

God's Vineyard

Isaiah 5:1-7



Isaiah and God's Vineyard

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Isaiah's Vineyards

- A vineyard is used to illustrate the calamity coming upon God's sinful people – 1:4, 7-8
- It is used in connection with the greed of Israel's leaders – 3:13-15
- Both contexts present:
 - A wicked and ungrateful people whose sin calls for God's judgement.
 - A promise of grace to preserve the *righteous remnant* after the destruction – 1:9; 4:2-6

Isaiah 5:1-7 – God’s Song of His Vineyard

- This is a song about *the Beloved’s* vineyard planted on a fruitful hill – 5:1
- The Beloved had done **all** that could be done to assure its success – 5:2a; Deut. 7:7-8; Gen. 12:1-3
- God was expectant of good fruit, but received instead wild, stinking, worthless fruit – 5:2b
- The Beloved calls for a verdict – 5:3-4
- Because of Israel’s **failure** to produce good fruit, God would bring **judgment** upon them – 5:5-7

What are we to learn?

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“...Written for our learning...”

- God has preserved these words that we might know him, his ways, and live before Him with hope – Rom. 15:4
- God is the same!
 - God does not change – Mal. 3:6
 - Jesus the Son does not change – Heb. 13:8
- The wise will take note and learn the lessons – Mk. 12:1-12
- To assume a different ending for the same rebellious attitudes would be foolish!



We Are God's Vineyard!

- We are individually the branches of God's vine and will be judged by our fruits – Jn. 15:1-8
 - We are the product of God's grace – 15:1, 5a; Eph. 1:7-8; 2 Tim. 1:9-10
 - God expects holy fruit—under penalty of condemnation – 15:2
 - We must abide in Christ to produce this fruit – 15:4-5
 - Those who separate themselves from Christ and live by their own strength/dictates are cast out and burned – 15:6
 - Blessings and God's favor are promised to be upon the faithful – 15:7-8

Conclusion

- **The verdict is still out on the fruit of your life** and will be **determined by you!**
- Do you live your life as a branch of God's vine, whose fruit will be judged by God?
- Two very telling scriptures – Rom. 11:19-22; 2 Cor. 6:1
- Will you live your life for Christ and righteousness?

