

Isaiah 32:10

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Many days and years shall ye be troubled, ye careless women:
for the vintage shall fail, the gathering shall not come.

Analysis

Many days and years shall ye be troubled, ye careless women (ימים על-שנה) for days upon years you tremble, (תרכזה בפחד) (yamim al-shanah turgaznah botechot)—for days upon years you tremble, (tremble, be troubled, agitated). **For the vintage shall fail** (כי פֶּלֶה בָּצֵר) (ki, פֶּלֶה batsir)—the grape harvest, vintage) will cease, (fail, cease, be finished). **The gathering shall not come** (אֲסֹף בְּלִי-בָּזָא) (osef beli-yavo)—the ingathering, harvest) won't come.

Isaiah specifies the judgment: agricultural failure. Ancient Near Eastern life depended on successful harvests—grape vintage for wine, ingathering for grain/fruit. Crop failure meant economic collapse, famine, and vulnerability to enemies. The phrase 'days upon years' (ימים על-שנה) indicates prolonged suffering, not brief discomfort. Deuteronomy 28:38-40 lists failed harvests among covenant curses: 'Thou shalt plant vineyards... but shalt neither drink of the wine, nor gather the grapes.' What was promised blessing for obedience becomes curse for rebellion.

Historical Context

Sieges caused agricultural devastation—fields couldn't be worked, orchards were cut down for siege works. When Assyria invaded (701 BC), Judean agriculture was destroyed. Later Babylonian invasions (605, 597, 586 BC) caused sustained agricultural collapse. Lamentations 5:9-10 describes post-siege famine: 'We gat our

bread with the peril of our lives... Our skin was black like an oven because of the terrible famine.'

Related Passages

Ephesians 2:8 — Salvation by grace through faith

John 3:16 — God's love and salvation

Study Questions

1. How does economic or agricultural collapse function as divine warning or judgment?
2. What modern equivalents to 'failed vintage'—loss of expected provision—might God use to wake the complacent?
3. How should awareness of potential loss affect stewardship and spiritual priorities?

Interlinear Text

כָּל	הַ	כִּי	בָּטְחָה	וְתַ	תְּרַגֵּזְנָה	שָׁנָה	עַל	יְמִים	שָׁנָה	זָנָה	תְּרַגֵּזְנָה	בָּטְחָה	וְתַ	כָּל	
Many	days	H5921	and	years	H8141	shall	ye	be	troubled	H7264	ye	careless	women	H982	H3588
H3117															H3615

בָּצָר	רַ	אַסְף	כָּל	וְ	יְבֹא:										
for	the	vintage	the	gathering	H625	H1097	shall	not	come	H935					
H1210															

Additional Cross-References

Isaiah 7:23 (Parallel theme): And it shall come to pass in that day, that every place shall be, where there were a thousand vines at a thousand silverlings, it shall even be for briers and thorns.

Jeremiah 8:13 (Parallel theme): I will surely consume them, saith the LORD: there shall be no grapes on the vine, nor figs on the fig tree, and the leaf shall fade; and the things that I have given them shall pass away from them.

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