

Woe To Those Who...
Isaiah 5:8-30

- I. Woe Literature
 - A. Definition of “Woe”
 - 1. An expression of pain or sorrow
 - 2. A cry of distress
 - B. New American Commentary – “The woe oracle derives from the social context of lamenting the death of someone at a funeral, or mourning the approaching death of someone.”
- II. Isaiah’s Woes Against Judah & Jerusalem
 - A. Six Woes
 - 1. Woe against ill-gained wealth (5:8)
 - 2. Woe against lack of self-control, particularly in use of wine (5:11-12)
 - 3. Woe for misuse of the tongue, particularly lying and mocking God (5:18-19)
 - 4. Woe for exchanging right and wrong (5:20)
 - 5. Woe for pride in own wisdom (5:21)
 - 6. Woe for social injustice (5:22-23)
 - B. Consequences of the “woes” (for unrepentance)
 - 1. Wealth removed (5:9-10)
 - 2. Death and exile (5:13-14)
 - 3. God’s continued anger (5:24-25)
 - 4. God’s call for a foreign power to dispense judgment (5:26-30)
- III. The Key: When God’s Blessing Becomes an Idol and A Curse
 - A. Deuteronomy 28:1-14
 - 1. The land and fruit were blessings
 - 2. Life was a blessing
 - 3. Victory and security were blessings
 - 4. God-exalted reputation was a blessing
 - B. When we trust in the blessing, rather than the One who blesses, we enter into, sin, idolatry, and rebellion
 - C. Consider Galatians 5:18-25
 - D. Is your trust in Jesus or the perks that Jesus brings?