**Isaiah**

**The Vision**

**The Revelation within Isaiah**

**May we SEE Jesus Christ - our Beloved, our Savior, our Redeemer, and glorious King within and throughout this blessed revelation.**

**Jesus Christ – the Faithful Servant, the Chosen Servant, the Teacher Servant, and the Suffering Servant**

***Chapter 5 NKJV***

***A Prophetic Song – A Parable***

*The vineyard is the wife – the people of Israel, and the owner is the husband - God.*

*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 briers 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*** *[curse] 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!*

[God is simply not first in their lives and these people are simply living life for themselves, and are full of greed, covetousness and carnality. Matthew 6:33.]

*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* [unit of liquid measurement = 7 ½ gallons, *And a homer* [ measurement = approx. 8 bushels] *of seed shall yield one ephah.*  “Ten baskets of seed will yield only one basket of grain.” NLT

*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* [SHEOL = OT abode for the dead; hell; subterranean placed of full of thick darkness; Job 10:21-22; 26:6; Deut. 32:22; Numbers 16:30-33; Psalm 9:17; 16:10]

*And opened its mouth beyond measure;*

*Their glory and their multitude and their pomp,*

*And he who is jubilant, shall descend into it.* [Matthew 7:13; Luke 13:24-25; Matthew 25:41, 46; Prov. 7:27; 16:25; Phil. 3:19; II Thess. 1:8, 9; I Peter 4:17,18; Rev. 20:15]

*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;* [Psalm 129:4; Prov. 5:22; Romans 6:16]

*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*.” [Jeremiah 17:5; Ezek. 12:22-25; II Peter 2:3-7]

*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!* [A true sign of individual, corporate and national apostacy – a falling away, a departure from TRUTH.]

*21* ***Woe*** *to those who are wise in their own eyes,*

*And prudent in their own sight*! [Prov. 3:7; Isaiah 29:14; James 3:13-16]

*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;* [God’s anger is RIGHTEOUS AND HOLY. Deut. 32:39-41; Psalm 7:11-13; Romans 11:22]

*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.* [This could reference the days of King Uzziah and the great earthquakes during his reign. [Amos 1:1; Zech. 14:5]

*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;* [Note TPT: ‘Their belts don’t’ come loose, nor their sandal straps broken.’ This is a metaphor for being prepared and ready for action. Eastern people of that day wore long, loose garments that left them unprepared for action. But a belt [girdle] fastened meant they were ready for war. Their sandals unbroken meant that nothing could hinder them.]

*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.*

*[NOTE: TPT: There is a sense in which Jesus endured all the judgments of this chapter for us, becoming our Savior to set us free. Even the sun hid its face from the Suffering Christ while HE was on the cross.]*

***Chapter 5 TPT***

***Isaiah’s Love Song***

***5 Let me sing a song for the one I love, called***

***“My Lover and His Vineyard”:***

***My beloved planted a vineyard on a very fertile hill.***

*2 First he dug up its ground and hauled away its stones*

*so he could plant within it the choicest of vines.*

*He built a watchtower in the middle of it*

*and carved a winepress out of its rock.*

*He fully expected it to bear good grapes,*

*but instead it produced only worthless wild grapes.*

*3 So now, you residents of Jerusalem and people of Judah,*

*you be the judges!*

*4 What more could I have done for my vineyard?*

*When I expected it to bear luscious grapes,*

*why did it produce only wild, worthless grapes?*

*5 So let me tell you what I am about to do to my vineyard.*

*I will tear down its fence and it will be plundered.*

*I will break down its wall and it will be destroyed!*

*6 I will make it a wasteland, and no one will cultivate the land.*

*It will grow only weeds and thorns!*

*I will command the clouds*

*and they will not drop their rain upon it!*

*7 For Israel is this vineyard of Yahweh,*

*the Commander of Angel Armies,*

*and the people of Judah are the garden of his delight.*

*When he waited for a crop of justice,*

*he got a harvest of bloodshed!*

*When he waited to reap fairness,*

*he heard only the cries of victims.*

*Isaiah’s Song of Six Woes*

*#1 – Grasping Materialism*

*8 Woe to those who in their greed buy up*

*house after house to make one grand estate*

*until there is no place for anyone else*

*and only the landowner is left!*

*9 This is what Yahweh, the Commander of Angel Armies,*

*said in my ears:*

*“Truly, many of your houses will become devastated*

*and your large, impressive mansions*

*will have no one living in them!*

*10 Indeed, even a vast vineyard*

*will produce only a few gallons of wine,*

*and several bushels of seed will produce only*

*a bushel of harvest!”*

*#2 – Drunken Pleasure-Seeking*

*11 Woe to those who start drinking early in the morning,*

*lingering late into the night to get drunk with wine.*

*12 Their lavish parties are complete with*

*the music of harps and flutes—and the wine flows!*

*Yet they have no respect for what Yahweh has done,*

*nor do they contemplate the work of his hands!*

*13 Therefore, my people go into exile for lack of understanding.*

*Their leaders are starving,*

*their multitudes parched with thirst.*

*14 The shadowy realm of death grows thirsty for souls*

*and opens its mouth even wider to drink in the people!*

*It gulps down the leaders of Jerusalem,*

*along with their noisy, boasting crowds.*

*15 The people will be humiliated, all of humanity humbled,*

*and the arrogant will be brought low.*

*16 With justice the Lord Yahweh,*

*Commander of Angel Armies, displays his greatness,*

*and righteousness sets him apart as the holy God.*

*17 Then lambs will graze, as if in their own pastures,*

*and the refugee will eat in the ruins of the rich.*

*#3 – Defiant Sinfulness*

*18 Woe to those who drag behind them their guilt*

*with ropes made of lies—*

*straining and tugging, harnessed to their bondage!*

*19 They say, “May God hurry up and bring his judgment*

*so that we can see it once and for all!*

*Let the prophetic plan of the Holy One of Israel*

*quickly come to pass so that we can see what it is!”*

*#4 - Perversion of Values*

*20 Woe to those who call evil good and good evil,*

*who replace darkness with light and light with darkness,*

*who replace bitter with sweet and sweet with bitter.*

*#5 - Arrogant Conceit*

*21 Woe to those who are wise in their own eyes*

*and see themselves as clever and shrewd.*

*#6 - Injustice*

*22 Woe to the champion wine drinkers*

*who are heroes in mixing strong drinks—*

*23 judges and politicians who acquit the guilty for a bribe*

*and take away the rights of the innocent.*

*Isaiah’s Song of Judgment*

*24 Therefore, just as tongues of fire*

*lick up the straw and dry grass,*

*they will be destroyed, just as a plant with decaying roots*

*and blossoms dries up like dust and is blown away in the wind.*

*For they said, “No!” to the teachings of Yahweh,*

*the Lord of Angel Armies,*

*and have despised the word of the Holy One of Israel!*

*25 For this reason Yahweh’s anger burned against his people,*

*and he struck them down with his holy hand!*

*The mountains trembled, and dead bodies were littered*

*like garbage left in the streets.*

*Even with this, his anger has not turned away*

*and still his hand is heavy upon them!*

*26 He will lift up a banner to signal the distant nations;*

*he whistles for them to come from the ends of the earth.*

*Look! Here they come, running swiftly and speedily!*

*27 Not one warrior stumbles or grows weary—*

*not even stopping to rest or sleep; they are battle ready!*

*28 Their arrows are sharpened and every bow strung.*

*Their horses’ hooves are hard as flint*

*and their chariot wheels turn like the whirlwind.*

*29 Their shout is like a lion’s roar,*

*the roar of strong lions growling as they seize their prey.*

*They carry away captives, and none can rescue them.*

*30 They will roar and roar on that day*

*like the roaring of crashing waves,*

*and if you look back across the land*

*you’ll see only darkness, disaster, and distress;*

*daylight itself will be obscured by thick clouds.*

David Pawson writes, “What Isaiah has been saying is this: What more could God have done for you than He has done? He has brought you into this fertile land of Canaan, a land of milk and honey, protected you against your enemies, sent the law to you, sent prophets to you, priests, kings; He has provided every single thing you needed. He has hedged you about with His own protection; He has got His own watchtower in the middle, His temple, and yet…nothing but wild grapes. I apply this to my heart and to your heart now. What more could God have done for each of us than He has done? Answer that! What more could He have done for you than He has done to make you one of His people? It means that every one of us is as holy we want to be, no more, no less. God has done everything He could have done to make us holy, to set us free from sin, to make our lives what they were meant to be. What more could He have to make us better Christians than we are? When we answer that question, we find it profoundly disturbing. What more, I ask you, said Isaiah, could God have done for this vineyard than He has done? What more? They must have been silent, for there was nothing more He could have done. When we consider the evil in the world, and when we consider the mess the world is in, I challenge anybody to tell me one thing more that a God who is wholly love could have done or should have done to cure this world of sin.” Come with Me Through Isaiah, p. 45

In view of your glorious future why don’t you walk in the light of the Lord now?

**The Vineyard Parables**

Summary from Perry Stone, NT and OT Hebraic Study Bible, on Isaiah 5, Matthew 20-21

The Bible includes 4 major parables about vineyards:

Isaiah 5 The vineyard represents Jerusalem and Judah. Israel fails to produce fruit. This results in the removal of the hedge and the pruning of the vineyard. In Judah and Israel’s case, they were given over to the Babylonians.

Matthew 20:1-6 The owner of the vineyard is Christ. The workers represent God’s people and ministers who are called to do what the Lord has called them to do in bringing the Gospel to all, and to bring in His harvest of souls. Every worker was paid the same amount: a day’s wages. Each group was hired at a different time – early morning; 9:00 a.m.; 12:00 noon; 3:00 p.m.; and the final workers were hired at the 11th hour which was 5:00 p.m. only one hour before sunset and all work ceased. Those who were hired last received the same payment as those hired first. Some worked more than ten hours, others nine hours, some six hours, and still another only three. Those hired last only worked one hour. The ‘theme’ of this parable emphasizes that those who are last will be first and the first last. The spiritual blessings enjoyed by all previous generations will culminate in a final outpouring of Holy Spirit, which will climax in the global preaching of the Gospel and the return of Christ.

Matthew 21:28-32 This short parable infuriated the chief priests and elders, because in Christ’s ministry numerous sinners were being converted and entering the Kingdom while these religious leaders were resisting John and Christ’s ministry, and rejected their message, preventing others from entering the Kingdom.

Matthew 21:33-46 The vineyard represents Jerusalem and Judah. Israel fails to produce fruit. The householder [landowner] is God [Isaiah 5:7]. The husbandmen [vinedressers] who work in the vineyard were Christ’s own people, Israel. The vineyard is the city of Jerusalem. “Hedge it round about”, refers to God’s divine protection. Some suggest the winepress is a metaphor for the Law and sacrificial rites conducted in the Temple. The servants sent to harvest the fruits were the Hebrew prophets slain by their own people. The final servant sent to Israel was the landowner’s son, Christ Jesus Himself, the Son of God, whom they would also slay. Christ predicted the Kingdom would be taken from them and given to a ‘nation’ bearing fruits of it, the Church, calling her a ‘holy nation’ [I Peter 2:9]

**Recommended Reading:** **Psalm 80:8-19; Prov. 3:16; SOS 1:6; John 15; Rev. 1-3**

***and***

**Song of Solomon 8 TPT** - *The bride of Jesus and Jesus*

*“1 If only I could show everyone*

*this passionate desire I have for you.*

*If only I could express it fully,*

*no matter who was watching me,*

*without shame or embarrassment.*

*2 I long to bring you to my innermost chamber—*

*this holy sanctuary you have formed within me.*

*O that I might carry you within me.*

*I would give you the spiced wine of my love,*

*this full cup of bliss that we share.*

*We would drink our fill until . . .*

*3 His left hand cradles my head*

*while his right hand holds me close.*

*We are at rest in this love.*

*4 Promise me, brides-to-be,*

*by the gentle gazelles and delicate deer,*

*that you’ll not disturb my love until he is ready to arise.*

*The Bridegroom-King*

*5 Who is this one? Look at her now!*

*She arises out of her desert, clinging to her beloved.*

*When I awakened you under the apple tree,*

*as you were feasting upon me,*

*I awakened your innermost being with the travail of birth*

*as you longed for more of me.*

*6 Fasten me upon your heart as a seal of fire forevermore.*

*This living, consuming flame*

*will seal you as my prisoner of love.*

*My passion is stronger*

*than the chains of death and the grave,*

*all-consuming as the very flashes of fire*

*from the burning heart of God.*

*Place this fierce, unrelenting fire over your entire being.*

*7 Rivers of pain and persecution*

*will never extinguish this flame.*

*Endless floods will be unable*

*to quench this raging fire that burns within you.*

*Everything will be consumed.*

*It will stop at nothing*

*as you yield everything to this furious fire*

*until it won’t even seem to you like a sacrifice anymore.*

*The Shulamite Bride*

*8–10 My brothers said to me when I was young,*

*“Our sister is so immature.*

*What will we do to guard her for her wedding day?”*

*The Bridegroom-King*

*We will build a tower of redemption to protect her.*

*Since she is vulnerable,*

*we will enclose her with a wall of cedar boards.*

*The Shulamite Bride*

*But now I have grown and become a bride,*

*and my love for him has made me*

*a tower of passion and contentment for my beloved.*

*I am now a firm wall of protection for others,*

*guarding them from harm.*

*This is how he sees me—I am the one who brings him bliss,*

*finding favor in his eyes.*

***11 My bridegroom-king has a vineyard of love***

***made from a multitude of followers.***

***His caretakers of this vineyard***

***have given my beloved their best.***

***12 But as for my own vineyard of love,***

***I give it all to you forever.***

***And I will give double honor***

***to those who serve my beloved***

***and have watched over my soul.***

***13 My beloved, one with me in my garden,***

***how marvelous that my friends, the brides-to-be,***

***now hear your voice and song.***

***Let me now hear it again.***

*The Bridegroom and the Bride in Divine Duet*

*14 Arise, my darling!*

*Come quickly, my beloved.*

*Come and be the graceful gazelle with me.*

*Come be like a dancing deer with me.*

*We will dance in the high place of the sky,*

*yes, on the mountains of fragrant spice.*

*Forever we shall be united as one!”*

*Amen.*