

Series: Isaiah 1 - 39
Lesson: Isaiah 5 - Two Visions
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Isaiah 5 explains the relationship between God and people. The prophet presents the reality and the potential of that relationship.

5:1-7 - A Parable of a farmer and his vineyard
1. In the parable the vineyard represents Israel.
2. In the parable the original owner is God.
3. The purpose is to help the reader understand God's perspective.
4. The writer invites the original listener to pass judgment.

5:8-25 - Six woes (the woe statements reflect the genre of lament)
1. Laments that there is no room for God in the pursuit of wealth.
2. Laments that there is no room for God in the pursuit of pleasure.
3. Laments that there is no room for God in a cynical lifestyle.
4. Laments that there is no room for God in the arrogant use of freedom.
5. Laments that there is no room for God among the prideful and self-sufficient.
6. Laments that there is no room for God for those who numb themselves in self-medication.

5:26-30 - The invading army
1. This poem contains 23 qualities of the army God is sending to punish Jerusalem.
2. The army is compared to a lion.
3. This passage provides information on the nature of God's destruction and violence.