

Isaiah 5:1-30 **God's judgment against His people who have rejected His Law**

God's Disappointing Vineyard

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.

Impending Judgment on Excesses

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.

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!

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.

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Facts Revealed:

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- ✧ The vineyard of Yahweh Tsebavta (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. [\[Isaiah 5:1-7\]](#)
- ✧ Through the years Yahweh has done everything possible to enable His chosen people Israel to be fruitful in righteousness and Justice by giving the righteous law laying out righteous behavior and just punishment for those who transgress.
- ✧ He sent godly leaders to show the way and teach His ways through Moses, Joshua, the judges, and prophets.
- ✧ God's laws are more righteous and just than the laws of any other people on the earth. [\[Deuteronomy 4:8\]](#)
- ✧ Still Israel continually failed to demonstrate the application of the knowledge they had available by living righteously before Yahweh and dealing justly according to the perfect Law that was given to them.

- ✧ Yahweh is witness to the prayers that the oppressed were crying out to Him. [Isaiah 5:7, Deuteronomy 15:9, 24:15]
- ✧ He looked for righteousness and justice, but found only oppression and abuse.

Warning: Judgment against Excesses is Imminent

- ✧ Now the time has come for Yahweh to step in and deal with the unholy nation.
- ✧ 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! [Isaiah 5:8-9]
- ✧ The woe is to those who to accumulate property by oppression of the poor, taking advantage of their poverty to acquire houses and lands. [Isaiah 5:8]
- ✧ Yahweh's punishment will leave many Great and beautiful houses desolate without inhabitants. [Isaiah 5:9]
- ✧ Yahweh will withhold the rain causing a great drought and massive crop failure. [Isaiah 5:10, Amos 4:6-7]
- ✧ Woe to those who are given to intoxicating drink and banqueting feasts but do not consider their latter end and the work of the Lord in judgment. [Isaiah 5:11-12, Deuteronomy 32:29]
- ✧ **God's people have gone into captivity because they have no knowledge of Him.** Their honorable men are famished, their multitude is dried up with thirst. [Isaiah 5:13]
- ✧ Hell has enlarged itself to make room to receive them, their glory, their multitude and their pomp, and he who is jubilant, shall descend into it. [Isaiah 5:14]
- ✧ The proud and arrogant will be humbled. [Isaiah 5:15]
- ✧ Yahweh Tseavta Who is holy in righteousness, will be exalted in judgment as He sends the wicked to their punishment by fire. [Isaiah 5:16]

Kingdom Hope

- ✧ After the judgment is past, the lambs shall feed in their pastures and in the waste places formerly held by the fat ones. [Isaiah 5:17]

Present Danger because of arrogant attitude of men changing God's Laws

This perfectly describes the liberals of America today in politics, local, state, and national

- ✧ Woe to those who arrogantly sin and challenge Yahweh to bring His judgment on so they can see it and know it is true. [Isaiah 5:18-19, Malachi 2:17]
- ✧ When Judgment day comes it will be too late to find repentance to be accepted by Yahweh.
- ✧ 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! [Isaiah 5:20, Malachi 2:17]
- ✧ Woe to those who are wise and prudent in their own sight. [Isaiah 5:21, Deuteronomy 12:8, Proverbs 12:15]
- ✧ Woe to men mighty at drinking wine, Woe to men valiant for mixing intoxicating drink, Who justify the wicked for a bribe, And take away justice from the righteous man! [Isaiah 5:22-23]

End result of God's Judgment

- ✧ **Because they have rejected the law of the Lord of hosts, And despised the word of the Holy One of Israel.**
- ✧ They will be devoured as chaff by fire. [Isaiah 5:24, Matthew 3:12, Luke 3:17]
- ✧ 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. [Isaiah 5:25, Jeremiah 9:22, 25:33]
- ✧ Yahweh will call the nations of the earth to destroy His people and carry them away. 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. [Isaiah 5:26-30]

