

# Jeremiah 25:30

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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## Analysis

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The imagery shifts: shā'ōg yiš'ag 'al-nāwēhû (שָׁאָג יִשְׁאָג עַל-נָּוֶהָ, mightily roar upon his habitation) suggests God roaring against His own dwelling place—judgment beginning at Jerusalem. The phrase hēdād kēdōrēkîm ya'āneh (הֵדָד קְדֹרֶקִים יָאָנֶה, 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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וְאַתָּה	מִתְנַבֵּב	אֶלְיָהוּ	כָּל	אֵת
H859	H5012	H413	H853	H3605
Therefore prophesy				
thou against them all these words	פְּדָבֵר יִם	בְּאָלֵהֶם	בְּאָלֵהֶם	וְאָמַרְתָּ
H1697	H428	H559	H413	
unto them The LORD	יְהִי הָיָה	מִמֶּרְאֶת וּמִמֶּרְאֶת	בְּשָׁאָג	בְּקָדְשׁוֹ
H3068	H4791	H7580	H4583	H6944
and utter	וְיִתְבְּרָא	וְיִשְׁאָג	וְיִשְׁאָג	עַל
H5414	H6963	H7580	H7580	H5921
a shout	וְיִתְבְּרָא	וְיִשְׁאָג	וְיִשְׁאָג	עַל
H1959	H1869	H6030	H3605	H5116
the grapes against all the inhabitants	בְּאֶרֶץ	בְּאֶרֶץ	בְּאֶרֶץ	בְּאֶרֶץ
H3427	H776	H776	H776	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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