

Isaiah 5

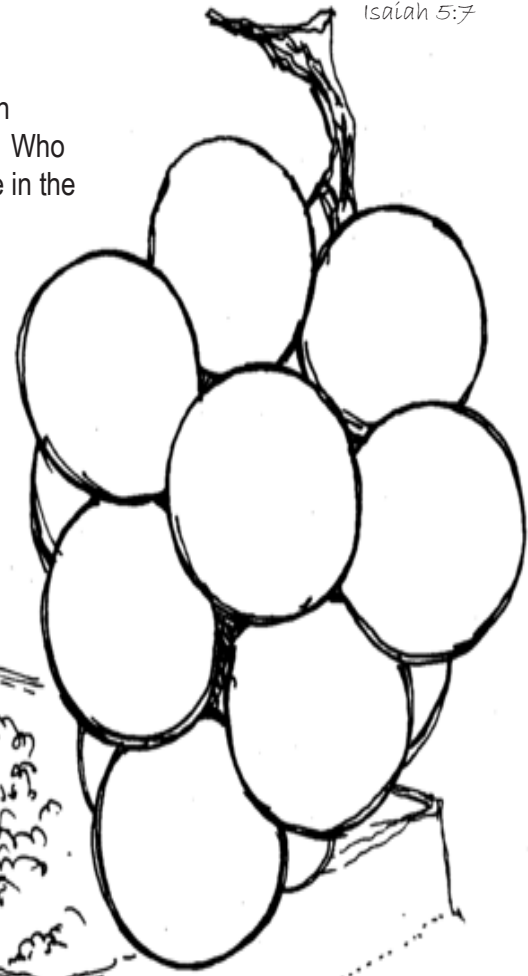
The vineyard of the LORD Almighty is the house of Israel, and the men of Judah are the garden of his delight.

Isaiah 5:7

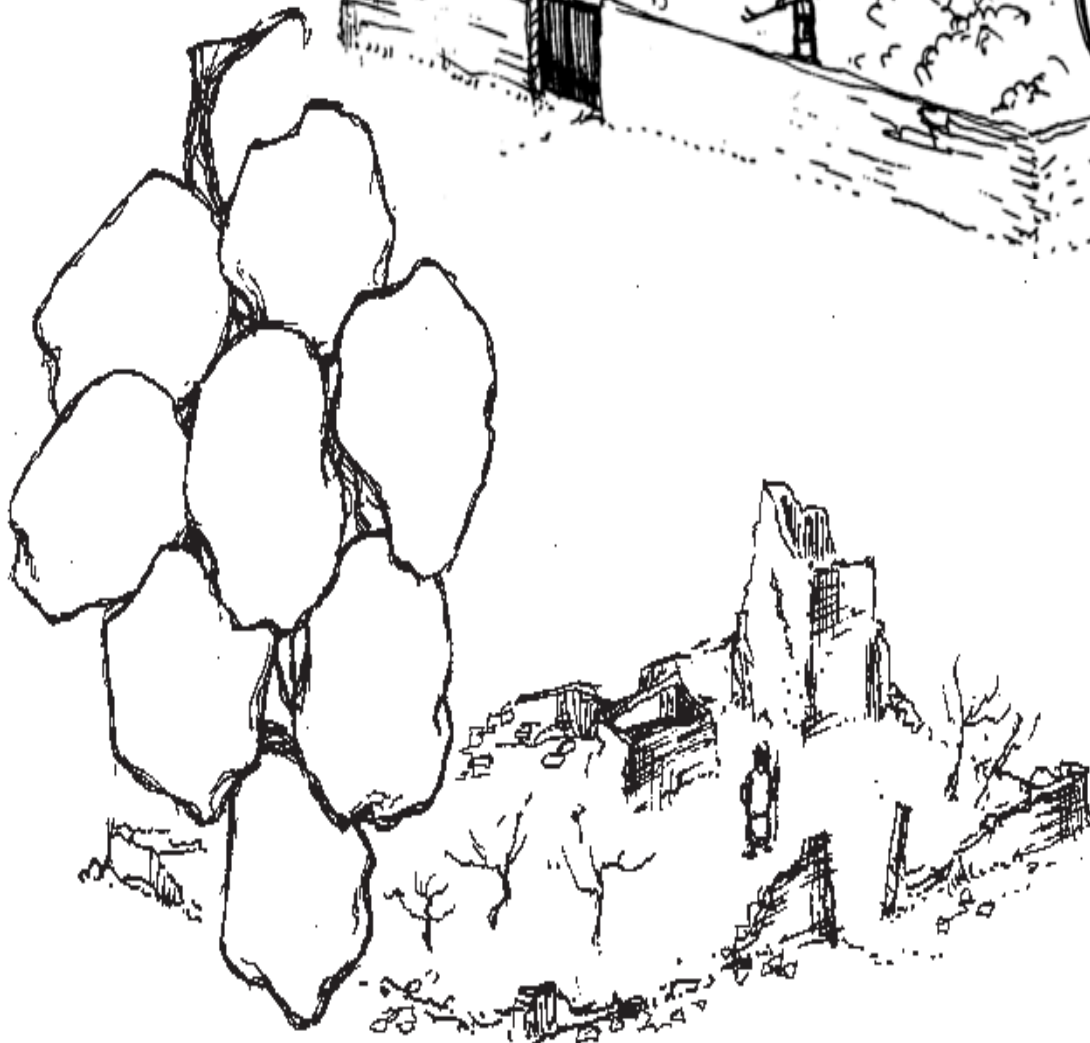
Readings this week:

- S Isaiah 6:1-8
- M Isaiah 1:10-28
- T Isaiah 5:1-7
- W Isaiah 5:8-23
- Th Galatians 5:13-26
- F Matthew 21:33-46
- S Ephesians 5:8-21

Read the parable of the vineyard in Isaiah chapter 5. Talk about what it represents. Who is the vineyard? Is there any significance in the actions of the vineyard owner?



Write in the good grapes the sort of behaviour God was looking for and in the sour fruit the sort of actions he was condemning.



Can you think of another parable about a vineyard which Jesus told? What are the similarities and differences between this parable and the one Jesus told?

Look at verses 5-6, 13-15 and 24-30. What does God say he will do to the vineyard because of its corrupt state? Make a list of the things God said he would do.

Are you sweet or sour to others you meet?

Are you sweet or sour to God? Decide which sour actions you can work to get rid of and which sweet actions you can work to make better!

Digging Deeper

Remind yourself which period of history we are talking about. Where did Isaiah live and in whose reigns? Look at Isaiah 1:1 and use the time chart at the front of the workbook.

What do we know about Isaiah himself?

Read Isaiah 6 to find the answer to these questions.

What do you think Isaiah thought about the way many of his countrymen were living? (v5)

What did Isaiah see in a vision? (v1-3) Where was he and when was it? (v4) (v1)

How did it make him feel? (v5)

What happened next? (v7-8) What do you think this meant?

What did God want and what did Isaiah say? (v8-9)

Do you think the people were going to listen? (v9-10) and how long was Isaiah to go on preaching? (v11-12)

What can you find out about Isaiah's family? Chapter 1:1 (this Amos wasn't the other prophet), chapters 7:3 and 8:3. Something he had to do (chapter 20)

Some people think that Hebrews 11:37 refers to Isaiah when it talks of 'some being sawn in two' but there is no evidence that he was.

Pray
that God
will help you to
produce good fruit
in your life