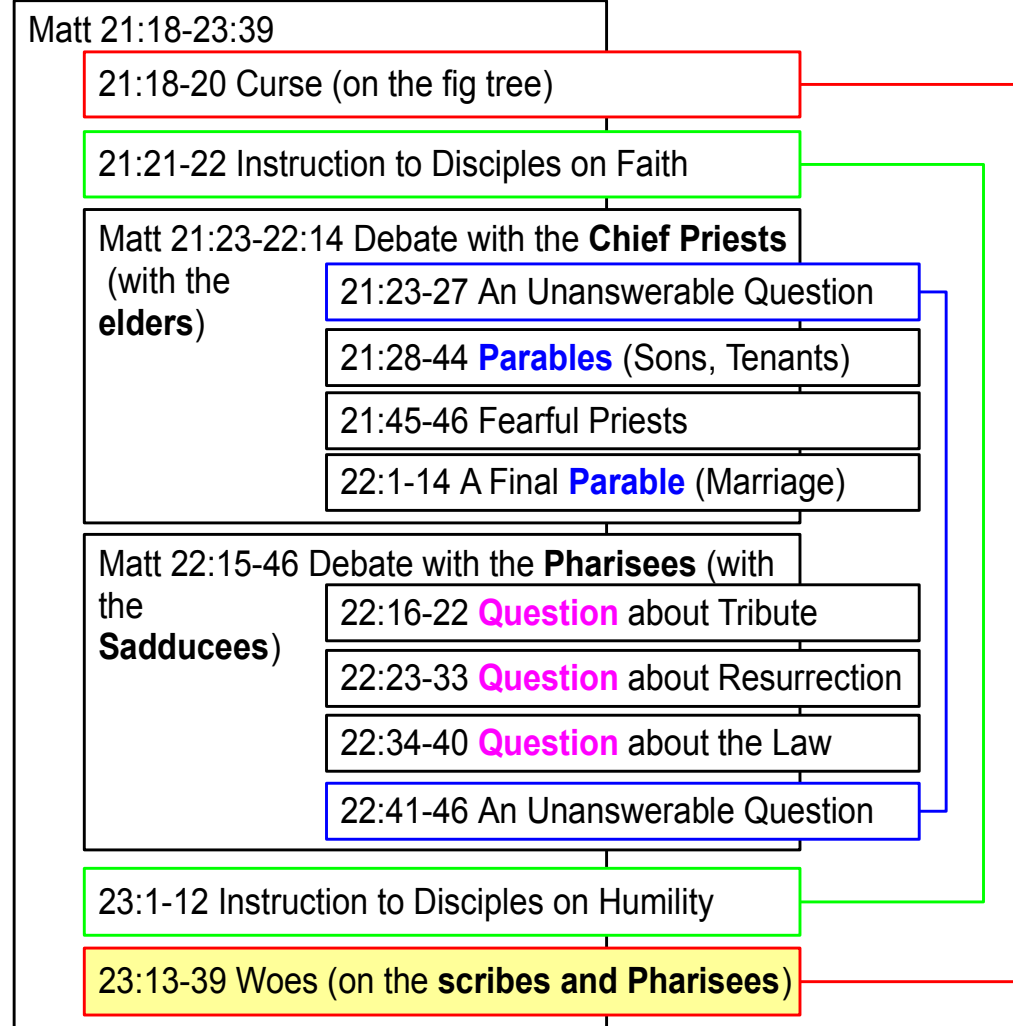
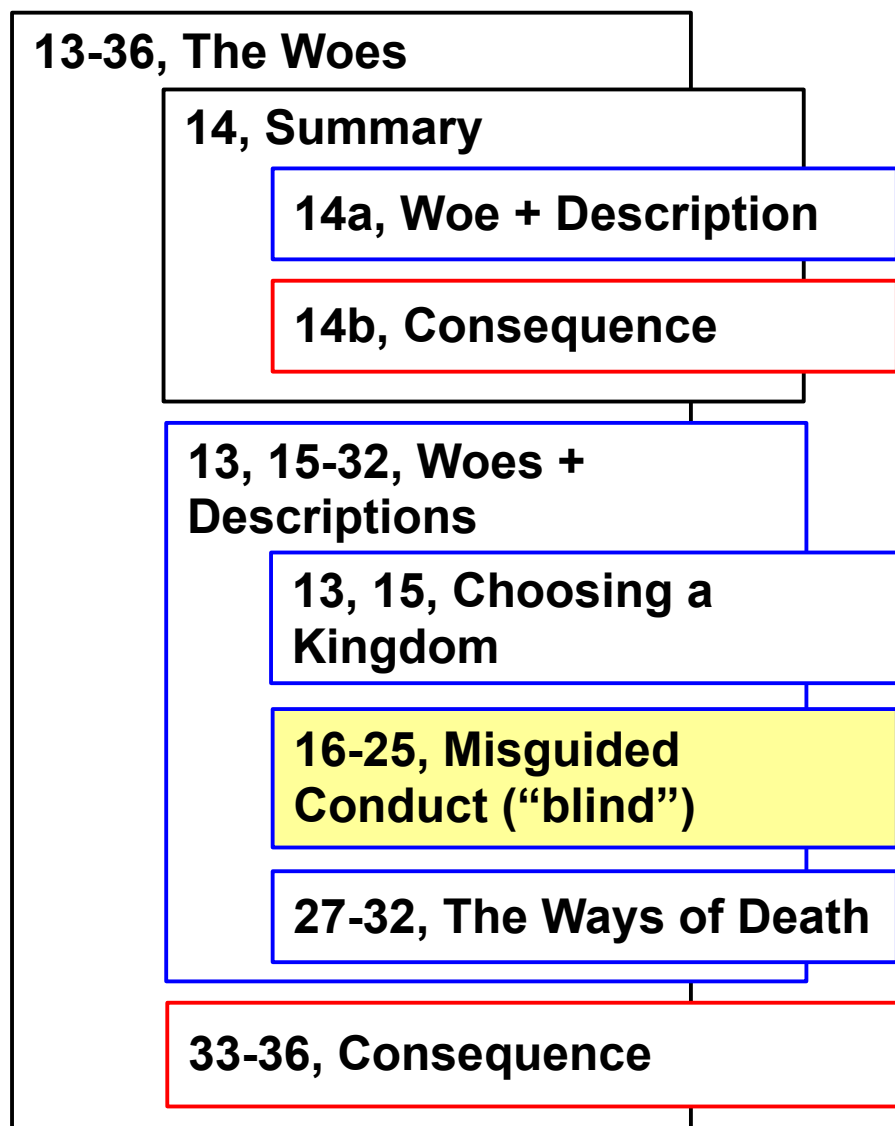


# Treasure Hunt

- Is the Lord the first one to suggest that judgment, mercy, and faith(fulness) are more important than offerings?
- What does the third of these words mean?
- What in the central woe corresponds to the gnat? To the camel?
- How does the fifth woe differ from the third and fourth?
- What is the common theme of the last two woes, and how does it fit into the overall sequence of woes?
- Is the Lord the first to recognize the persistent practice of Judaism of persecuting its prophets?
- Why does the Lord command the Pharisees to sin in v. 32?

# Structure of the Woes



ABA'B' summary alternation

- AB = Table of Contents
- A'B' = Detail
- Extremely common throughout the Bible

# Offerings and Other Duties

Offerings are important:

Lev 27:30 And all the tithe of the land, whether of the seed of the land, or of the fruit of the tree, is the LORD'S: it is holy unto the LORD.

Deu 14:22 Thou shalt truly tithe all the increase of thy seed, that the field bringeth forth year by year.

Something else is more important:

Mic 6:6 Wherewith shall I come before the LORD, *and* bow myself before the high God? shall I come before him with burnt offerings, with calves of a year old? 7 Will the LORD be pleased with thousands of rams, *or* with ten thousands of rivers of oil? shall I give my firstborn *for* my transgression, the fruit of my body *for* the sin of my soul? 8 He hath shewed thee, O man, what *is* good; and what doth the LORD require of thee, but **to do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God?**

Hos 6:6 For I desired **mercy**, and not sacrifice; and the **knowledge of God** more than burnt offerings.

Hos 12:6 Therefore turn thou to thy God: keep **mercy** and **judgment**, and **wait on thy God** continually.

# More than Sacrifice...

## The Value and Limits of Judgment

Gen 18:19 he will command his children and his household after him, and they shall keep the way of the LORD, to do justice and **judgment**.

Psa 40:8 I delight to do thy will, O my God: yea, **thy law** is within my heart.

Phi 3:6 touching the righteousness which is in the law, blameless.

Matt 23:23	Mic 6:8	Hos 6:6	Hos 12:6
Judgment κρισις	Do justly ("judgment")		Judgment
Mercy ελεος	Love mercy	Mercy	Mercy
Faith[fulness] ΠΙΣΤΙΣ	Walk humbly with thy God	Knowledge of God	Wait on thy God

## Faith vs. Works?

Rom 4:6 Even as David also describeth the blessedness of the man, unto whom God imputeth righteousness without works, 7 *Saying*, Blessed *are* they whose iniquities are forgiven, and whose sins are covered. 8 Blessed *is* the man to whom the Lord will not impute sin.

Rom 8:4 That the righteousness of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.

# Cleaning the Dishes

Mar 7:4 And many other things there be, which they have received to hold, *as* the washing [dipping] of cups, and pots, brasen vessels, and of tables.

Lev 11:31 These [various unclean animals, such as mice] *are* unclean to you among all that creep: whosoever doth touch them, when they be dead, shall be unclean until the even. 32 And upon whatsoever *any* of them, when they are dead, doth fall, it shall be unclean; whether *it be* any **vessel** of wood, or raiment, or skin, or sack, whatsoever **vessel** *it be*, wherein *any* work is done, it must be put into water, and it shall be unclean until the even; so it shall be cleansed. 33 And every earthen **vessel**, whereinto *any* of them falleth, whatsoever *is* in it shall be unclean; and ye shall break it.

# v. 27 Whited Sepulchres



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**13-36, The Woes**

**14, Summary**

**14a, Woe + Description**

**14b, Consequence**

**13, 15-32, Woes +  
Descriptions**

**13, 15, Choosing a  
Kingdom**

**16-25, Misguided  
Conduct (“blind”)**

**27-32, The Ways of Death**

**33-36, Consequence**

# The Effect of Killing Prophets

2Ch 36:14 Moreover all the chief of the priests, and the people, transgressed very much after all the abominations of the heathen; and polluted the house of the LORD which he had hallowed in Jerusalem. 15 And the LORD God of their fathers sent to them by his messengers, rising up betimes, and sending; because he had compassion on his people, and on his dwelling place: 16 But they **mocked the messengers of God**, and despised his words, and **misused his prophets**, until the wrath of the LORD arose against his people, till *there was* no remedy. 17 **Therefore** he brought upon them the king of the Chaldees, who slew their young men with the sword in the house of their sanctuary, and had no compassion upon young man or maiden, old man, or him that stooped for age: he gave *them* all into his hand.

Neh 9:26 Nevertheless they were disobedient, and rebelled against thee, and cast thy law behind their backs, and **slew thy prophets** which testified against them to turn them to thee, and they wrought great provocations. ... 28 and many times didst thou deliver them according to thy mercies; 29 And testifiedst against them, that thou mightest bring them again unto thy law: yet they dealt proudly, and **hearkened not unto thy commandments**, but sinned against thy judgments, ... 30 Yet many years didst thou forbear them, and testifiedst against them by thy spirit in thy prophets: **yet would they not give ear:**

# v. 32 Fill ye up then the measure ...

The measure...

Gen 15:16 But in the fourth generation they shall come hither again: for the iniquity of the Amorites is **not yet full**.

1Th 2:16  
Forbidding us to speak to the Gentiles that they might be saved, to **fill up their sins** alway: for the wrath is come upon them to the uttermost.

Ironie commands

Isa 8:9 **Associate** yourselves, O ye people, and ye shall be broken in pieces; and give ear, all ye of far countries: **gird** yourselves, and ye shall be broken in pieces; gird yourselves, and ye shall be broken in pieces. 10 **Take counsel together**, and it shall come to nought; **speak the word**, and it shall not stand: for God *is* with us.

Amo 4:4 Come to Bethel, and **transgress**; at Gilgal **multiply transgression**; and bring your sacrifices every morning, *and* your tithes after three years: 5 And offer a sacrifice of thanksgiving with leaven, and proclaim *and* publish the free offerings: for this liketh you, O ye children of Israel, saith the Lord GOD.

Rev 22:11 He that is unjust, **let him be unjust** still: and he which is filthy, **let him be filthy** still: and he that is righteous, let him be righteous still: and he that is holy, let him be holy still.