

& then will I sing to my ^{well} beloved a song of my beloved touching his vineyard my well beloved hath a vineyard in a verry fruitful hill

& he fenced it & gathered out the stones thereof & planted it with the choicest vine & built a tower in the midst of it & also made a winepress therein & he looked that it should bring forth grapes & it brought forth wild grapes

& now O inhabitants of Jerusalem & men of Judah Judge I pray you betwixt me & my vineyard

what could have been done more to my vineyard that I have not done in it wherefore when I looked that it should bring forth grapes it brought forth wild grapes

& now go to I will tell you what I will do to my vineyard I will take away the hedge thereof & it shall be eaten up & I will break down the wall thereof & it shall be troden down

& I will lay it waste it shall not be pruned nor dig^{ed} **71** but there shall Come up briers & thorns I will also command the clouds that they rain no rain upon it

for the vineyard of the Lord of hosts is the House of Israel & the men of Judah his pleasant plant & he looked for Judgment & behold oppression for righteousness ^{but but} & behold a cry

wo unto them that join house to house till there can be no place that they may be placed alone in the midst of the earth

in mine^{ears} saith the Lord of hosts of a truth many houses shall be desolate & great & fair cities without inhabitant

yea ten acres of vineyard shall yield one bath & the seed of a homer shall yield an ephah

CHAPTER 15

The Lord's vineyard (Israel) will become desolate, and His people will be scattered—Woes will come upon them in their apostate and scattered state—The Lord will lift an ensign and gather Israel—Compare Isaiah 5. About 559–545 B.C.

¹**And** then will I sing to my **well**-beloved a song of my beloved, touching his vineyard. **My** well-beloved hath a vineyard in a ver[]y fruitful hill.

²**And** he fenced it, **and** gathered out the stones thereof, **and** planted it with the choicest vine, **and** built a tower in the midst of it, **and** also made a wine-press therein; **and** he looked that it should bring forth grapes, **and** it brought forth wild grapes.

³**And** now, O inhabitants of Jerusalem, **and** men of Judah, **judge**, I pray you, betwixt me **and** my vineyard.

⁴**What** could have been done more to my vineyard that I have not done in it? **Wherefore**, when I looked that it should bring forth grapes it brought forth wild grapes.

⁵**And** now go to; I will tell you what I will do to my vineyard—I will take away the hedge thereof, **and** it shall be eaten up; **and** I will break down the wall thereof, **and** it shall be trodden down;

⁶**And** I will lay it waste; it shall not be pruned nor digged; but there shall **come** up briers **and** thorns; I will also command the clouds that they rain no rain upon it.

⁷**For** the vineyard of the Lord of **Hosts** is the **house** of Israel, **and** the men of Judah his pleasant plant; **and** he looked for **judgment**, **and** behold, oppression; for righteousness, **but [X] [X]** behold, a cry.

⁸**Wo** unto them that join house to house, till there can be no place, that they may be placed alone in the midst of the earth!

⁹**In** mine[]ears, said[] the Lord of **Hosts**, of a truth many houses shall be desolate, **and** great **and** fair cities without inhabitant.

¹⁰**Yea**, ten acres of vineyard shall yield one bath, **and** the seed of a homer shall yield an ephah.

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that they may follow strong drink that continue
untill night & wine inflame them

& the harp & the viol the tabret & pipe
& wine are in their feasts but they regard not the
work of the Lord neither consider the operation
of his hand^s

therefore my People are gone into captivity
because they have no knowledge & their ϕ
honourable men are famished & their multitude
dried up with thirst

therefore hell hath enlarged herself & opened
her mouth without measure & their glory &
their multitude & their pomp & he that
rejoiceth shall descend into it

& the mean man shall be brought down & the
mighty man shall be humbled & the eyes of the
lofty shall be humbled

but the Lord of hosts shall be exalted in Judgment
& God that is holy shall be sanctified in
righteousness

then shall the Lambs feed after their manner &
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wo unto them that draw iniquity with cords of
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that say let him make speed hasten his work
that we may see it & let the counsel of the holy
one of Israel draw nigh & come that we may
know it

wo unto them that call evil good & good evil
that put darkness for light & light for darkness
that put bitter for sweet & sweet for bitter

wo unto the wise in their own eyes & prudent in
their own sight

wo unto the mighty to drink wine & men of
strength to mingle strong drink

which justify the wicked for reward & take away
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therefore as the fire devoureth the stubble & the flame consumeth the chaff their root shall be rottenness & their blossom shall go up as dust because they have cast away the law of the Lord & ^{of} ~~de~~ hosts & despised the word of the holy one of Israel

therefore is the anger of the Lord kindled against his People & he hath stretched forth his hand against them & hath smitten them & the hills did tremble & their carcasses were torn in the midst of the streets for all this his anger is not turned away but his hand stretched out still

& he will lift up an ensign to the Nations from far & will hiss unto them from the end of the earth & behold they shall come with speed swiftly none shall be weary nor stumble among them

none shall slumber nor sleep neither shall ~~they~~ **72** the girdle of their loins be loosed nor the latchet of their shoes be broken

whose arrows shall be sharp & all their bows bent & their horses hoofs shall be counted like flint & their wheels like a whirlwind their roaring like a lion

they shall roar like young lions yea they shall roar & lay hold of the prey & shall carry away safe & none shall deliver

& in that day they shall roar against them like the roaring of the Sea & if they look unto the land behold darkness & sorrow & the light is darkened in the heavens thereof —

²⁴**T**herefore, as the fire devoureth the stubble, **and** the flame consumeth the chaff, their root shall be rottenness, **and** their blossoms shall go up as dust; because they have cast away the law of the Lord **[X]of[] Hosts, and** despised the word of the **Holy One** of Israel.

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