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Chaistic Structure of 3 Isaiah

- A** 56:1–8 — Foreign Worshipers
- B** 56:9—59:15a — Ethical Righteousness
- C** 59:15b–21 — Divine Warrior
- D** 60—62 — Eschatological Hope
- C'** 63:1–6 — Divine Warrior
- B'** 63:7—66:15 — Ethical Righteousness
- A'** 66:18–24 — Foreign Worshipers

Lament Structure

Isaiah 63–64

63:7–14

63:15–19

64:1–6

64:7–12

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Historical Reminiscence

Complaint

Confession

Petition

[Declaration of Trust / Vow]

Psalms 44

44:1–8

44:9–16

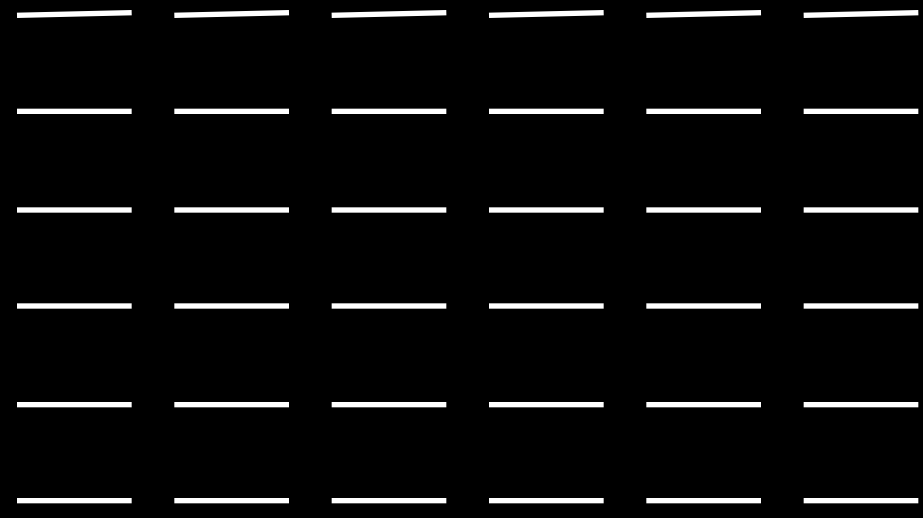
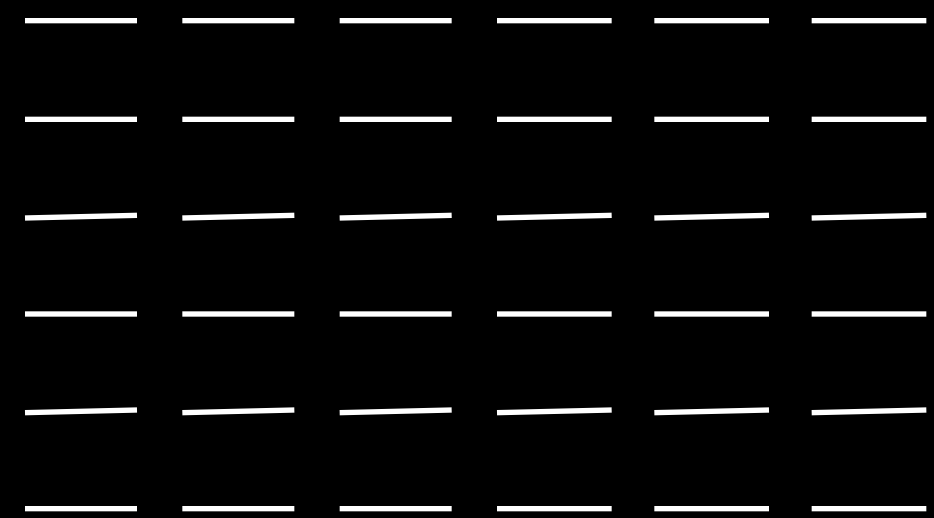
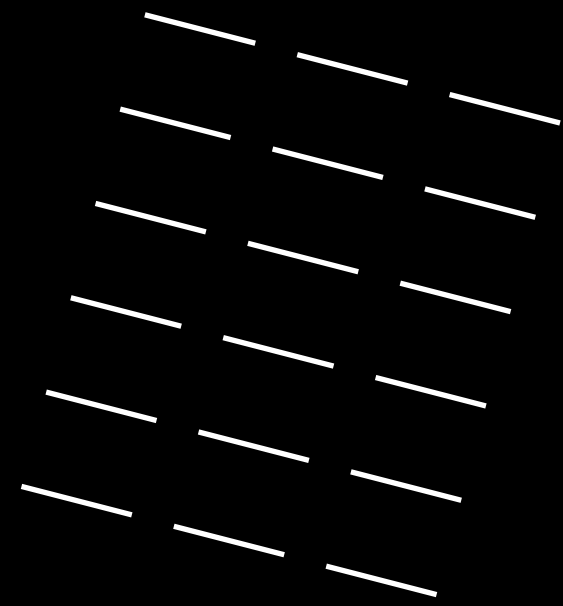
44:17–22

44:23–26

Watchman

The Lord

People



Isaiah 58:6–7

Is not this the fast that I choose:

to **loose the bonds of wickedness,**
to **undo the straps of the yoke,**
to **let the oppressed go free,**
and to **break every yoke?**

Is it not

to **share your bread with the hungry**
and **bring the homeless poor into your house;**
when **you see the naked,** to **cover him,**
and **not to hide yourself** from your own flesh?

Throughout Isaiah, as throughout the Bible, this question is stressed: Who supplies my needs? The answer is found in another of the divine paradoxes that fill the Bible: to grab is to lose, to let go is to get. That is, if I make my abundance the goal of my existence, I invariably discover that the abundance I have gained is an abundance of nothing.

—*John N. Oswalt*

2 Timothy 3:16

All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable

for **teaching,**

for **reproof,**

for **correction,**

and for **training in righteousness,**

that the **messenger of God** may be complete,
equipped for every good work.

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