

Contrast Between the Wicked and the Righteous

Isaiah 56:9—58:14 and 65:1—66:17

Isaiah 56:9—58:14 [B]		
56:9-12	Wicked: <i>irresponsible leaders</i>	
	9	<i>beasts come to devour</i>
	10-12	<i>watchmen are blind, dog w/appetite, foolish shepherds</i>
57:1-13		
	1-2	Righteous: <i>persecuted, but will be vindicated</i>
	3-13a	Wicked
	3-4	<i>Mockers</i>
	5-8	<i>wicked religious practices (child sacrifice)</i>
	9-10	<i>military alliances</i>
	11-13a	<i>let your collection of idols deliver you</i>
	57:13b	Righteous: <i>trust in YHWH and possess the land</i>
57:14-21		
	14-19	Righteous
	14	<i>prepare the way, remove obstacles</i>
	15	<i>YHWH dwells with the humble</i>
	16-19	<i>I will heal him (the backslider)</i>
	20-21	Wicked
	20	<i>the wicked cannot be quiet</i>
	21	<i>no peace for the wicked</i>
58:1-14	True/false fasting	
	1-5	Wicked
	1-2	<i>act “as if” they were righteous</i>
	3-5	<i>complain YHWH not respond to fasting</i>
	6-7	Righteous
	6-7	<i>true fasting: care for poor</i>
	8-14	if / then
	8-9a	then: <i>YHWH will bless you</i>
	9b-10a	if: <i>care for hungry, afflicted</i>
	10b-12	then: <i>blessing (repair the breach)</i>
	13	if: <i>keep the Sabbath</i>
	14	then: <i>blessing</i>

Isaiah 65:1—66:17 [B’]		
65:1-7	Wicked	
	1-2a	<i>YHWH invited repentance, but the rebellious nation did not</i>
	2b-5a	<i>illicit sacrifices, unkosher food</i>
	5b-7	<i>I will repay</i>
65:8-10	Righteous	
	8	<i>I will not destroy them all</i>
	9-10	<i>offspring from Jacob/Judah seek me, will dwell in the land</i>
65:11-15	Wicked	
	11-12	<i>forsake YHWH (and holy mountain), destined for the sword</i>
	13-15	<i>contrast the fate of “my servants” and these wicked ones</i>
65:16-25	Righteous	
	16-19	<i>former things give way to new heavens + new earth</i>
	20-24	<i>no more: weeping, short lifespan, stolen produce</i>
	25	<i>wolf, lamb, lion, ox graze together</i>
66:1-2	Righteous: <i>the one to home I will look (humble, tremble at my word)</i>	
66:3-4	Wicked: <i>harsh treatment for those who practice false religion</i>	
66:5-14	Righteous (Zion)	
	5-6	<i>brothers who hate you will be overthrown when Lord enters</i>
	7-9	<i>sudden return to land like woman giving birth without labor</i>
	10-14	<i>Jerusalem source of comfort, nations will bring their wealth</i>
66:15-17	Wicked	
	15-16	<i>the Lord will come in fire</i>
	17	<i>those who eat pig’s flesh will come to an end</i>