

ISAIAH 5

- DAY OF
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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]!
- 1ST - THE VINEYARD... vs. 1-7
 - o 1st – 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 [דֹּד]
 - 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 [מִגְדָּל] 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 [טֹב]
 - But rather than GRAPES - the vineyard procures WILD fruit [בְּאֲשִׁים]
 - WILD fruit [בְּאֲשִׁים] - comes from the root word to STINK [בָּאֵשׁ]
 - 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 [שָׁפֵט]
 - 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 [עָשִׂיתִי]
 - 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 [πατέω in LXX]!
 - **Luke 21:24** - "Jerusalem will be trampled [πατέω] 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 briars 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 [כִּי] there is no question - the VINEYARD of the LORD of Hosts [צִבְאוֹת] - is Israel...
 - And the people [אִישׁ] of Judah - are the GOOD plants He put there...

- BUT [וְ] - when God LOOKED [piel] to JUDGE [מִשְׁפָּט] what kind of FRUIT they had...
- BEHOLD - rather than RIGHTEOUSNESS [צְדִיקָה] - He found BLOODSHED...
- And people CRYING out [בִּצְעָקָה] 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 [וְ] - 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 one 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 [צְבָאוֹת]
- Those houses they purchased - BIG [גָּדוֹל] and BEAUTIFUL [טוֹבִים] homes...
- Would be EMPTY - no one would EVER [אֵין] 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 basket 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 2nd - 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 [וְ] - 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 [וְ] - they do NOT [לֹא] stop and think about God - do not [לֹא] LOOK [נִבְט] 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 [דָּעַת] God - He sent them into EXILE...
- Their BEST [טָבוֹד] 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 [כֵּן] - HELL [שְׁאוֹל] was expanded - and its mouth opened wide...
- To receive those who seek their GLORY - their WEALTH [הֵמוֹן] - PARTIES - and FUN...
- Those who do NOT seek the LORD - will descend into it...
- AND [sequential] - they will be brought down [niph] - and HUMBLING [שִׁפְל]
- They eye of the ARROGANT will be HUMBLING [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 [וְ] - the LORD [יְהוָה] of the armies of Heaven [צְבָאוֹת] will be lifted up...
- When He JUDGES the world - the God [הָאֵל] who is HOLY [קָדֵשׁ]
- Will be seen as HOLY [niph] and RIGHTEOUS [צְדִיק]
- 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 [צְדִיק]
- 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!

● 3RD - 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 [הוי] - to those who are TIED to their vain SIN - like [כ] 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 [יָדַע] 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 [הוי] - to those who try and REDEFINE what is TRUTH...
 - Those who call EVIL [רַע] good - and GOOD [טוֹב] 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 [הוי] - to those who THINK [in their own eyes] they are WISE [חָכָם]
 - Those who ASSUME they have UNDERSTANDING [בִּינָה]!
 - **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 [הוי] - to the one who is GREAT [גָּדוֹל] at drinking wine [יין]
 - Because those who are DRUNK - do NOT have good discernment...
 - They will call the WICKED [רָשָׁע] righteous [צַדִּיק] for a BRIBE...
 - BUT [וְ] - 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 [כֵּן] - just as [כֵּן] a FIRE consumes CHAFF [קֶשֶׁת] and dry GRASS...
- So also their ROOT [foundation] - will be [כֵּן] ROTTEN [unstable]
- And [וְ] - their FLOWER [efforts] - will be like [כֵּן] DUST [disappear]
- Because [כִּי] - they threw away [perfect] the LAW [תּוֹרָה] of the LORD of Hosts [צִבְאוֹת]
- And [וְ] - they REJECTED [piel] the WORD [אִמְרָה] 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 [אִמְרָה]!
- 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 [כֵּן] - they stirred up [perfect] the ANGER [אַף] 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 [כֹּל] - the ANGER [אַף] of the Lord was NOT [לֹא] 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 [צִבְאוֹת] upon REBELLIOUS men!
- o 3rd - 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!
 - [וְ] Therefore [sequential] - God will set up a FLAG from a faraway nation [גּוֹי]
 - He will WHISTLE to them - and they will come RUNNING from the ends of the earth...
 - NONE [אֵין] of them will be tired - NONE [אֵין] of them will stumble....
 - They will NOT [לֹא] sleep - their belts will NOT [לֹא] fall off - shoes will NOT [לֹא] 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 [כֵּן] 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 [אֵין] 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 [בַּיּוֹם] - when Babylon ROARS against Israel...
 - It will be like [כְּ] the ROAR of the ocean - wave after wave crashing on them...
 - And in that day they will LOOK [נִבֵּט] 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!