

# Jeremiah 25:30

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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## Analysis

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The imagery shifts: shā'ōg yiś'ag 'al-nāwēhû (שְׂאֵג יִשְׁאַג עַל-נְוֵהוּ, mightily roar upon his habitation) suggests God roaring against His own dwelling place—judgment beginning at Jerusalem. The phrase hēdāḏ kēḏōrēkîm ya'āneh (הִידָד כְּדֹרְכִים יַעֲנֶה, give a shout as those who tread grapes) employs vintage imagery. Grape-treading involved rhythmic shouting while trampling grapes, producing wine and juice. Here it becomes an image of divine wrath—God trampling nations like grapes in the winepress. Revelation 14:19-20 and 19:15 use identical imagery for Christ's final judgment, showing thematic continuity.

## Historical Context

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Amos had earlier used the image of God roaring like a lion from Zion (Amos 1:2, 3:8). The prophets consistently portrayed God's judgment as terrifying, inevitable, and comprehensive. The grape-treading imagery was familiar from agricultural life—the violent trampling, the red juice flowing like blood. When applied to judgment, it became visceral and shocking. Joel 3:12-13 similarly describes God commanding, 'Come, get you down; for the press is full, the fats overflow; for their wickedness is great.' These images prepared Israel for the reality that God's judgment would be thorough and terrible.

## Related Passages

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**John 15:13** — Greatest form of love

**1 John 4:8** — God is love

**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 the image of God 'roaring like a lion' challenge sentimental views of divine love that exclude holy judgment?
2. What does the grape-treading imagery teach about the thoroughness and violence of God's judgment against sin?
3. How should these terrifying images of judgment shape our evangelism, worship, and holy living?

## Interlinear Text

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וְאָתָּה	תִּנָּבֵא	אֵלֶיךָ	אֵת	כָּל
H859	Therefore prophesy	H413	H853	H3605
	H5012			
הַדְּבָרִים	הֵא לָהֶם	וְאָמַרְתָּ	אֵלֶיךָ	
thou against them all these words	H428	and say	H413	
	H1697	H559		
יְהוָה	מִמָּוֶה	יִשָּׁאג	וּמִמְעוֹן	קִדְשׁוֹ
unto them The LORD	from on high	he shall mightily	habitation	from his holy
H3068	H4791	H7580	H4583	H6944
וְיָתִיב	קוֹל וֹ	יִשָּׁאג	עַל	בְּיָהוּ
and utter	his voice	he shall mightily	he shall mightily	upon his habitation
H5414	H6963	H7580	H7580	H5921 H5116
הִידָד	כְּדֹרְכֵי	יַעֲנֶה	אֶל	כָּל
a shout	as they that tread	he shall give	H413	H3605
H1959	H1869	H6030		
יִשְׁבֵּי	הָאֲרָצָה			
the grapes against all the inhabitants	of the earth			
H3427	H776			

## Additional Cross-References

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**Amos 1:2** (References Lord): And he said, The LORD will roar from Zion, and utter his voice from Jerusalem; and the habitations of the shepherds shall mourn, and the top of Carmel shall wither.

**Isaiah 42:13** (References Lord): The LORD shall go forth as a mighty man, he shall stir up jealousy like a man of war: he shall cry, yea, roar; he shall prevail against his enemies.

**Joel 3:16** (References Lord): The LORD also shall roar out of Zion, and utter his voice from Jerusalem; and the heavens and the earth shall shake: but the LORD will be the hope of his people, and the strength of the children of Israel.

**Isaiah 16:9** (Parallel theme): Therefore I will bewail with the weeping of Jazer the vine of Sibmah: I will water thee with my tears, O Heshbon, and Elealeh: for the shouting for thy summer fruits and for thy harvest is fallen.

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