



*Christian must consider the story of the vineyard as our warning too.

**Isaiah 5:1 Now let me sing to my Well-beloved a song of my Beloved regarding His vineyard:*

My Well-beloved has a vineyard on a very fruitful hill.

2 He dug it up and cleared out its stones, and planted it with the choicest vine. He built a tower in its midst, and also made a winepress in it; So He expected it to bring forth good grapes, but it brought forth wild grapes.

3 “And now, O inhabitants of Jerusalem and men of Judah, judge, please, between Me and My vineyard.

4 What more could have been done to My vineyard that I have not done in it? Why then, when I expected it to bring forth good grapes, did it bring forth wild grapes?

5 And now, please let Me tell you what I will do to My vineyard: I will take away its hedge, and it shall be burned; and break down its wall, and it shall be trampled down.

6 I will lay it waste; it shall not be pruned or dug, but there shall come up briars and thorns. I will also command the clouds that they rain no rain on it.”

7 For the vineyard of the LORD of hosts is the house of Israel, and the men of Judah are His pleasant plant. He looked for justice, but behold, oppression; For righteousness, but behold, a cry for help.

1. **V:1-4 What more could God have done for you?** **Matthew 21:33-46, Mark 12:1-12, Luke 20:9-19** The parable about the vineyard is told in the synoptic Gospels connecting the Church to Isaiah's Chapter 5 Warning.

This is the question God is asking of the House of Israel. They are going to destruction. At the same time, He is posing the question to Judah and today to the Church the Bride of Christ.

2. ***V:5-7 Instead of fruit to eat and drink, poison was produced.** **Psalm 80:14-15** *Return, we beseech You, O God of hosts; Look down from heaven and see, and visit this vine 15 And the vineyard which Your right hand has planted, and the branch that You made strong for Yourself.*

The wild grapes were not just a bad crop, they smelled, and could kill you. The world was meant to see our life as a testimony of taste and see that the Lord is good. Jesus established the vine.

*Two prophetic woes that are fulfilled by an unfaithful Israel/Church.

**Isaiah 5:8 Woe to those who join house to house; They add field to field, till there is no place where they may dwell alone in the midst of the land!*

9 In my hearing the LORD of hosts said, “Truly, many houses shall be desolate, great and beautiful ones, without inhabitant.

10 For ten acres of vineyard shall yield one bath, and a homer of seed shall yield one ephah.”

11 Woe to those who rise early in the morning, that they may follow intoxicating drink; Who continue until night, till wine inflames them!

12 The harp and the strings, the tambourine and flute, and wine are in their feasts; but they do not regard the work of the LORD, nor consider the operation of His hands.

13 Therefore my people have gone into captivity because they have no knowledge; Their honorable men are famished, and their multitude dried up with thirst.

1. **Woe to those who live for the material things.** Prosperity is a very hard blessing to handle. So what have you gained by having many things but your soul is empty?

2. **Woe to those who follow an intoxicating and inflaming lifestyle.** This speaks to much more than addiction. It is running after the thrill of _____ you can fill in blank.

*The consequence and five more woes that are being fulfilled.

**Isaiah 5:14 Therefore Sheol has enlarged itself and opened its mouth beyond measure; Their glory and their multitude and their pomp, and he who is jubilant, shall descend into it.*

15 People shall be brought down, each man shall be humbled, and the eyes of the lofty shall be humbled.

16 But the LORD of hosts shall be exalted in judgment, and God who is holy shall be hallowed in righteousness.

17 Then the lambs shall feed in their pasture, and in the waste places of the fat ones strangers shall eat.

18 Woe to those who draw iniquity with cords of vanity, and sin as if with a cart rope;

19 That say, "Let Him make speed and hasten His work, that we may see it; and let the counsel of the Holy One of Israel draw near and come, that we may know it."

20 Woe to those who call evil good, and good evil; Who put darkness for light, and light for darkness; Who put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter! 21 Woe to those who are wise in their own eyes, and prudent in their own sight! 22 Woe to men mighty at drinking wine, Woe to men valiant for mixing intoxicating drink, 23 Who justify the wicked for a bribe, and take away justice from the righteous man!

1. **V:14-17 Therefore, judgment has come.** Their prideful stance is being humbled before judgment day and this is a great gift of grace when it happens in the here and now.

The statement that hell is being widened tells us many won't pull out of this kind of lifestyle. We need spiritual miracles!

2. **V:18-19 A warning to those who draw sin to themselves and boast.**

The word iniquities give us a clue that these sins are now generational sins. Less sensitivity to sin is the by-product of these choices.

3. **V:20-23 The digression of those who accept sin.**

- A. Woe to those who **call** evil good. **Example:** Boasting of being experienced in sin as a plus.
- B. Woe to those who **put** darkness for light. **Example:** Teaching perversion as normal life.
- C. Woe to those who **put** bitter for sweet. **Example:** My right my body slogan and mutilations of your body as a healthy accomplishment.
- D. Woe to those who **are** wise in their own eyes. **Example:** Their quality of life is less.
- E. Woe to mighty men **who** drink to get drunk, justify their wickedness, and take away the justice of the righteous men. The last woe gives us examples of their deeds.

*The Lord promises a sure, speedy, and complete judgment.

**Isaiah 4:24 Therefore, as the fire devours the stubble, and the flame consumes the chaff, so their root will be as rottenness, and their blossom will ascend like dust; because they have rejected the law of the LORD of hosts, and despised the word of the Holy One of Israel.*

25 Therefore the anger of the LORD is aroused against His people; He has stretched out His hand against them and stricken them, and the hills trembled. Their carcasses were as refuse in the midst of the streets. for all this, His anger is not turned away, but His hand is stretched out still.

26 He will lift up a banner to the nations from afar, and will whistle to them from the end of the earth; Surely they shall come with speed, swiftly.

27 No one will be weary or stumble among them, no one will slumber or sleep; Nor will the belt on their loins be loosed, nor the strap of their sandals be broken;

28 Whose arrows are sharp, and all their bows bent; Their horses' hooves will seem like flint and their wheels like a whirlwind.

29 Their roaring will be like a lion, they will roar like young lions; Yes, they will roar and lay hold of the prey; They will carry it away safely, and no one will deliver.

30 In that day they will roar against them like the roaring of the sea. And if one looks to the land, behold, darkness and sorrow; and the light is darkened by the clouds.

1. **God is slow to anger.** When it's time to act God will act decisively. This was true with the Northern Kingdom and it was true with Judah. **Most believe it won't be so with our world today.**
2. **The destruction can come from all directions.** The Nations will come from afar and with speed for this destruction. This all happened in the past to Israel.

One major difference is this judgment will not come from a nation but from the nations. That I believe is speaking to Israel today but could it also be speaking about us? The roar like young lions makes me believe it could be so.