

# Ezekiel 15:5

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Behold, when it was whole, it was meet for no work: how much less shall it be meet yet for any work, when the fire hath devoured it, and it is burned?

## Analysis

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The logical progression is devastating: if vine wood was worthless when whole, partial destruction makes it completely useless. This refutes any hope that Jerusalem's partial judgment would leave her viable. The argument moves from less to greater, a common prophetic technique (qal wahomer in Hebrew logic).

## Historical Context

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After 597 BC, Jerusalem's population, economy, and military were significantly weakened. Yet King Zedekiah foolishly rebelled against Babylon, bringing final devastation in 586 BC.

## Related Passages

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**Hebrews 11:1** — Definition of faith

**Romans 1:17** — The righteous shall live by faith

## Study Questions

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1. How can you learn from God's discipline rather than hardening your heart through partial judgments?

2. What does genuine repentance look like in response to God's corrective measures in your life?

## Interlinear Text

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הִנֵּה	בְּהִיּוֹת ו'	תָּמָּ יִם	לֹא	וְנֶעֱשֶׂה הִ	
H2009	H1961	Behold when it was whole	H3808	how much less shall it be meet	H6213
		H8549			
לְמַלְאָכָה:	אֵף	כִּי	אֵשׁ	אָכַל תְּהוֹ	וְרָ
for no work	H637	H3588	when the fire	hath devoured	it and it is burned
H4399			H784	H398	H2787
	וְנֶעֱשֶׂה הִ	עֹד	לְמַלְאָכָה:		
how much less shall it be meet		H5750	for no work		
H6213			H4399		

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