## Isaiah Week 7



### Isaiah 5

Isaiah 5 is written like a poem or song. It is a parabolic poem that is viewed as one of the most beautiful poems in the Hebrew language.

What is a parable?

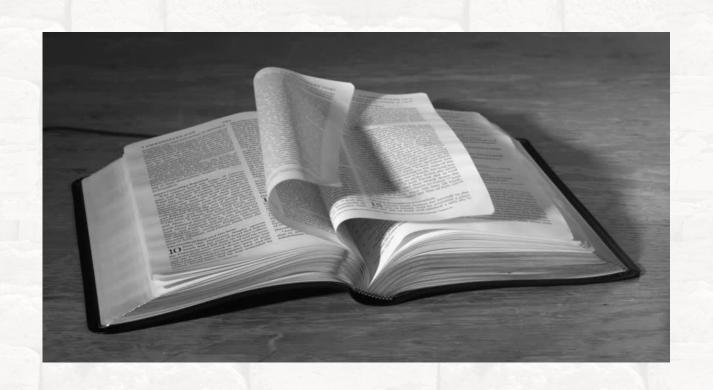
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The word parable comes from the Greek παραβολή (parabolē), literally "throwing" (bolē) "alongside" (para-),

In Scripture it means to scatter or throw alongside Truth!

### Please turn to:

Matthew 21: 33-45



Listen to another parable: There was a landowner who planted a vineyard. He put a wall around it, dug a winepress in it and built a watchtower. Then he rented the vineyard to some farmers and moved to another

When the harvest time approached, he sent his servants to the tenants to collect his fruit. "The tenants seized his servants; they beat one, killed another, and stoned a third.

Then he sent other servants to them, more than the first time, and the tenants treated them the same way. Last of all, he sent his son to them. 'They will respect my son,' he said.

"But when the tenants saw the son, they said to each other, 'This is the heir. Come, let's kill him and take his inheritance.' So they took him and threw him out of the vineyard and killed

"Therefore, when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?" "He will bring those wretches to a wretched end," they replied, "and he will rent the vineyard to other tenants, who will give him his share of the crop at harvest time."

Jesus said to them, "Have you never read in the Scriptures:

"The stone the builders rejected has become the cornerstone;

the Lord has done this, and it is marvelous in our eyes'?

"Therefore I tell you that the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people who will produce its fruit. Anyone who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; anyone on whom it falls will be crushed."

When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard Jesus' parables, they knew he was talking about them.

# Isaiah 5: 1 (NIV)

I will sing for the one I love a song about his vineyard: My loved one had a vineyard on a fertile hillside.

Who do you think Isaiah is singing this song to?

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How would you expect a vineyard on a fertile hillside to look?

# Isaiah 5: 2a (NIV)

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He built a watchtower in it and cut out a winepress as well.

Has the owner put any work into His garden?

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and <u>cut out a winepress</u> as well.

What does the fact that the owner built a winepress tell us that he expects to have?

What kind of grapes did the garden produce?

## Isaiah 5: 2b (NIV)

Then he looked for a crop of good grapes,

but it yielded only bad fruit.

# Isaiah 5: 3 (NIV)

"Now you dwellers in Jerusalem and people of Judah,

judge between me and my vineyard.

Who is this parable written about?

What does it mean to judge?

To find who is at fault.

Who is God asking to judge?

# Isaiah 5: 3 (NIV)

"Now you dwellers in Jerusalem and people of Judah,

judge between me and my vineyard.

# Isaiah 5: 4 (NIV)

What more could have been done for my vineyard

than I have done for it?

When I looked for good grapes,

why did it yield only bad?

Have you ever asked yourself this question?

God is saying the He did his part, He is not responsible for the sin in the world that has rotted his grapes.

# Isaiah 5: 5 (NIV)

Now I will tell you what I am going to do to my vineyard:

I will take away its hedge, and it will be destroyed;

I will break down its wall, and it will be trampled.

What purpose does a hedge and a wall serve?

Who is the hedge and the wall?

What is God saying here?

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# Isaiah 5: 6 (NIV)

I will make it a wasteland,
neither pruned nor cultivated,
and briers and thorns will grow
there.

I will command the clouds not to rain on it."

Who is Isaiah prophesying to here?

# Isaiah 5: 7a (NIV)

The vineyard of the Lord Almighty is the nation of Israel, and the people of Judah are the vines he delighted in.

# Isaiah 5: 7b (NIV)

And he looked for justice, but saw bloodshed;

for righteousness, but heard cries of distress.

# Isiah's Prophetic Cycle

Pronounce judgement on Judah and Jerusalem and calls out for God's people to repent (Prophecy fulfilled in our past)

Future coming of the Kingdom or warnings for future nations (Prophecy fulfilled in the last days)

## The cycle of Isaiah's prophecies

Isaiah is now going to give us six sins that will destroy a nation.

# Isaiah 5: 8 (NIV)

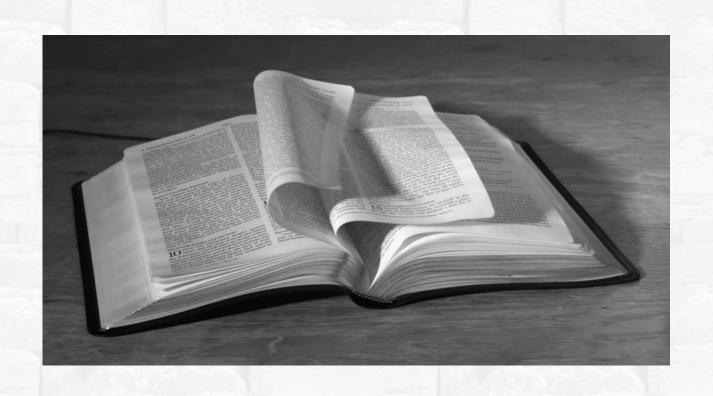
Woe to you who add house to house and join field to field till no space is left and you live alone in the land.

What is the first sin Isaiah is warning us about?

#### Six Sins that will Destroy a Nation



# Please turn to: Exodus 20: 17



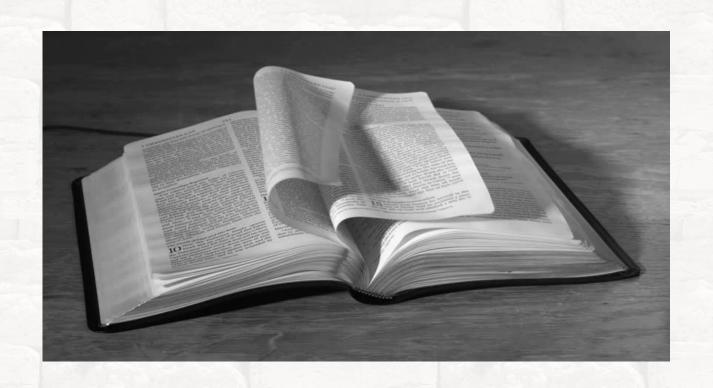
### Exodus 20: 17 (NIV)

"You shall not covet your neighbor's house. You shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his male or female servant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor."

What is wrong with coveting?

### Please turn to:

1 Kings 21: 1-6



Some time later there was an incident involving a vineyard belonging to Naboth the Jezreelite. The vineyard was in Jezreel, close to the palace of Ahab king of Samaria.

Ahab said to Naboth, "Let me have your vineyard to use for a vegetable garden, since it is close to my palace. In exchange I will give you a better vineyard or, if you prefer, I will pay you whatever it is worth."

But Naboth replied, "The Lord forbid that I should give you the inheritance of my ancestors."

So Ahab went home, sullen and angry because Naboth the Jezreelite had said, "I will not give you the inheritance of my ancestors." He lay on his bed sulking and refused to eat.

His wife Jezebel came in and asked him, "Why are you so sullen? Why won't you eat?"

He answered her, "Because I said to Naboth the Jezreelite, 'Sell me your vineyard; or if you prefer, I will give you another vineyard in its place.' But he said, 'I will not give you my vineyard."

Do you know what happens next?

Jezebel his wife said, "Is this how you act as king over Israel? Get up and eat! Cheer up. I'll get you the vineyard of Naboth the Jezreelite."

So she wrote letters in Ahab's name, placed his seal on them, and sent them to the elders and nobles who lived in Naboth's city with him.

In those letters she wrote:

"Proclaim a day of fasting and seat Naboth in a prominent place among the people.

But seat two scoundrels opposite him and have them bring charges that he has cursed both God and the king. Then take him out and stone him to death."

When you covet someone else's wife – you're about to murder that marriage.

When you covet someone else's house – you're about to steal that house.

When you covet someone else's job – you're about to rob them.

## Isaiah 5: 9 (NIV)

The Lord Almighty has declared in my hearing:

"Surely <u>the great houses</u> will become desolate,

the fine mansions left without occupants.

## Isaiah 5: 10 (NIV)

A ten-acre vineyard will produce only a bath of wine;

a homer of seed will yield only an ephah of grain."

# Isaiah 5: 10 (NLT)

Ten acres of vineyard will not produce even six gallons of wine.

Ten baskets of seed will yield only one basket of grain."

When someone gets what they coveted, does the satisfaction and contentment last?

What is a common problem seen among those that have amassed great wealth and/or popularity?



# Isaiah 5: 11 (NIV)

Woe to those who rise early in the morning

to run after their drinks,

who stay up late at night

till they are inflamed with wine.

When do you think it means to be inflamed with wine?

# Isaiah 5: 12 (NIV)

They have harps and lyres at their banquets,

pipes and timbrels and wine,

but they have no regard for the deeds of the Lord,

no respect for the work of his hands.

What does it sound like is going on with harps and lyres, pipes and timbrels and wine?

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- 2. Alcohol/Drugs/Parties

# It's official: You can now buy alcohol at stores on Sunday in Indiana

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At a signing ceremony today in his Statehouse office, Holcomb put his signature to Senate Bill 1, which allows Sunday sales between noon and 8 p.m. at grocery, convenience, drug and liquor stores. Stephen J. Beard/IndyStar



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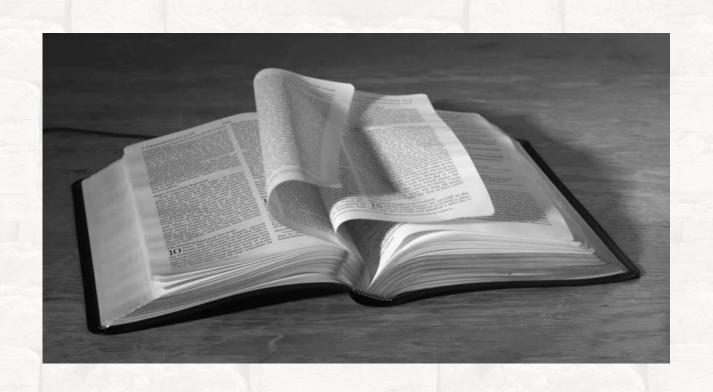




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#### Please turn to:

Luke 12: 16-21



And he told them this parable: "The ground of a certain rich man yielded an abundant harvest. He thought to himself, 'What shall I do? I have no place to store my crops.'

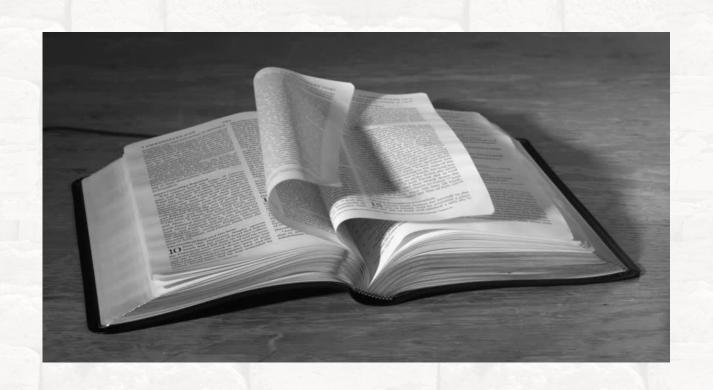
"Then he said, 'This is what I'll do. I will tear down my barns and build bigger ones, and there I will store my surplus grain. And I'll say to myself, "You have plenty of grain laid up for many years. Take life easy; eat, drink and be merry."'

"But God said to him, 'You fool! This very night your life will be demanded from you. Then who will get what you have prepared for yourself?'

"This is how it will be with whoever stores up things for themselves but is not rich toward God."

#### Please turn to:

Proverbs 23: 29-35



# Proverbs 23: 29-35 (NIV)

Who has woe? Who has sorrow Who has strife? Who has complaints? Who has needless bruises? Who has bloodshot eyes?

Those who linger over wine, who go to sample bowls of mixed wine.

#### Proverbs 23: 29-35 (NIV)

Do not gaze at wine when it is red when it sparkles in the cup, when it goes down smoothly!

In the end it bites like a snake and poisons like a viper.

Your eyes will see strange sights, and your mind will imagine confusing things.

#### Proverbs 23: 29-35 (NIV)

You will be like one sleeping on the high seas, lying on top of the rigging.

"They hit me," you will say, "but I'm not hurt! They beat me, but I don't feel it!

When will I wake so I can find another drink?"

# Isaiah 5: 13 (NIV)

Therefore my people will go into exile

for lack of understanding;

those of high rank will die of hunger

and the common people will be parched with thirst.

# Isaiah 5: 14 (NIV)

Therefore Death expands its jaws, opening wide its mouth; into it will descend their nobles and masses

with all their brawlers and revelers.

# Isaiah 5: 14 (KJV)

Therefore **hell** hath enlarged herself, and opened her mouth without measure: and their glory, and their multitude, and their pomp, and he that rejoiceth, shall descend into it.

# Isaiah 5: 15 (NIV)

So people will be brought low and everyone humbled, the eyes of the arrogant humbled.

# Isaiah 5: 16-17 (NIV)

But the Lord Almighty will be exalted by his justice, and the holy God will be proved holy by his righteous acts.

Then sheep will graze as in their own pasture; lambs will feed among the ruins of the rich.

# Isaiah 5: 18 (NIV)

Woe to those who draw sin along with cords of deceit,

and wickedness as with cart ropes,

#### Question

What is this describing?

## Isaiah 5: 19 (NIV)

to those who say, "Let God hurry; let him hasten his work so we may see it.

The plan of the Holy One of Israel — let it approach, let it come into view, so we may know it."

#### Question

What is this describing?

They are mocking God because they believe that God is a God of love and would never judge them.

They are living a sinful lifestyle and justifying their sin while talking about God at the same time."

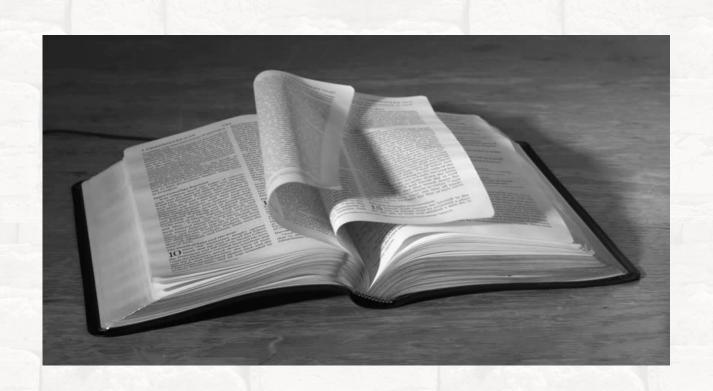
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- 2. Alcohol/Drugs/Parties
- 3. Hypocrisy

#### Question

Which one of the 10 Commandments is this breaking?

# Please turn to: Exodus 20: 7



#### Exodus 20: 7 (NIV)

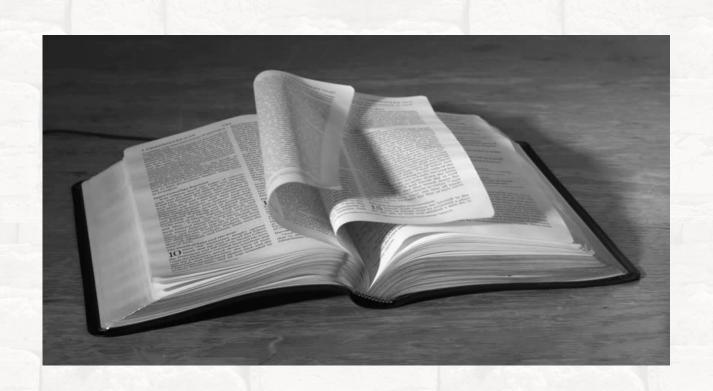
"You shall not misuse the name of the LORD your God, for the LORD will not hold anyone guiltless who misuses his name.

#### Question

How does hypocrisy misuse God's name or use God's name in vain?

## Please turn to:

Luke 6: 43-46



# Luke 6: 43-46 (NIV)

"No good tree bears bad fruit, nor does a bad tree bear good fruit. Each tree is recognized by its own fruit. People do not pick figs from thornbushes, or grapes from briers.

# Luke 6: 43-46 (NIV)

A good man brings good things out of the good stored up in his heart, and an evil man brings evil things out of the evil stored up in his heart. For the mouth speaks what the heart is full of.

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# Isaiah 5: 20 (NIV)

Woe to those who call evil good and good evil, who put darkness for light and light for darkness, who put bitter for sweet and sweet for bitter.

#### Question

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- 4. Deception

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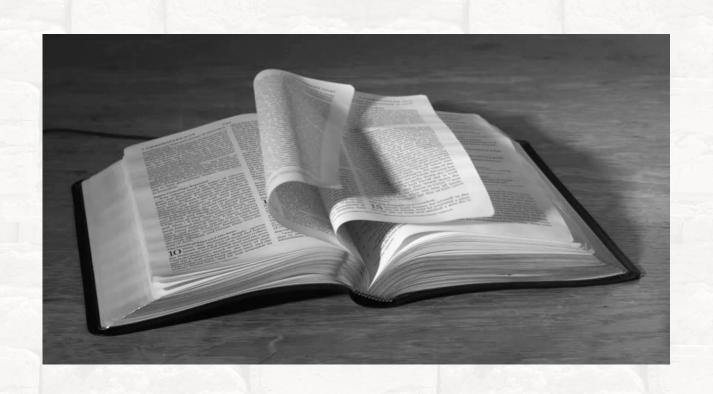
Do you see mankind today being deceptive by attempting to redefine what is sin?

- Adultery is now an affair
- Homosexuality is now gay
- A fetus is now considered not a life
- Abortion is a woman's choice
- Pornography is now freedom of expression
- To disagree with someone is now hate

- Virginity is considered dysfunctional.
- To call a sinful lifestyle sinful is bigoted
- Faith is for those that are old fashioned
- Scripture is now considered oppressive

- The Bible is now hate-speech
- Marriage is now a license for sin
- There is no Hell
- Everyone goes to heaven
- To say Jesus is the only way is not being inclusive of other people

# Please turn to: Ephesians 5: 3-14a



# Ephesians 5: 3-8 (NIV)

But among you there must not be even a hint of sexual immorality, or of any kind of impurity, or of greed, because these are improper for God's holy people.

# Ephesians 5: 3-8 (NIV)

Nor should there be obscenity, foolish talk or coarse joking, which are out of place, but rather thanksgiving. For of this you can be sure: No immoral, impure or greedy person – such a person is an idolater – has any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and of God

#### Ephesians 5: 3-8 (NIV)

Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of such things God's wrath comes on those who are disobedient. Therefore do not be partners with them. For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Live as children of light