

Isaiah 5:1-7; 11:1 (HCSB)

¹ I will sing about the one I love, a song about my loved one's vineyard:

The one I love had a vineyard on a very fertile hill. ² He broke up the soil, cleared it of stones, and planted it with the finest vines. He built a tower in the middle of it and even dug out a winepress there. He expected it to yield good grapes, but it yielded worthless grapes.

³ So now, residents of Jerusalem and men of Judah, please judge between Me and My vineyard. ⁴ What more could I have done for My vineyard than I did? Why, when I expected a yield of good grapes, did it yield worthless grapes? ⁵ Now I will tell you what I am about to do to My vineyard: I will remove its hedge, and it will be consumed; I will tear down its wall, and it will be trampled. ⁶ I will make it a wasteland. It will not be pruned or weeded; thorns and briars will grow up. I will also give orders to the clouds that rain should not fall on it. ⁷ For the vineyard of the Lord of Hosts is the house of Israel, and the men of Judah, the plant He delighted in. He looked for justice but saw injustice, for righteousness, but heard cries of wretchedness.

^{11:1} Then a shoot will grow from the stump of Jesse, and a branch from his roots will bear fruit.

SERMON NOTES

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"Fruitfulness in Unfruitful Conditions"

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1. Perfect Conditions for Fruitfulness (5:1-2a)
2. Failure to Be Fruitful (5:2b)
3. Unfruitful Conditions (5:5-6)
4. Fruitfulness in Unfruitful Conditions (Is. 11:1-4a)