

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 (יָמִים עַל־שָׁנָה, yamim al-shanah tirgaznah botechot)—for days upon years you'll **ragaz** (ragaz, tremble, be troubled, agitated). **For the vintage shall fail** (כִּי כָלָה בָצִיר, ki khalah batsir)—the **בָצִיר** (batsir, grape harvest, vintage) will **כָלָה** (khalah, fail, cease, be finished). **The gathering shall not come** (אֹסֵף בְּלִי־יָבוֹא, osef beli-yavo)—the **אֹסֵף** (osef, 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' (יָמִים עַל־שָׁנָה, yamim al-shanah) 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

יָמִים	עַל	שָׁנָה	תִּתְרַגְזְנָה	בְּטֹחַ וְ	כִּי	כָל הַ
Many days	H5921	and years	shall ye be troubled	ye careless women	H3588	shall fail
H3117		H8141	H7264	H982		H3615
בְּצֵי יֵר	אֶסְף	בִּלְי	יָבֹוא:			
for the vintage	the gathering	H1097	shall not come			
H1210	H625		H935			

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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