

# Isaiah 5:6

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And I will lay it waste: it shall not be pruned, nor digged; but there shall come up briars and thorns: I will also command the clouds that they rain no rain upon it.

## Analysis

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The vineyard owner's drastic action—ceasing pruning, hoeing, allowing briars and thorns, and withholding rain—depicts divine abandonment to covenant curses (cf. Leviticus 26:19-20). The vineyard (Israel, v. 7) that produced wild grapes receives judicial neglect, becoming waste. This anticipates Jesus' parable of the unfruitful fig tree (Luke 13:6-9) and the warning that unfaithful branches are removed (John 15:2, 6). God's withdrawal of care is itself judgment, delivering rebels to consequences of rebellion.

## Historical Context

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Agricultural imagery resonated in Judah's agrarian context. Vineyard abandonment meant economic ruin, symbolizing God's removal of covenant protection and blessing.

## Related Passages

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**Colossians 1:16** — All things created through Christ

**Genesis 1:1** — Creation of heavens and earth

## Study Questions

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1. How does divine 'neglect'—removing sustaining grace—function as judgment?
2. What 'briars and thorns' overgrow our lives when God withdraws His cultivating presence?

## Interlinear Text

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וְאָשִׁיתִּי הוּ	בָּתָּהּ ה	ל א	יִזְמַר	וְל א	יִעֲדָר
And I will lay	it waste	H3808	it shall not be pruned	H3808	nor digged
H7896	H1326		H2168		H5737
וְעָלָהּ ה	נֶשֶׁם יר	וְנֶשֶׁם ית	וְעָלָהּ	הַעֲבִיִּים	
but there shall come up	briers	and thorns	H5921	the clouds	
H5927	H8068	H7898		H5645	
אֲצִוֶּה ה	יִמְהַמְּטוּ יר	עַל יו	מָטָר:		
I will also command	that they rain	H5921	no rain		
H6680	H4305		H4306		

## Additional Cross-References

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**Jeremiah 25:11** (Parallel theme): And this whole land shall be a desolation, and an astonishment; and these nations shall serve the king of Babylon seventy years.

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