

## 37 jiaren/household



*Augury favourable for women.*

Base (9): Making a household secure.

*Troubles disappear.*

(6) 2: Nothing done of worth:  
*food may be set forth.*

*Augury* AUSPICIOUS.

(9) 3: A household complaining.

*Danger of trouble.*  
AUSPICIOUS.

*Women and children chuckling and giggling:*  
*ending in distress.*

(6) 4: A wealthy household.

VERY AUSPICIOUS.

(9) 5: The king is present in his household.

*Do not worry.*  
AUSPICIOUS.

Top (9): Sacrificing captives, terrified.

*Ultimately* AUSPICIOUS.

(37) **household**

(Hexagram statement) This hexagram is almost entirely auspicious. The auguries are favourable for the life and work of women, indeed any matter that concerns women.

(5) The king's presence is expressed by *jia* a verb meaning 'proceeding to'. The same phrase is used in hexagram statements 45, 55 and 59. The royal presence, in effect a royal ceremonial occasion, seems to be the point of the sentence. Similar phrases occur in later Western Zhou bronze inscriptions (S40).

(Top) Compare 14:5. Gao (G269), reading the loan characters differently, writes 'Be decisive in punishment.' This line is non-thematic, not conforming with the domestic theme of the tag.