

The Prophetic Rhetorical Template

The Parable of the Two Buildings: Isaiah 28:14-20

^{28:14} Therefore *hear the word of the Lord*, you scoffers,
who *rule* this people in *Jerusalem!*

¹⁵ Because you have said,

1. a. "We have made a *covenant with death*,
- b. and *with Sheol we have an agreement*;
- c. when the *overwhelming scourge passes through*
- d. it will *not come to us*;

COVENANT WITH
Death, Sheol affirmed!
Scourge avoided (?)

2. a. for we have made *lies* our *refuge*,
- b. and in *falsehood* we have *taken shelter*;"

REFUGE
Shelter

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3. ¹⁶ therefore thus says the Lord God,
"Behold, I am laying in *Zion* for a *foundation*
a *stone*, a *tested stone*,
a *precious cornerstone*, a *sure foundation*:"

BUILDING
Material

4. 'He who *believes* (in it - LXX)
will *not be shaken*.'

BELIEVER
Not Shaken

5. ¹⁷ And I will make *justice* the *line*,
and *righteousness* the *plummet*;

BUILDING
Tools

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6. a. and *hail* will *sweep away the refuge of lies*,
 - b. and *waters* will *overwhelm the shelter*."

REFUGE
Shelter

7. a. ¹⁸Then *your covenant with death* will be *annulled*,
- b. and *your agreement with Sheol* will *not stand*;
- c. when the *overwhelming scourge passes through*
- d. you will be *beaten down by it*.

COVENANT WITH
Death, Sheol Canceled!
Scourge Beats Down

4.1 *Men and Women Prophets and How they Should Dress (11:2-17)*

1. ^{11:3}Now (*de*) I want you to understand that
the head (origin) of every man is Christ,
the head (origin) of women is man,
the head (origin) of Christ is God. A THEOLOGICAL
Principle
2. ⁴Any man who prays or prophesies
with his head covered
dishonors his head, CHURCH PRACTICE
(and its reason)
⁵and any woman who prays or prophesies
with her head unveiled
dishonors her head -
3. for it is the same as if her head were shaved,
⁶for if a woman (prophet) will not veil herself,
then let her cut off her hair; EXAMPLE - WOMEN
But if it is disgraceful for a woman to be shorn or shaved
then let her wear a veil. (shaved = dishonor/disgrace)
4. ⁷For a man ought not to cover the head,
since he is the image and glory of God;
and woman is the glory of man. MEN - NOT COVER
Gen. 1:27
5. ⁸For man is not from (*ek*) woman,
but (*alla*) woman is from (*ek*) man. MAN - Not From Woman
Woman from Man (Gen 2:21)
6. ⁹For man was not created because of (*dia*) woman,
but woman because of (*dia*) the man. DEPENDENCE
Gen. 2:18
7. ¹⁰Because of (*dia*) this
the woman should have authority on the head,
because of (*dia*) the angels. AUTHORITY
8. ¹¹More specifically (*plen*), woman is not independent of man
nor man independent of woman in the Lord; DEPENDENCE
9. ¹²for as the woman is from (*ek*) the man,
so also the man is (born) through (*dia*) the woman.
And all things are from (*ek*) God. WOMAN - From Man
& Man Through Woman
Gen. 1:27
10. ¹³Judge among yourselves:
is it proper for a woman to pray to God unveiled? WOMEN - VEILED
11. ¹⁴Does not nature itself teach you
that for a man to wear long hair
it is dishonor to him, EXAMPLE - MEN
¹⁵but if a woman has long hair,
it is her glory? EXAMPLE - WOMEN
For her hair is given to her for a covering. (long hair = glory)
12. ¹⁶If anyone is disposed to be contentious
we recognize no other practice,
nor do the churches of God. CHURCH PRACTICE
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4.3 *Gifts and the Nature of the Body I Cor. 12:1-30*

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1. ^{12,1}Now concerning *spiritual gifts*, brethren,
I do not want you to be ignorant. INTRODUCTION
2. ²You know that when you were *gentiles*,
you were led astray to *dumb idols*,
however you may have been *moved*.
3. ³Therefore I want you to understand
that *no one* speaking by the *Spirit of God*
ever says, "*Jesus be cursed!*"
and no one can say, "*Jesus is Lord,*"
except by the *Holy Spirit*.
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4. ⁴Now there are *varieties of gifts*, A. A VARIETY OF GIFTS
and the same *Spirit*;
⁵and there are *varieties of ministries*, SPIRIT
and the same *Lord*, LORD
⁶and there are *varieties of energizings* GOD
and the same *God who energizes* them all in everyone.¹
- 5a ⁷To each is given the *manifestation of the Spirit*
for the *common good*. SPIRIT
For the Common Good
- b. ⁸To one is given through the Spirit a word of *wisdom*,
to another a *word of knowledge* according to the same Spirit,
⁹to another *faith* by the same Spirit,
to another *gifts of healing* by the one Spirit,
¹⁰to another the *working of miracles*, GIFTS
to another *prophecy*,
to another the ability to *distinguish between spirits*,
to another various *kinds of tongues*,
to another the *interpretation of tongues*.
- c. ¹¹All these are *inspired by one* and the *same Spirit*, SPIRIT
who apportioned *to each one individually as he wills*. For the Individual
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6. ¹²For just as the *body is one*
and has *many members*, B. THE BODY OF CHRIST
ONE BODY (+many members)
7. and all the *members of the body*,
though many, are *one body*, CHRIST
so it is with *Christ*. (one and many)
8. ¹³For by *one Spirit* we were *all baptized into one body* -
Jews or Greeks, slaves or free - SPIRIT
and all given to *drink of one Spirit*. (one and many)
9. ¹⁴For the body does *not* consist of *one member*
but of *many*. ONE BODY (+many members)
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- 10a. ¹⁵If the *foot* should say,
"Because I am *not a hand*,
I do *not belong* to the body,"
that would *not make it any less* a part of the *body*. C. THE PHYSICAL BODY
(a parable)
- b. ¹⁶And if the *ear* should say,
"Because I am *not an eye*,
I do *not belong* to the body," I DO NOT
Belong
that would *not make it any less* a part of the *body*.

¹ My translation. I have created an English word trying to catch the play on words in the Greek text.

11. ¹⁷If the whole body were an *eye*,
where would be the hearing?
 If the whole body were an *ear*,
where would be the sense of smell? ALL ARE
 Needed
12. ¹⁸But as it is, *God arranged the organs in the body*,
 each one of them as *he chose*.
¹⁹If all were a single organ,
where would the body be?
²⁰But as it is, there are *many parts*,
 yet *one body*. GOD ARRANGES
 God Chooses
13. ²¹The *eye* cannot say *to the hand*,
 "I have *no need of you*,"
 nor again the *head to the feet*,
 "I have *no need of you*." ALL ARE
 Needed
- 14a. ²²On the contrary, the *parts of the body*
 which seem to be *weaker*
 are *indispensable*,
 b. ²³And those *parts of the body*
 which we think *less honorable* I AM
 we invest with *greater honor*, Inferior
 c. and our *unpresentable parts*
 are treated with *greater modesty*,
²⁴which our presentable parts do not require.
 d. But God has so *adjusted the body*,
 to the *inferior part*,
 giving the *greater honor*
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15. ²⁵that there may be *no discord* in the body, *B. THE BODY OF CHRIST*
 but that the members may have the same care for one another.
16. ²⁶If *one member suffers*,
all suffer together, SUFFER TOGETHER
 if *one member is honored*, Honored Together
all rejoice together.
17. ²⁷For you are the body of Christ
 and individually members of it. YOU ARE
 Body of Christ
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18. ²⁸God has appointed in the church *A. A VARIETY OF GIFTS*
 first apostles,
 second prophets,
 third teachers,
 then workers of miracles,
 then gifts in healing,
 helpers,
 administrators,
 speakers in various kinds of tongues.
19. ²⁹Are all apostles?
 Are all prophets?
 Are all teachers?
 Do all work miracles?
³⁰Do all possess gifts of healing?
 Do all speak in tongues?
 Do all interpret?

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The Hymn to Love (I Cor. 12:31-14:1)**ZEAL FOR THE SPIRITUAL GIFTS** (A strenuous journey)

1. ^{12:30}And continue in zeal (*zeloo*) for the highest spiritual gifts (*charismata*).
And in addition, I will give directions for a journey over a mountain pass (*huperbolen hodon*).
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2. ^{13:1}If I speak in the *tongues* of men
and of angels,
but *have not love*,
I am banging brass or a clanging cymbal. LOVE AND:
Tongues
Prophecy
Knowledge
3. ²And if I have *prophetic powers*
and understand all *mysteries* and all *knowledge*,
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4. and if I have all *faith*
so as to remove mountains,
but *have not love*,
I am nothing. LOVE AND THE
Spiritual Gifts
5. ³And if I dole out all my possessions,
and if I surrender my body so *that I may boast*,
but *have not love*,
I gain nothing. LOVE AND:
Faith
Hope
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6. ⁴Love is *patient*.
Kind is love: LOVE DEFINED
Positively LOVE AND:
Knowledge
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7. not jealous,
not boastful,
⁵not arrogant,
not rude,
8. *not seeking (zeteo) what is for itself*,
9. not quick to anger,
not keeping records of wrongs,
⁶not rejoicing in unrighteousness
but rejoicing in community when truth prevails, LOVE DEFINED
Negatively
10. ⁷covers all, believes all,
hopes all, *patiently endures all*. LOVE DEFINED
Positively LOVE AND:
Faith
Hope
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11. ⁸Love never falls.
as for *prophecy*, it will be *discarded*;
as for *tongues*, they will cease;
as for *knowledge*, it will be *discarded*. LOVE AND:
Prophecy
Tongues
Knowledge
(- Three Discarded)
12. ⁹For our knowledge is *imperfect*
and our prophecy is *imperfect*.
¹⁰But when the *perfect comes*,
the *imperfect* will be *discarded*. - Imperfect-
+ Perfect
13. ¹¹When I was a child,
I *spoke* like a child,
I *thought* like a child,
I *reasoned* like a child.
When I became a man
I *discarded* my childish ways. LOVE AND THE
Spiritual Gifts PARABLE
Child &
Man
(Maturation
& Discard)
14. ¹²For now we see in a *mirror dimly*,
then *face to face*.
Now my knowledge is *imperfect*,
then I shall *know* fully as I am *fully known*. - Imperfect-
+ Perfect
15. ¹³And thus there abides
faith, hope and love,
these three;
but the *highest* of these is *love*. LOVE AND:
Faith
Hope
(+ Three Abide)
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16. ^{14:1} Run after love
and continue in zeal (*zeloo*) for the *spiritual gifts*. (*pneumatika*). ZEAL FOR THE SPIRITUAL GIFTS: Strive For Love