

Isaiah 5:1

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Now will I sing to my wellbeloved a song of my beloved touching his vineyard. My wellbeloved hath a vineyard in a very fruitful hill:

Analysis

Isaiah introduces the 'Song of the Vineyard,' a prophetic parable about God's relationship with Israel. The 'beloved' is Yahweh, and Isaiah acts as God's spokesman singing this love song. The vineyard in 'a very fruitful hill' represents the ideal conditions God provided Israel—choice land, covenant relationship, and divine care. This introduction sets up the devastating indictment that follows.

Historical Context

Vineyards required years of cultivation and care in ancient Israel. The audience would understand the investment and expectations associated with vineyard ownership, making the parable's impact powerful.

Related Passages

1 John 4:8 — God is love

John 15:13 — Greatest form of love

Romans 2:1 — Judging others

Revelation 20:12 — Judgment according to deeds

Study Questions

1. What 'fruitful hills' has God placed you in—what advantages and opportunities have you been given?
2. How does viewing God as the 'beloved' affect your understanding of His expectations for your life?

Interlinear Text

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Now will I sing	H4994	My wellbeloved	a song	of my beloved	hath a vineyard
H7891		H3039	H7892	H1730	H3754
כֶּרֶם	הִנֵּה	לִידִיד י	בֶּקַעַר	בְּנֵי	שָׁמֹן:
hath a vineyard	H1961	My wellbeloved	hill	in a very fruitful	H8081
H3754		H3039	H7161	H1121	

Additional Cross-References

Mark 12:1 (Parallel theme): And he began to speak unto them by parables. A certain man planted a vineyard, and set an hedge about it, and digged a place for the winefat, and built a tower, and let it out to husbandmen, and went into a far country.

Luke 20:9 (Parallel theme): Then began he to speak to the people this parable; A certain man planted a vineyard, and let it forth to husbandmen, and went into a far country for a long time.

Psalms 80:8 (Parallel theme): Thou hast brought a vine out of Egypt: thou hast cast out the heathen, and planted it.

Jeremiah 2:21 (Parallel theme): Yet I had planted thee a noble vine, wholly a right seed: how then art thou turned into the degenerate plant of a strange vine unto me?

Matthew 21:33 (Parallel theme): Hear another parable: There was a certain householder, which planted a vineyard, and hedged it round about, and digged a

winepress in it, and built a tower, and let it out to husbandmen, and went into a far country:

John 15:1 (Parallel theme): I am the true vine, and my Father is the husbandman.

Song of Solomon 5:2: I sleep, but my heart waketh: it is the voice of my beloved that knocketh, saying, Open to me, my sister, my love, my dove, my undefiled: for my head is filled with dew, and my locks with the drops of the night.

Song of Solomon 6:3: I am my beloved's, and my beloved is mine: he feedeth among the lilies.

Song of Solomon 2:16: My beloved is mine, and I am his: he feedeth among the lilies.

Song of Solomon 5:16: His mouth is most sweet: yea, he is altogether lovely. This is my beloved, and this is my friend, O daughters of Jerusalem.