Isaiah 5

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THE LORD... of Judah...

• Isaiah had warned JUDAH - the house of JACOB [rebellion]

That
they had become
like SODOM and
GOMORRAH Isaiah 1:9
tried to
encourage them
walk in the LIGHT
look to the END
[Millennial

Kingdom]
But they
REFUSED to
REPENT and
come back to the
LORD...

- Therefore God had a PLAN to get their ATTENTION...
- He would take away their FOOD and WATER and allows CHILDISH leader to rule over them!
- o Fall of Judah...
 - Judah thought they had HIDDEN their sin...
 - But the EXPRESSIONS on their faces were the WITNESS against them...
 - They were GUILTY before the LORD and He would REWARD them...
 - He would JUDGE their LEADERS for leading them the WRONG way...
 - He would also JUDGE their WOMEN for being ARROGANT...
 - Taking away ALL of the FASHIONS [21] that they valued to HUMBLE them!
- o Restoration...
 - But in the DAY of the LORD He would send the BRANCH [Jesus]
 - Judah would TURN and be SAVED Romans 11:26
 - And the REMNANT of Israel [third] would be HOLY Zechariah 13:8
 - Because the LORD will again dwell among His people [pillar of cloud and fire]!
- 1^{st} The Vineyard... vs. 1-7
 - o 1^{st} Not giving... vs. 1-2
 - My beloved... vs. 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.
 - Isaiah was given a SONG [שִׁיר] the LORD sang [cohortative] for His BELOVED [דּוֹד]
 - It was about the VINEYARD He put [perfect] on a fruitful hill [Zion]!
 - Jerusalem is built on a HILL about 750 meters high [Judean hills]
 - The land there was GOOD for producing crops of GRAPES and OLIVE trees [to this day]
 - Because of the GIHON spring [and cisterns] the city had a steady water supply...
 - And was VERY defensible because of its HEIGHT and ROCK walls!
 - Planted... vs. 2
 - [The Lord] 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!
 - God TORE [piel] up the old stones so he could PLANT His vineyard...
 - He put in the BEST variety of GRAPES and built a TOWER [מָגְדַל] and WINEPRESS!
 - When King David came to the city of Jebus [capitol of the Jebusites] Judges 19:10
 - They were so confident they said the BLIND could defend their city...
 - But with the help of God he took out the old STONES and it became Jerusalem!
 - II Samuel 5:9 "David dwelt in the stronghold and called it the City of David."
 - Wild grapes... vs. 2
 - [God] expected it to bring forth good grapes but it brought forth wild grapes!
 - The reason why the Lord did all this was because He wanted GOOD fruit [עַנַב]
 - But rather than GRAPES the vineyard procures WILD fruit [בְּאֵשִׁים
 - WILD fruit [בְּאִשִׁים] comes from the root word to STINK [בָּאשׁים]
 - Rather than producing SWEET grapes Israel was FOUL and ROTTEN!
 - Jesus would use the image of VINEYARD Matthew 21:33-41
 - Saying God put men in charge of gathering the FRUIT...
 - But rather than GIVING to God what belongs to Him they beat up His servants [prophets]
 - And when God sent His SON [Jesus] they took Him and KILLED Him!
 - God has given us EVERYTHING we need in life to be FRUITFUL...
 - He has given us our TALENTS blessed us with a great place to LIVE [Philippines]
 - The only question is what do we CHOSE to do with those GIFTS...

- Are we FRUITFUL for the LORD using our lives to bring GLORY to Him...
- Or do we use those ABILITIES selfishly rejecting His message [Word] His SON...
- If we do then like the nation of Israel we will STINK before God!
- o 2nd Not listening... vs. 3-4
 - Judge... vs. 3
 - Now O inhabitants of Jerusalem and men of Judah.
 - Judge please between Me and My vineyard!
 - The Lord turned to those who LIVED in Jerusalem and the men of JUDAH...
 - COMMANDING [imperative] them to the JUDGE [ขอูซุ่]
 - Whose fault was it that His VINEYARD did NOT produce GOOD fruit!
 - What more... vs. 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?
 - The LORD submitted as His DEFENSE all He had done...
 - Arguing there was NOTHING [לֹא] more that He could have done [נְשִיֹּיתִי]
 - Therefore it was the FAULT of the VINEYARD that the FRUIT was rotten...
 - What did the VINEYARD do wrong it did NOT accept the good SEED!
 - In the parable of the SOWER there were FOUR kinds of SOIL...
 - The SEED did not change but only ONE of the SOILS bore GOOD fruit Matthew 13:24
 - If we have ROTTEN fruit it only comes from ONE place bad SOIL...
 - We are NOT willing to LISTEN [receive] the WORD [seed] of the Lord...
 - Because if we had then we [like the good soil] would have GOOD fruit Matthew 13:23
 - But since we chose to instead LISTEN to the WORLD [bad seed] our FRUIT is BAD!
- o 3rd Not Abiding... vs. 5-7
 - Trampled down... vs. 5
 - 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!
 - Therefore [sequential] God TOLD [cohortative] Israel what He would [imperfect] do...
 - He would take away their PROTECTION [hedge] Job 1:10
 - This would allow the VINEYARD to be BURNED [piel] and TRAMPLED [$\pi\alpha\tau\acute{\epsilon}\omega$ in LXX]!
 - Luke 21:24 "Jerusalem will be trampled [π ατέω] by Gentiles."
 - When ASSYRIA came against the City of Jerusalem with 185 THOUSAND troops...
 - God wiped them ALL out with ONE angel and SAVED the city Isaiah 37:36
 - But when Babylon came just a few decades later the city FELL II Kings 25:1
 - Because the protection was NOT from being HIGH or having a WALL it was the LORD!
 - Withered... vs. 6
 - I will lay it waste. It shall not be pruned or dug but there shall come up briers and thorns.
 - I will also command the clouds that they rain no rain on it!
 - [Sequential] God would bring an END to His VINEYARD to Jerusalem...
 - There will be NO pruning NO cultivation...
 - Rather than FRUIT wild THORN bushes [cursed] would grow **Genesis 3:18**
 - And God would command [piel] the clouds to NOT rain on it!
 - Fruit inspection... vs. 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.
 - BECAUSE [נְיִ] there is no question the VINEYARD of the LORD of Hosts [גָּבְאוֹת] is Israel...
 - And the people [אָישׁ] of Judah are the GOOD plants He put there...

- BUT [וַ] when God LOOKED [piel] to JUDGE [מִשְׁפָּט] what kind of FRUIT they had...
- BEHOLD rather than RIGHTEOUSNESS [צַדָּיק] He found BLOODSHED...
- And people CRYING out [צַעַקַה] to God because of their EVIL [Sodom] Genesis 18:21
- One of the TITLES of Jesus in the NT is the VINE John 15:1
- He used it as a powerful illustration for His DISCIPLES...
- Just as a BRANCH cannot produce FRUIT apart from the VINE...
- Neither can we do GOOD apart from Jesus [connected to the vine]
- And anyone who does NOT abide will DRY up and be cast into the FIRE!
- **John 15:6** "If anyone does not abide in Me he is cast out as a branch and is withered and they gather them and throw them into the fire and they are burned."
- The WILL of God for our lives is He wants us to bear GOOD fruit...
- He has done EVERYTHING to try and help us be FRUITFUL...
- But we have a part to PLAY we must [imperative] ABIDE [μένω] in Jesus in His WORD...
- If we do NOT then our FRUIT will be ROTTEN...
- And when God comes to CHECK [and He will] it will NOT end well!
- 2ND BAD FRUIT... vs. 8-17
 - o 1st Greed... vs. 8-10
 - Real Estate... vs. 8
 - Woe to those who join house to house.
 - Add field to field till there is no place where they may dwell alone in the midst of the land!
 - God goes on give TWO examples of what BAD [rotten] fruit looks like...
 - FIRST it looks like GREED the desire to always have MORE [never content]
 - WOE [הוֹי] to the people who buy HOUSES [for investment]
 - They buy up ALL the LAND till there is [hophal] no places left for people to live!
 - The cost of a house today in Bacolod is THREE times as much as it was in 2000....
 - The number on cause of the increase is speculative investments...
 - People buying up properties to make MONEY causing prices to be INFLATED...
 - So much so most people CANNOT afford to buy a house anymore!
 - Empty... vs. 9-10
 - In my hearing the LORD of hosts said:
 - Truly many houses shall be desolate. Great and beautiful ones without inhabitant.
 - For ten acres of vineyard shall yield one bath and a homer of seed shall yield one ephah!
 - Isaiah had heard the response from the LORD of the armies of heaven [צְּבָאוֹת]
 - Those houses they purchased BIG [נְּדוֹל] and BEAUTIFUL [טוֹבִים] homes...
 - Would be EMPTY no one would EVER [אָין] live in them...
 - FOUR hectares of land would only produce TWENTY liters of wine [rather than 30,000]
 - And TEN baskets of seed would only produce ONE basked of fruit [rather than 50]
 - We need to be careful with our MOTIVATIONS do NOT be GREEDY...
 - Because God can make those INVESTMENTS fail and come to NOTHING!
 - **Hebrews 13:5** "Be content with such things as you have."
 - o 2^{nd} Ignoring God... vs. 11-12
 - Drinking... vs. 11
 - Woe to those who rise early in the morning that they may follow intoxicating drink.
 - Who continue until night till wine inflames them!
 - SECOND it looks like living for the pleasures of this life...
 - WOE [הוֹי] to those who need a STRONG drink [Tanduay] to get up in the morning...
 - And CHASE [piel] after WINE until the evening just to get DRUNK [buzz]!
 - The Bible does NOT say it is wrong to drink [we CANNOT get drunk] Ephesians 5:18

- But the NEED for alcohol to get through the day is BAD fruit!
- The Party... vs. 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!
 - Those who like to go to CONCERTS [instruments] and have PARTIES [feasts]
 - Their focus is on being ENTERTAINED having a good time...
 - BUT [ןְ] they do NOT [לֹא] stop and think about God do not [לֹא] LOOK (נָבַט at His work!
 - The word AMUSEMENT means to NOT [a] think [muse]
 - We live in a world that is CONSUMED by the desire to NOT think [entertainment]
 - The average person watches over a HUNDRED hours of social media every month...
 - But in contrast give the Lord around FOUR hours [church on Sundays]!
- o 3rd Eternal penalty... vs. 13-17
 - No Knowledge... vs. 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!
 - Yes [כֵּן] because the people did NOT know [דַעַת] God He sent them into EXILE...
 - Their BEST [כבוֹד] men were left to STARVE [no more parties]
 - And majority of the people had NOTHING to drink [no more wine]
 - Those who do NOT live for God will NOT have a good life...
 - Their choices will catch up with them and they will be left with NOTHING!
 - Humbled... vs. 14-15
 - 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.
 - People shall be brought down each man humbled the eyes of the lofty shall be humbled!
 - Yes [יַבֶּן] HELL [יַשְׁאוֹל] was expanded and its mouth opened wide...
 - To receive those who seek their GLORY their WEALTH [הָמוֹן] PARTIES and FUN...
 - Those who do NOT seek the LORD will descend into it...
 - AND [sequential] they will be brough down [niphal] and HUMBLED [שָׁפֵל]
 - They eye of the ARROGANT will be HUMBLED [2x for emphasis]!
 - **Matthew 21:44** "Whoever falls on this stone will be broken but on whomever it falls it will grind him to powder!"
 - There are NO limits to what God will allow to get our attention...
 - The question is are we willing to fall on Him and be BROKEN...
 - Or do we insist on going our own way until He falls on us and we are CRUSHED...
 - It is better for them to be BROKEN here then CRUSHED and end up in HELL!
 - Exalted... vs. 16-17
 - But the LORD of hosts shall be exalted in judgment.
 - And God who is holy shall be hallowed in righteousness.
 - Then the lambs shall feed in their pasture in the waste places of the fat ones strangers eat!
 - BUT [יָן] the LORD [יְהֹוָה] of the armies of Heaven [אֲבָאוֹת] will be lifted up...
 - When He JUDGES the world the God [הָאֵל] who is HOLY [קְדֹש]
 - Will be seen as HOLY [niphal] and RIGHTEOUS [צַדִּיק]
 - Then the SHEEP of the LORD will feed among the RUINS of the rich [fat]!
 - The bottom line is that in the end the Lord wins He is RIGHT [צַדָּיק]
 - Therefore we do NOT want to be counted among those who are WRONG...
 - We want to have GOOD fruit knowing life is about God living for God!
- 3^{RD} The warning... vs. 18-30
 - o 1st Four more Woes... vs. 18-23

- Tempting God... vs. 18-19
 - Woe to those who draw iniquity with cords of vanity and sin as if with a cart rope.
 - 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!
 - WOE [הוֹי] to those who are TIED to their vain SIN like [כַ] pulling heavy cart...
 - Because of that SIN they are FAR from God and do NOT know him...
 - Which is why they demand [piel] He be QUICK and HURRY so they can SEE [רָאָה] His work...
 - Only then will they draw NEAR [cohortative] and KNOW [יַדַע] the HOLY one!
 - We do NOT ask for an ID from someone we know...
 - We only need PROOF when it is someone we are NOT familiar with!
 - No one will ever be able to say they did NOT know there was a God Romans 1:19
 - God does NOT need to prove Himself to us [over and over]
 - And demanding that He perform for us just shows that we do NOT know Him!
- Backwards... vs. 20
 - Woe to those who call evil good and good evil.
 - Who put darkness for light light for darkness. Who put bitter for sweet sweet for bitter!
 - WOE [הוֹי] to those who try and REDEFINE what is TRUTH...
 - Those who call EVIL [רַע] good and GOOD [קוֹב] evil...
 - People who try and convince you that DARKNESS is light and BITTERNESS is sweet!
 - We live in a world that is LOST that thinks the TRUTH is negotiable...
 - If we dare to say there are only TWO genders that is HATE speech...
 - We are EVIL if we believe marriage should be between a man and a woman...
 - Proving it is a world that is upside down and does NOT know God!
- Arrogant... vs. 21
 - Woe to those who are wise in their own eyes and prudent in their own sight!
 - WOE [הְנֹי] to those who THINK [in their own eyes] they are WISE [הָכָּם]
 - Those who ASSUME they have UNDERSTANDING [בִּין]!
 - Romans 1:22 "Professing to be wise they became fools."
 - They world today is full of FOOLS because they reject the Bible...
 - We live in a world that believe there is NO right or wrong it is all RELATIVE...
 - There is NO sin as long as you think it is OK it is GOOD!
 - **Judges 21:25** "Everyone did what was right in his own eyes."
 - Do not mistake knowledge for WISDOM Google might give LOTS of knowledge...
 - But the knowledge of men if we listen can BLIND us to our need for Jesus...
 - That is NOT wisdom that is FOOLISHNESS because it keeps us from God!
- Drunk... vs. 22-23
 - 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!
 - WOE [הוֹי] to the one who is GREAT [גָדוֹל] at drinking wine [יַיִוֹ
 - Because those who are DRUNK do NOT have good discernment...
 - They will call the WICKED [בְּשֶׁע] righteous [צַדִּיק] for a BRIBE...
 - BUT [וַ] the [צַדִּיק] they will PUNISH the righteous as if they were WICKED!
 - It goes without saying people do NOT make the best choices when they are DRUNK...
 - ALCOHOL makes it difficult to think straight...
 - Too many lives too many families have been ruined by DRUNK decisions!
- o 2nd Wrath of God... vs. 24-25
 - Consuming fire... vs. 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!
- Yes [בֶּן] just as [בֶּן] a FIRE consumes CHAFF [בַּוֹן] and dry GRASS...
- So also their ROOT [foundation] will be [5] ROTTEN [unstable]
- And [۱] their FLOWER [efforts] will be like [۵] DUST [disappear]
- Because [כִּי] they threw away [perfect] the LAW [הוֹרָה] of the LORD of Hosts [צְּבָאוֹת]
- And [אֲמֶרָה] they REJECTED [piel] the WORD [אָמֶרָה] of the HOLY one!
- We have a VERY patient God who is SLOW to anger Psalm 103:8
- But that does NOT mean He will NOT get ANGRY there is a LIMIT...
- And as it turns out the line we do NOT want to cross...
- Is refusing to listen to the LAW [תּוֹרָה] rejecting His WORD [אָמֶרָה]!
- Anger... vs. 25-26
 - 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!
 - Yes [בֵּן] they stirred up [perfect] the ANGER [אָרַ] of the LORD...
 - He stretched out [sequential] His hand and hit them hard the hills shook...
 - So that their bodies lay scattered strewn across the streets [massacre]
 - Yet in spite of ALL this [כָּל] the ANGER [אָרְ] of the Lord was NOT (לֹאַ) satisfied...
 - His HAND was still stretched out to PUNISH them more!
 - My father was a VERY patient man he RARELY got angry...
 - But if I pushed him to FAR it kindled a FIRE that was hard to extinguish!
 - When a sinful world calls EVIL good and GOOD evil...
 - When right become wrong and the TRUTH [Bible] is treated like a LIE...
 - The WRATH of God is kindled and it will NOT quickly go out...
 - He will bring the full weight of the ARMIES of heaven [אָבָאוֹת] upon REBELLIOUS men!
- o 3^{rd} Conquered... vs. 26-30
 - Foreign flag... vs. 26-27
 - He will lift up a banner to the nations from afar whistle to them from the end of the earth.
 - Surely they shall come with speed swiftly!
 - 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!
 - [וַ] Therefore [sequential] God will set up a FLAG from a faraway nation [גּוֹין
 - He will WHISTLE to them and they will come RUNNING from the ends of the earth...
 - NONE [אָין] of them will be tired NONE [אָין] of them will stumble....
 - They will NOT [לא] sleep their belts will NOT [לא] fall off shoes will NOT (לא) wear out...
 - God will supernaturally empower them to come and CONQUER Israel!
 - Well-armed... vs. 28-29
 - Whose arrows are sharp and all their bows bent.
 - Their horses hooves will seem like flint and their wheels like a whirlwind!
 - 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!
 - The ARMIES that are coming are ready for WAR...
 - Their arrows are SHARP already bent back in their BOWS...
 - Their horses and chariots are like [چ] a WHIRLWIND [never stop turning]
 - They will come like a roaring LION [ready to eat]
 - They will GROWL like a young LION [ready for battle]

- Grasping their PREY they will carry them away and NONE [אָין] will escape!
- God would send Nebuchadnezzar and the armies of Babylon against Judah...
- They would CRUSH the people and take them into CAPTIVITY for SEVENTY years!
- **Habakkuk 1:6** "I am raising up the Babylonians a cruel and violent people." [NLT]
- Darkness... vs. 30
 - In that day they will roar against them like the roaring of the sea.
 - If one looks to the land behold darkness and sorrow.
 - And the light is darkened by the clouds!
 - In that DAY [בֵּיוֹם] when Babylon ROARS against Israel...
 - It will be like [3] the ROAR of the ocean wave after wave crashing on them...
 - And in that day they will LOOK [נָבַט] at the WORK of God Isaiah 5:12
 - But what they see will NOT be a LAND [אֶרֶץ] planted by the Lord [vineyard]
 - They will see DARKNESS and SORROW where even the SUN is blocked by the clouds!
 - The lesson to be learned is God is NOT mocked Galatians 6:7
 - He has planted us put us here on earth to bear GOOD fruit...
 - But we have a part to play we must LISTEN to His Word [good seed]
 - Only by ABIDING in Jesus can we be FRUITFUL John 15:4
 - And when we consider the alternative the WRATH of God and HELL...
 - It puts in focus how important it is to CHOSE to live our lives for Him!