

5.1 Indeed,

“I will sing to my beloved a song of my beloved’s vineyard. A vineyard came to the beloved on a peak in a fertile place. ² I placed a protection around it and cleared it and planted an exquisite grapevine. And I built a tower in the middle of it and dug a winepress in it. Then I waited for it to make grapes, but it made thorns.

³ And now, those dwelling in Jerusalem and man of Judah, judge between me and my vineyard. ⁴ What can I still do for my vineyard that I did not already do? Because I waited for it to make grapes and it made thorns. ⁵ Now then, I will announce to you what I will do to my vineyard. I will remove its protection and it will be abused. I will tear down its wall and it will be trampled. ⁶ I will let go of my vineyard and it will never be pruned or weeded. Thorns will come down into it like a neglected-land. And I will command the clouds to not water it with rain.

⁷ For the vineyard of the Lord of Communities is the house of Israel, and the man of Judah is his beloved young-plant. I waited for it to make justice, but it made lawlessness and instead of righteousness, there was a cry-for-help.”

⁸ Woe to those who are attaching house to house and joining crop-field to crop-field, because they are destroying the habitat of their fellow-creature! You are not dwelling alone on the earth! ⁹ For these things were heard in the ears of the Lord of Communities. For if many houses appear, then they will be great and beautiful as a wilderness and those dwelling in them will not be in them! ¹⁰ For that is where ten yoked cows are working to make only one container and the one scattering-seed of six bushels will only make three measures.

¹¹ Woe to those who are rising up early in the morning and pursuing liquor, those who are staying up in the evening so the wine will inflame them! ¹² For with harp and psalm and drums and flutes they are drinking wine. But they are not looking at the works of the Lord and considering the works of their hands!

¹³ Therefore my people have become captive because they do not perceive the Lord. And a multitude became dead men because of famine and a thirst for water. ¹⁴ And Hades widened his soul and opened its mouth without stopping. The glorious and the great and the rich and the diseases of Hade’s soul will go down. ¹⁵ And a human will be humbled. And a man will be dishonored. And arrogant eyes will be humbled. ¹⁶ And the Lord of Communities will be lifted up in judgment and the Holy Creator will be glorified in righteousness. ¹⁷ And those who have been oppressed will be fed like bulls. And lambs will eat in the wildernesses of those who have been taken away. ¹⁸ Woe to those who pull-in selfish-actions as with long cords and lawlessness as with the yoke strap of a young-cow, ¹⁹ those saying,

“Let him come near quickly to do things so that we may see and let the purpose of the Holy One of Israel come so that we may know!”

²⁰ Woe to those calling the ugly thing beautiful, and the beautiful thing ugly, those substituting the darkness for light and the light for darkness, those substituting the bitter for sweet and the sweet for bitter! ²¹ Woe to those who are wise in themselves and knowledgeable before themselves! ²² Woe to those of you who are strong, those drinking wine, and those who are powerful, those mixing liquor, ²³ those declaring the irreverent to be right because of gifts, and taking away the rightness of the righteous!

²⁴ Because of this, in the manner that a reed will be burned by a coal of fire and will be burned up by a rising flame, their root will be like dirt and their flower will go up like dust, for they did not want the law of the Lord of Communities but they cut-away the Word of the Holy One of Israel.

^{6.1} And it happened during the year of King Uzziah’s death that I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lifted up, and the house was full of his glory. ² And seraphim stood around him, six wings for each one and with two

they covered the face and with two they covered the feet and with two they flew. ³ And they were crying out to each other and saying,

“Holy, Holy, Holy, is the Lord of Communities! All of the earth is full of his glory!”

⁴ And the upper-door was lifted up by the sound they were crying out and the house was filled with smoke. ⁵ Then I said,

“Oh, I myself am miserable because I am convicted! Because being a man and having unclean lips, I myself am living in the midst of a people having unclean lips and I have seen the King, the Lord of Communities, with my eyes!”

⁶ And one of the seraphim was sent to me and he had a coal in his hand which he took from the altar with tongs. ⁷ And he touched my mouth and said,

“Behold, this has touched your lips and it will remove your lawlessness and it will cleanse your selfish-actions!”

⁸ And I heard the voice of the Lord, saying,

“Whom will I send, and who will journey to this people?”

And I said,

“Behold, I am here! Send me!”

⁹ And he said,

“Journey and say to this people,

‘Listening, you will listen and you will never understand! And seeing, you will see and you will never perceive!’

¹⁰ For the heart of this people was thickened and they listened with burdened ears and they shut their eyes, so they would not see with their eyes nor hear with their ears nor understand with their heart nor turn-around so I might heal them!”

¹¹ And I said,

“Until when, Lord?”

And he said,

“Until whenever cities are made wild by not being dwelled in and houses do not have humans. The earth will be left behind as a wilderness. ¹² But after these things, the Creator will prolong humans and those abandoned on the earth will be multiplied. ¹³ A tenth-part is still upon the earth and again it will be for a remnant, like a terebinth tree and like an acorn whenever it might fall out of its shell—the holy seed is its stump.”