

Treasure Hunt

- Can you give an example when God's people trusted in the sanctuary rather than in God? What happened?
- Why is God not impressed with the buildings that we build for him?
- How is our God different from the gods of Babylon?
- Name and explain two characteristics of the person whom God notices.

Overview of Isaiah

1-37, Assyria

1-35, **Oracles** of Assurance

36-37, **History**: Assyria Destroyed

38-66, Babylon

38-39, **History**: Babylon Tempted

40-66, **Oracles** of Comfort

Isa 40-66

Progress of the Text



YHWH vs. the Idols



Servant's Suffering & Glory



Sinful vs. Faithful Israel



Ch. 40-48

48:22 *There is no peace*, saith the LORD, unto the **wicked**.

Ch. 49-57

57:21 *There is no peace*, saith my God, to the **wicked**.

Ch. 58-66

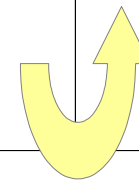
66:23-24 the men that have **transgressed** against me: ... their worm **shall not die**, **neither** shall their fire be **quenched**

Overview of Isaiah 58-66

False vs. True Worship	58:1-14	66:1-24 65:1-25
Indictment (2pl)	59:1-15a	
Description (3s) & Confession (1pl)		63:7-64:12
The Redeemer	59:15b-21	63:1-7
Zion's Glory (2fs)	60:1-22	62:1-12
The Redeemer	61:1-11	

Integration of Isaiah 65-66

	Isaiah 65	Isaiah 66	
True Worship (from Gentiles)	1	1-2	18-23
False Worship from Israel	2-7	3-4	15-17
The Fate of the Wicked vs. God's Servants	8-16	5-6	14
Blessing on Jerusalem	17-25	7-13	



Don't Trust in Sanctuaries

1Sa 4:3 the elders of Israel said, Wherefore hath the LORD smitten us to day before the Philistines? Let us fetch the ark of the covenant of the LORD out of Shiloh unto us, that, when it cometh among us, it may save us out of the hand of our enemies.

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. ... 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.

Early Understanding

David:

Psa 11:4 The LORD *is* in his holy temple, the LORD'S throne *is* in heaven:

1Ch 28:2 Then David the king stood up upon his feet, and said, Hear me, my brethren, and my people: *As for me*, I *had* in mine heart to build an house of rest for the ark of the covenant of the LORD, and for the footstool of our God, and had made ready for the building:

Solomon:

1Ki 8:27 But will God indeed dwell on the earth? behold, the heaven and heaven of heavens cannot contain thee; how much less this house that I have builded?

v. 2 all those things have been ויהיו

Isa 62:2 For all those <i>things</i> hath mine hand made,	and all those <i>things</i> have been
Gen 1:3 And God said, Let there be light:	and there was light.
6 And God said, Let there be a firmament in the midst of the waters, ...	and it was so.
9 And God said, Let the waters under the heaven be gathered together ...	and it was so.
11 And God said, Let the earth bring forth grass, ...	and it was so.
14 And God said, Let there be lights in the firmament of the heaven ...	and it was so.
24 And God said, Let the earth bring forth the living creature after his kind, ...	and it was so.

Does God need our Offerings?

Israel's God:

1Ch 29:14 But who *am* I, and what *is* my people, that we should be able to offer so willingly after this sort? for all things *come* of thee, and of thine own have we given thee.

Psa 50:9 I will take no bullock out of thy house, *nor* he goats out of thy folds. 10 For every beast of the forest *is* mine, *and* the cattle upon a thousand hills. 11 I know all the fowls of the mountains: and the wild beasts of the field *are* mine. 12 If I were hungry, I would not tell thee: for the world *is* mine, and the fulness thereof.

Gods of Babylon: Flood Story

(during the flood)

The great gods, the Annuna,
Stayed parched and famished.

(after the flood)

The gods smelled the savor,
The gods smelled the sweet savor,
The gods crowded like flies about the sacrificer

The Person God Notices

57:15 For thus saith the high and lofty One that inhabiteth eternity, whose name *is* Holy; I dwell in the high and holy *place*, with him also *that is* of a **contrite** and **humble** spirit, to revive the spirit of the humble, and to revive the heart of the contrite ones.

“Contrite” = דכא “crushed” (53:5 “bruised for our iniquities,” 53:10 “it pleased the Lord to bruise him”): crushed under God’s judgment.

“Humble spirit” = שפל-רוח “low of spirit,” opposite of pride (Pr 16:19; 29:23).

66:2 but to this *man* will I look, *even to him that is* **poor** and of a **contrite** spirit, and **trembleth** at my word

“Poor” = עני “socially disadvantaged person, without independent means.” cf. Matt 5:3 “poor in spirit,” spiritually bankrupt

“Contrite spirit” = נכה-רוח , “crippled in spirit” (cf. Mephibosheth in 2 Sam 4:4; 9:3), without natural spiritual aptitude or qualifications to seek the Lord.

“Trembleth at my word”: “the fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom” (Ps 111:10).