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<td><strong>3</strong> She hath sent forth her maidens: she crieth upon <strong>the highest places of the city,</strong></td>
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Isa 55:3 and the Resurrection

Act 13:34-35  34 And as concerning that he raised him up from the dead, now no more to return to corruption, he said on this wise, I will give you the sure mercies of David. 35 Wherefore he saith also in another [place], Thou shalt not suffer thine Holy One to see corruption.

| v.34 “sure mercies of David” | Isa 55:3  
| LXX ὀσία “holy things”  
| Hebrew דִּיסוּת “faithfulnesses” | The “holy things” are the promise of the eternal Seed (Ps 89:6 “his seed shall endure forever”) |
| v.35 “thine Holy One” | Ps 16:10  
| LXX ὀσιόν “holy one”  
| Hebrew תִּיסוּת “saint” | The “holy one” will not see corruption |

1Co 15:17  if Christ be not raised, your faith is vain; ye are yet in your sins.
The Source of Isa 55:4

Psa 89:36-37 an AbBa alternation/chiasm
- A,a: statements about his seed
- B,b: statements about his throne (linked by sun/moon)
- A,B: addition of “for ever”

36 His seed shall endure for ever and his throne as the sun before me.

37 It [his throne] shall be established for ever as the moon,
and [his seed] a faithful witness in heaven.

Isa 55:4 Behold, I have given him [the promised Seed] for a witness to the peoples
a leader and commander to the peoples

- Zion quotes “a witness” from Ps 89:37.
- Where does she get “to the peoples”? 
Hebrew Words for “People, Nation”

Total Uses

% Singular vs. Plural

Political

Social

Mostly Gentiles

Mostly Israel
40:1-11 God is Coming

Based on Creation

40:12-31

Based on Prediction

41:1-42:17

Based on Witness

42:18-44:28

יְהוָה > Marduk et al.

YHWH vs. the Idol

Servant's Suffering & Glory

Sinful vs. Faithful Israel

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

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

66:23-24 the men that have transgressed against me: ... their worm shall not die, neither shall their fire be quenched
### Climax of 42:18-44:28

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The Meaning of נגיד

Related words:

- Preposition נגד: “in front of,” “before,” “in the presence of”
- Noun: “counterpart,” Gen 2:18, 20
- Verb (causal): “propose, announce, inform” (put a matter in front of people)

→ Distinct but on the same level; someone “out in front”

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Anarchy

Jdg 17:6  In those days there was no king in Israel, but every man did that which was right in his own eyes.
Jdg 18:1  In those days there was no king in Israel:
Jdg 19:1  And it came to pass in those days, when there was no king in Israel,
Jdg 21:25  In those days there was no king in Israel: every man did that which was right in his own eyes.

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Psa 78:70-72 He chose David also his servant, and took him from the sheepfolds: 71 From following the ewes great with young he brought him to feed Jacob his people, and Israel his inheritance.
72 So he fed them according to the integrity of his heart; and guided them by the skilfulness of his hands.

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1Sa 12:12  ye said unto me, Nay; but a king shall reign over us: when the LORD your God was your king.
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<td>Yet have I set <em>my king</em> מלך upon my holy hill of Zion.</td>
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**Son of Man**

**Son of God**
Heb 13:7 Remember them which **have the rule over** you, who have spoken unto you the word of God: whose faith follow, considering the end of their conversation.

Heb 13:17 Obey them that **have the rule over** you, and submit yourselves: for they watch for your souls, as they that must give account,

Heb 13:24 Salute all them that **have the rule over** you,

Act 15:22 Then pleased it the apostles and elders, with the whole church, to send chosen men of their own company to Antioch with Paul and Barnabas; *namely*, Judas surnamed Barsabas, and Silas, **chief men** among the brethren:
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<td>14 When thou art come unto the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee, and shalt possess it, and shalt dwell therein, and shalt say, I will set a king over me, like as all the nations that are about me ... 20 That his heart be not lifted up above his brethren, and that he turn not aside from the commandment, to the right hand, or to the left: to the end that he may prolong his days in his kingdom, he, and his children, in the midst of Israel.</td>
<td>Mat 20:25-28 But Jesus called them unto him, and said, Ye know that the princes of the Gentiles exercise dominion over them, and they that are great exercise authority upon them. 26 But it shall not be so among you: but whosoever will be great among you, let him be your minister; 27 And whosoever will be chief among you, let him be your servant: 28 Even as the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many.</td>
<td>1Pe 5:1-3 The elders which are among you I exhort, who am also an elder, and a witness of the sufferings of Christ, and also a partaker of the glory that shall be revealed: 2 Feed the flock of God which is among you, taking the oversight thereof, not by constraint, but willingly; not for filthy lucre, but of a ready mind; 3 Neither as being lords over God's heritage, but being ensamples to the flock.</td>
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55:4 “a commander to the peoples”

- מצוה = Piel participle of צוה “to command”
- Distribution of this form in the OT:

  - Stereotyped description of Moses in Deut: “the words which I command thee
  - cf. Deu 18:15 “The LORD thy God will raise up unto thee a Prophet from the midst of thee, of thy brethren, like unto me; unto him ye shall hearken;”
Messiah = the Anointed One

Who is anointed in the OT?

- **Prophet** (1 Kings 19:16)
- Priest (Exod 28:41)
- King (1 Kings 19:16) and נגיד "leader" (1 Sam 9:16)

Isa 55:4 Behold, I have given him for a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander to the peoples.
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<td>Thus saith the LORD, the Redeemer of Israel, <em>and</em> his Holy One, to him whom man despiseth, to him whom the nation abhorreth, to a servant of rulers,</td>
<td>Behold, thou shalt call a nation <em>that</em> thou knowest not, and nations <em>that</em> knew not thee shall run unto thee</td>
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<td><strong>Kings</strong> shall see and arise, <strong>princes</strong> also shall worship,</td>
<td>because of לְמַעְן [for the sake of] the LORD that is faithful, <em>and</em> the Holy One of Israel, and he shall choose has chosen thee.</td>
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<td>because of לְמַעְן [for the sake of] the LORD thy God, and for the Holy One of Israel; for he hath glorified thee.</td>
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<td>Thou hast delivered me from the strivings of the people; and thou hast made me the head of the heathen: a people whom I have not known shall serve me.</td>
<td>Behold, thou shalt call a nation that thou knowest not, and nations that knew not thee shall run unto thee.</td>
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2Sa 8:1-14 David smote the Philistines, ... 2 And he smote Moab, ... 3 David smote also Hadadezer,... king of Zobah, ... 5 David slew of the Syrians two and twenty thousand men. ... 9 ... Toi king of Hamath ... sent Joram his son unto king David, to salute him, and to bless him,... 11 ... all nations which he subdued; 12 ... Syria, ... Moab, and ... Ammon, ... the Philistines, ... Amalek, ... Zobah. ... 14 all they of Edom became David’s servants .
### Isa 55:1 and John 7:37-38

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<td><strong>Joh 7:37-38</strong> If any man thirst, let him <strong>come</strong> unto me,</td>
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<td>and as many as have no money, as you go, buy and <strong>drink</strong> wine and fat <strong>without money or price</strong>.</td>
<td>and let him <strong>drink</strong>, 38 he that <strong>believeth</strong> on me,</td>
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“Believeth” ~ “without money or price”:
- Belief ~ without working, Rom 4:5 But to him that **worketh not**, but **believeth** on him that justifieth the ungodly, his faith is counted for righteousness.
- Working ~ money, Isa 55:2 Wherefore do ye spend **money** for that which is not bread? and your **labour** for that which satisfieth not?
## Water Within

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<td>14 But whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst;</td>
<td>37-38 If any man thirst, let him come unto me, and let him drink, 38 he that believeth on me, as the scripture hath said.</td>
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<td>but the water that I shall give him shall be in him a well of water springing up into everlasting life.</td>
<td>Out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water.</td>
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55:6-13, Invitation to Forgiveness & Restoration

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6 The Opportunity: Promised but Limited
Seek ye the LORD while he may be found, call ye upon him while he is near:

7a The Requirement: Repentance
Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts:

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and let him return unto the LORD, and he will have mercy upon him;
and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.

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9 Superior thoughts
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12-13a Thoughts of Blessing
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it shall be to the LORD for a name, for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.
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<td>6 <strong>Seek</strong> ye the LORD while he may be <strong>found</strong>,</td>
<td>7 For what nation <em>is there so great, who hath</em> God so <strong>nigh</strong> unto them, as the LORD our God <em>is in all things that we call</em> upon him <em>for?</em></td>
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<td><strong>call</strong> ye upon him while he is <strong>near</strong>:</td>
<td>27-29 the LORD shall scatter you among the nations, and ye shall be left few in number among the heathen, whither the LORD shall lead you. 28 And there ye shall serve gods, the work of men's hands, wood and stone, which neither see, nor hear, nor eat, nor smell. 29 But if from thence thou shalt seek the LORD thy God, thou shalt <strong>find him</strong>, if thou <strong>seek</strong> him with all thy heart and with all thy soul.</td>
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<td>He that hath clean hands</td>
<td>Let the wicked forsake his way</td>
<td>Cleanse your hands, ye sinners</td>
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<td>and a pure heart</td>
<td>and the unrighteous man his thoughts:</td>
<td>and purify your hearts, ye double minded</td>
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Luk 24:46-47  Thus it is written, and thus it behoved Christ to suffer, and to rise from the dead the third day: 47 And that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in his name among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem.

Act 2:38  Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins,
55:7b The Promise of Forgiveness

let him return unto the LORD, and he will have mercy upon him; and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon

Recall Isa 54:7-8

For a small moment have I forsaken thee; but with great mercies will I gather thee. 8 In a little wrath I hid my face from thee for a moment; but with everlasting kindness will I have mercy on thee, saith the LORD thy Redeemer.

Exo 34:6-7 And the LORD passed by before him, and proclaimed, The LORD, The LORD God, merciful and gracious, longsuffering, and abundant in goodness and truth,

7 Keeping mercy for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin, and that will by no means clear the guilty; visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children, and upon the children's children, unto the third and to the fourth generation.

Exo 33:19 I ... will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and will shew mercy on whom I will shew mercy.
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## 55:9 God’s Thoughts are Superior to Ours

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<td><strong>8 The LORD is merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and plenteous in mercy.</strong></td>
<td>9 He will not always chide: neither will he keep <em>his anger</em> for ever. 10 He hath not dealt with us after our sins; nor rewarded us according to our iniquities.</td>
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<td>9 For <em>as the heavens are higher than the earth</em>, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts.</td>
<td>11 For <em>as the heaven is high above the earth</em>, so great is his mercy upon them that fear him. 12 As far as the east is from the west, so far hath he removed our transgressions from us.</td>
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What’s Wrong with Sin?

| 7 Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts | 9 For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts. |

Gen 1:26 And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness:

Rom 3:23 For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;
55:10-11, God’s Thoughts are Active

Physical Creation:
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.
20 And God said, Let the waters bring forth abundantly the moving creature that hath life, and fowl that may fly above the earth in the open firmament of heaven.
24 And God said, Let the earth bring forth the living creature after his kind, ... and it was so.
26 And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness:

Spiritual Life:
Joh 6:63 It is the spirit that quickeneth; the flesh profiteth nothing: the words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life.
Jam 1:18 Of his own will begat he us with the word of truth, that we should be a kind of firstfruits of his creatures.
1Pe 1:23 Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God,
Heb 4:12 For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.
55:12-13, God’s Thoughts are thoughts of Blessing

12 For ye shall go out with joy, and be led forth with peace

Jeremiah’s Echo of Peace

Jer 29:11 For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, saith the LORD, thoughts of peace, and not of evil, to give you an expected end.

From what are they to “go out”?

Isa 48:20 Go ye forth of Babylon, flee ye from the Chaldeans, with a voice of singing declare ye, tell this, utter it even to the end of the earth; say ye, The LORD hath redeemed his servant Jacob.

Isa 52:11 Depart ye, depart ye, go ye out from thence, touch no unclean thing; go ye out of the midst of her; be ye clean, that bear the vessels of the LORD.

Rev 18:2, 4 Babylon the great is fallen, is fallen, and is become the habitation of devils, and the hold of every foul spirit, and a cage of every unclean and hateful bird. … Come out of her, my people, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues.

2Co 6:17 Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you,
56:1-8, Promise of Inclusion

1, The Commitment Stated

1a The Requirement: Judgment and Justice
1b The Occasion: God’s salvation & righteousness

2-8, The Commitment Illustrated

2 Opening Summary
Lay Hold, Sabbath

3-7a Excluded People Restored

3 The Categories Excluded from the Congregation

3a Son of the Stranger Exod 12:43, 48; Lev 22:25.

3b Eunuch Deut 23:1

4-7a The Categories Restored to God’s House

4-5 Eunuch: everlasting name

6-7a Son of Stranger: offerings accepted

7b-8, Closing Summary נאם יוהו
All people, outcasts, God’s house
Isa 56:1 Keep ye judgment, and do justice:

Gen 18:19 For I know him, that he will command his children and his household after him, and they shall keep the way of the LORD, to do justice and judgment; that the LORD may bring upon Abraham that which he hath spoken of him.

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Ezek 18:5, 19, 21, 27; 33:14, 16, 19 do that which is lawful (judgment) and right (justice, righteousness)

Luk 11:39 And the Lord said unto him, Now do ye Pharisees make clean the outside of the cup and the platter (judgment); but your inward part is full of ravening and wickedness (no righteousness).
### Matt 5:17-48

Exceeding the righteousness of the scribes and Pharisees...

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<td>21 Thou shalt not kill</td>
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<td>27 Thou shalt not commit adultery</td>
<td>28 Do not lust</td>
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<td>33 Perform unto the Lord thine oaths</td>
<td>34 Swear not at all</td>
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<td>38 An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth</td>
<td>39 Resist not evil</td>
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<td>43 Love thy neighbor</td>
<td>44 Love your enemies</td>
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Psa 36:5-6 Thy mercy, O LORD, is in the heavens;

and thy faithfulness reacheth unto the clouds.

Thy righteousness = justice is like the great mountains

thy judgments are a great deep:

God’s character (Exod 34:6)

What he expects of us
# A Motive for Godliness

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<td>Lk12:35-37</td>
<td>Let your loins be girded about, and your lights burning</td>
<td>And ye yourselves like unto men that wait for their Lord, when he shall return ...</td>
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<td>Paul</td>
<td>Ti 2:12-13</td>
<td>We should live soberly, righteously, and godly in this present world,</td>
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<td>1Jn 2:28</td>
<td>abide in him; that, ... we may have confidence, and not be ashamed before him ...</td>
<td>... when he shall appear, ... at his coming.</td>
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<td>1 Jn 3:2-3</td>
<td>3 every man that hath this hope in him purifieth himself</td>
<td>2 when he shall appear ... we shall see him as he is</td>
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<td>Peter</td>
<td>2 Pt 3:14</td>
<td>Be diligent that ye may be found of him in peace, without spot, and blameless</td>
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<td>Blessed is the man that doeth this, and the son of man that layeth hold on it; that keepeth the sabbath from polluting it, and keepeth his hand from doing any evil.</td>
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<td>3a</td>
<td>Neither let the <strong>son of the stranger</strong>, that hath joined himself to the LORD, speak, saying, The LORD hath utterly separated me from his people:</td>
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<td>neither let the <strong>eunuch</strong> say, Behold, I am a dry tree.</td>
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<td>4-5</td>
<td>For thus saith the LORD unto the <strong>eunuchs</strong> that keep my sabbaths, and choose the things that please me, and <strong>take hold of my covenant</strong>; 5 Even unto them will I give in <strong>mine house</strong> and within my walls a place and a name better than of sons and of daughters: I will give them an everlasting name, that shall not be cut off.</td>
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<td>6-7</td>
<td>Also the <strong>sons of the stranger</strong>, that join themselves to the LORD, to serve him, and to love the name of the LORD, to be his servants, every one that <strong>keepeth the sabbath from polluting it</strong>, and <strong>taketh hold of my covenant</strong>; 7 Even them will I bring to my holy mountain, and make them joyful in <strong>my house of prayer</strong>: their burnt offerings and their sacrifices shall be accepted upon mine altar;</td>
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<td>7b-8</td>
<td>for <strong>mine house</strong> shall be called an <strong>house of prayer</strong> for <strong>all people</strong>, which gathereth the outcasts of Israel.</td>
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<td>saith the Lord GOD, Yet will I gather others to him it, beside those that are gathered unto him it.</td>
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56:9-57:13, Summons to the Wicked

56:9-57:2 “All ye beasts ... come to devour”:
Judgment Prepared

56:9-12 The Wicked Condemned:
10 “His watchmen are blind ...”

57:1-2 The Righteous Assured:
2 “He shall enter into peace ...”

57:3-13 “Draw near ..., ye sons of the sorceress”: Defendant Summoned

57:3-13a The Wicked Condemned:
4 “are ye not children of transgression?”

57:13b The Righteous Assured:
“He that putteth his trust in me shall possess the land”
Roles in the Metaphor of the Flock

Beasts of the field ...

Sheepdog

Shepherd

Sheep
KJV of 56:9
Where are the Sheep?

All ye of the field yea come to devour beasts

All ye in the forest
An Alternative Parsing

KJV:

All ye of the field, beasts

yea, all ye in the forest

come, to devour

MT Accents:

All of the field, beasts
come, to devour, beasts

to devour, all in the forest

KJV:

All ye of the field, beasts

yea, all ye in the forest

come, to devour
## Failings in Isa 56:10-12

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<td><strong>Insensitive to the Threat</strong></td>
<td>10b they <em>are all</em> dumb dogs, they <em>cannot</em> bark;</td>
<td>11b and they <em>are</em> shepherds, they <em>cannot</em> understand:</td>
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<td><strong>Lazy</strong></td>
<td>10c sleeping, lying down, loving to slumber.</td>
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<td><strong>Self-Serving</strong></td>
<td>11a Yea, they <em>are greedy</em> dogs, they can <em>never</em> have enough,</td>
<td>11c they all look to their own way, every one for his gain, from his quarter. 12 Come ye, say <em>they</em>, I will fetch wine, and we will fill ourselves with strong drink; and to morrow shall be as this day, <em>and</em> much more abundant.</td>
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The Wife of the Lord in Isaiah

Passages marked by second person singular ("thou,""thee,""thy") feminine pronouns and verb forms

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| 49:14-50:3 | A woman forsaken of her husband and bereaved of her children  
• Comfort to the mother  
• Condemnation to the children | Present Judgment |
| 51:17-52:6 | Jerusalem mourns; Zion rejoices | (Synopsis of 49-50 & 54) |
| 54:1-17 | Barren Sarah redeemed and made fruitful | Future Restoration |
| 57:3-13 | Sorceress and harlot  
• Both children and mother condemned | Past Sin |
| 60, 62 | Blessings on Zion | Future Restoration |
A “Literary Form”

- Definition: A set of recognized **elements** in a standard **order**.
- Place in structure: discontinuous alternation (ABC ABC)
- Example: What do you know from these elements alone?
  1. <date>
  2. <name1 and address>
  3. “Dear Sir:”
  4. <bunch of text>
  5. “Sincerely yours,”
  6. <name2>

- Other examples:
  - NT letters
  - Prophetic oracles (Jeremiah)
  - Different types of psalms (Corporate and Individual Lament, Corporate and Individual Declarative Praise, Descriptive Praise, Song of Victory, Epiphany, …)
  - Covenant Lawsuit (ריב)
57:3-13a, a Covenant Lawsuit (ריב)

3, **Summons**: “draw nigh hither”

4-5, **Interrogative** Accusation: “Against whom ...? Against whom ...? Are ye not ...?"

6-11, **Declaration** of Rebellion

6, Condemnation of the **Sorceress**
→ 6b, Question: “Should I receive comfort...?”

7-11, Condemnation of the **Whore**
• 7-8, the metaphor: faithlessness to the Lord
• 9-10, the reality: trust in foreign kings
→ 11, Question: “Of whom ...? Have not I ...?”

12-13a, **Threat** of Judgment

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Masculine plural: the children (cf. 50:1-3)

Feminine singular: the mother (cf. 49:14-26)
Solomon’s “Mount of Offense”

Temple Mount

Mount of Olives

Palace

Kidron Valley

Mount of Offense

http://www.templemount.org/moriah.html
View from NW (Google Earth)

Mount of Olives

Mount of Offense

Temple Mount
View from South

Temple Mount

Palace

Mount of Olives

Mount of Offense
2Ki 16:7-8 Ahaz sent messengers to Tiglathpileser, king of Assyria, saying, I am thy servant and thy son: come up, and save me out of the hand of the king of Syria, and out of the hand of the king of Israel, which rise up against me. 8 And Ahaz took the silver and gold that was found in the house of the LORD, and in the treasures of the king's house, and sent it for a present to the king of Assyria.
v.9, Israel’s Harlotry, ~701 BC

Isa 30:1-7 Woe to the rebellious children, saith the LORD, that take counsel, but not of me; and that cover with a covering, but not of my spirit, that they may add sin to sin: 2 That walk to go down into Egypt, and have not asked at my mouth; to strengthen themselves in the strength of Pharaoh, and to trust in the shadow of Egypt! 3 Therefore shall the strength of Pharaoh be your shame, and the trust in the shadow of Egypt your confusion. 4 For his princes were at Zoan, and his ambassadors came to Hanes. 5 They were all ashamed of a people that could not profit them, nor be an help nor profit, but a shame, and also a reproach. 6 The burden of the beasts of the south: into the land of trouble and anguish, from whence come the young and old lion, the viper and fiery flying serpent, they will carry their riches upon the shoulders of young asses, and their treasures upon the bunches of camels, to a people that shall not profit them. 7 For the Egyptians shall help in vain, and to no purpose: therefore have I cried concerning this, Their strength is to sit still.
# Alternation in Isa 57:10

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<th>10a Thou art wearied in the greatness of thy way,</th>
<th>10c Thou has found the life of thine hand,</th>
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<td>Emotional effect</td>
<td>10b yet saidst thou not, “There is no hope.”</td>
<td>10d therefore thou was not grieved.</td>
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4 In whom is your delight?
11 And of whom hast thou been afraid or feared?
# 57:11 and the Woes of ch. 29-30

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<td>29:13 Wherefore the Lord said, Forasmuch as this people draw near me with their mouth, and with their lips do honour me, but have removed their heart far from me, and their fear toward me is taught by the precept of men:</td>
<td>11a And of whom hast thou been afraid or feared,</td>
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<td>30:1-2 Woe to the rebellious children, saith the LORD, that take counsel, but not of me; and that cover with a covering, but not of my spirit, that they may add sin to sin: 2 That walk to go down into Egypt, and have not asked at my mouth; to strengthen themselves in the strength of Pharaoh, and to trust in the shadow of Egypt!</td>
<td>9 And thou wentest to the king with ointment, and didst increase thy perfumes, and didst send thy messengers far off,</td>
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<td>30:9 this is a rebellious people, lying children, children that will not hear the law of the LORD:</td>
<td>11b that thou hast lied, and hast not remembered me, nor laid it to thy heart?</td>
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57:13 Possessing the Land

Instances of verbs ירש or נחל

The Conquest

Obadiah: 4/393
### Closer and Closer

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<td>Return from Babylon</td>
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<td>Today</td>
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Isa 2:2-3 And it shall come to pass in the last days, *that* the mountain of the LORD'S house shall be established in the top of the mountains, and shall be exalted above the hills; and all nations shall flow unto it. 3 And many people shall go and say, Come ye, and let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob; and he will teach us of his ways, and we will walk in his paths: for out of Zion shall go forth the law, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.
Three Characteristics of God

Isa 57:15 For thus saith

- the **high** and lofty One
- that **inhabiteth** eternally,
- whose name is **Holy**;

I **dwell** in the **high** and **holy** place,
### God is Eternally Immanent

15b “…that inhabiteth שָׁכן eternity עַד…”

- שָׁכן is almost always adverbial → “that inhabiteth eternally”
- “inhabiteth”: compare two words for God’s dwelling

| שָׁכן | 1087x, 42 of God  
Unmarked term  
Often used of God’s heavenly abode | 1Ki 8:27 But will God indeed dwell יַשִּׁב on the earth? behold, the heaven and heaven of heavens cannot contain thee; how much less this house that I have builded? |
|-------|-------------------------------------------------|
| יֵשָׁב | 130x, 43x of God  
Special meaning; cf. משכן “tent, tabernacle” | Deu 12:11 Then there shall be a place which the LORD your God shall choose to cause his name to dwell יֵשָׁב there; thither shall ye bring all that I command you; your burnt offerings, and your sacrifices, your tithes, and the heave offering of your hand, and all your choice vows which ye vow unto the LORD: |

→ 15b “that resides eternally” (among his people)
Isa 57:17  For the iniquity of his covetousness was I wroth, and smote him: I hid me and was wroth, and he went on frowardly in the way of his heart.

Chiasm: ABC-CBA

A: Sin
B: Impact on God
C: God’s response

Progression:
• Initial sin
• God’s wrath
• External consequences
• Rom 1 abandonment
• Wrath continues
• Ongoing decline
19 “creating the fruit of the lips”

What is the connection? Is “the fruit of the lips”
- The **result** of the restoration, or
- The **means** of the restoration?
The Work of the Massoretes

Isa 2:3b-4

Top: 1QIsa-a (the great Qumran Isaiah scroll), ca. 150 BC

Right: Leningrad Codex, ca. AD 1008
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