God's Servant:

50:6 I gave my back to the smiters, and my cheeks to them that plucked off the hair: I hid not my face from **shame and spitting**.

53:3 He is **despised** and **rejected** of men; a man of **sorrows**, and acquainted with **grief**:

53:10 Yet it pleased the LORD to **bruise** him; he hath put *him* to **grief**:

God's Servants:

54:17 This *is* the **heritage** of the servants of the LORD, and their righteousness *is* of me, saith the LORD.

65:9 And I will bring forth a seed out of Jacob, and out of Judah an **inheritor of my mountains**: and mine elect shall inherit it, and my servants shall dwell there.

Isa 65:13-14 Behold, my servants shall **eat**, ... behold, my servants shall **drink**, ... behold, my servants shall **rejoice**, ... 14 Behold, my servants shall **sing for joy of heart**,

Isa 66:14 And when ye see *this*, **your heart shall rejoice, and your bones shall flourish like an herb**: and the hand of the LORD shall be known toward his servants,

65:9 “I will **bring forth** a seed out of Jacob”

Lot’s experience:

Gen 19:16 they **brought him forth**, and set him without the city.

Peter:

2Pe 2:9 The Lord knoweth how to deliver the godly out of temptations, and to reserve the unjust unto the day of judgment to be punished: