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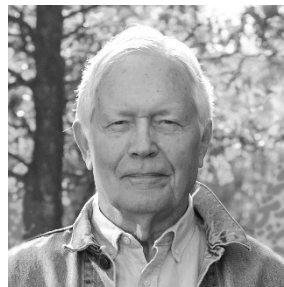
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**SCHEDULE WINTER INSTITUTE
SATURDAY, JANUARY 25**

- 8:00-8:50 Continental Breakfast & Registration
- 8:50-9:00 Welcome
- 9:00-9:45 **Lecture 1:** Chris Swanson
“Hope in Time of Abandonment”
- 9:45-11:15 **Discussion:** Reading from Ecclesiastes 1-3
- 11:15-11:30 Break
- 11:30-12:15 **Lecture 2:** Wes Hurd
“Light from the Dark Vision of Ecclesiastes”
- 12:15-1:30 Lunch
- 1:30-3:00 **Discussion:** Readings from Isaiah 1-5 and Romans 5:1-5
- 3:00-3:15 Break
- 3:15-4:00 **Lecture 3:** Charley Dewberry
“Where Does Our Hope Lie?”
- 4:00-4:30 Q&A
- 4:30-6:00 Break
- 6:00-8:00 Banquet & presentation of *Odyssey of These Days*

THE ODYSSEY OF THESE DAYS

The Odyssey of These Days is an exhibition of nine paintings by Wes Hurd that will be displayed in Gutenberg's Puccinelli Gallery during the Winter Institute. Wes will offer an interpretation of his work after the evening banquet.



Artist's Statement

This exhibition is about struggle, grief, loss, and hope. There are times when making art is the only voice we can find to explain human suffering and pain to ourselves.

The paintings present visual forms evoking the unanswerable questions that every human encounters. The works form a visual narrative pictorializing the human experiences of shock, struggle, grief, and lament.

In our common experiences of suffering and loss, we find and see each other in deeper, more profound ways. We also join together in hope for God to make right that which is wrong. We find hope in the darkness because we have each other to share our burdens as we wait for the glory of the coming Kingdom of God.

SPEAKERS & TALK DESCRIPTIONS

9:00-9:45 PM. Chris Swanson “Hope in Time of Abandonment”

Description: At many points in the Bible, God allows His people to live with the consequences of their faithlessness. He removes His presence from them for a time. However, He is faithful and saves them when they call out to Him in HOPE. This talk will explore that dynamic and compare it to our cultural situation today. Has God abandoned us for a time, and if so, how shall we respond in hope?



Chris Swanson has been a tutor at Gutenberg since 1994, and in 2016, he became president of the college. He has a B.S. in physics and math and both an M.S. and Ph.D. in physics. He has also done post-doctoral research at the University of Oregon and taught at Westmont College in California.

11:30-12:15 PM. Wes Hurd: “Light from the Dark Vision of Ecclesiastes”

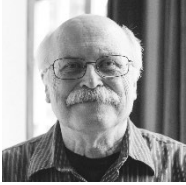
Description: Solomon’s book of prose-poetry, Ecclesiastes, is perhaps the most misunderstood book in the Bible. On some accounts, it doesn’t even belong in the canon of inspired Scripture. This talk will introduce biblical motifs from Ecclesiastes that relate to God’s apparent silence in the world. It will also present an essential look at how our culture—what we think and make to fulfill ourselves—relates to those times when God seems silent and absent.



Wes Hurd founded McKenzie Study Center in 1979 and, until he retired in June 2012, was a full-time tutor at Gutenberg College and the director of Art Project, an institute of Gutenberg College. He returned to Gutenberg from 2016 to 2019 as a member of the board of governors and a part-time tutor. He has an M.A. in biblical studies, a Ph.D. in educational policy, and an M.F.A. in painting. Dr. Hurd remains involved in the arts, and you can view his recent art work at weshurd.com. His work, *Odyssey of These Days*, is featured at the Institute.

3:15-4:00 PM. Charley Dewberry: “Where Does Our Hope Lie?”

Description: The Bible encourages us often to persevere and not to lose heart. This is difficult because we do not have tangible evidence for doing so. What is biblical hope and how do we persevere? In this talk, Charley will contrast the biblical answer with the description of our hope in Norman Wirzba’s recent book, *Love’s Braided Dance: Hope in a time of Crisis*.



Charley Dewberry is the dean and a tutor at Gutenberg College, a practicing scientist and stream ecologist, and the author of *Saving Science: A Critique of Science and Its Role in Salmon Recovery* (2004) and *Intelligent Discourse: Exposing the Fallacious Standoff Between Evolution and Intelligent Design* (2006). He holds a B.S. in the arts (political science, economics, and zoology; 1975) and an M.S. in stream ecology (1978) from Michigan State University, and a Ph.D. in philosophy with an emphasis on philosophy of science from the University of Oregon (1995).

ECCLESIASTES 1-3

Chapter 1

¹The words of the Preacher, the son of David, king in Jerusalem.

²“Futility of futilities,” says the Preacher,

“Futility of futilities! All is futility.”

³What advantage does a person have in all his work

Which he does under the sun?

⁴A generation goes and a generation comes,

But the earth ^[a]remains forever.

⁵Also, the sun rises and the sun sets;

And ^[b]hurrying to its place it rises there *again*.

⁶^[c]Blowing toward the south,

Then turning toward the north,

The wind continues ^[d]swirling along;

And on its circular courses the wind returns.

⁷All the rivers ^[e]flow into the sea,

Yet the sea is not full.

To the place where the rivers ^[f]flow,

There they ^[g]flow again.

⁸All things are wearisome;

No one can tell *it*.

The eye is not satisfied with seeing,

Nor is the ear filled with hearing.

⁹What has been, it is what will be,

And what has been done, it is what will be done.

So there is nothing new under the sun.

¹⁰Is there anything of which one might say,

“See this, it is new”?

It has already existed for ages

Which were before us.

¹¹There is no remembrance of the ^[h]earlier things,

And of the later things as well, which will occur,

There will be no remembrance of them

Among those who will come later *still*.

¹²I, the Preacher, have been king over Israel in Jerusalem. ¹³And I set my ^[i]mind to seek and explore by wisdom about everything that has been done under heaven. *It* is a ^[j]sorry task with which God has given the sons of mankind to be troubled. ¹⁴I have seen all the works which have been done under the sun, and behold, all is futility and striving after wind. ¹⁵What is crooked cannot be straightened, and what is lacking cannot be counted.

¹⁶I ^[k]said to myself, “Behold, I have magnified and increased wisdom more than all who were over Jerusalem before me; and my ^[l]mind has observed ^[m]a wealth of wisdom and knowledge.” ¹⁷And I applied my ^[n]mind to know wisdom and to know insanity and foolishness; I realized that this also is striving after wind. ¹⁸Because in much wisdom there is much grief; and increasing knowledge *results in* increasing pain.

Chapter 2

¹I said ^[a]to myself, “Come now, I will test you with pleasure. So ^[b]enjoy yourself.” And behold, it too was futility. ²I said of laughter, “*It is* senseless,” and of pleasure, “What does this accomplish?” ³I explored with my ^[c]mind *how* to refresh my body with wine while my ^[d]mind was guiding *me* wisely; and how to seize foolishness, until I could see what good there is for the sons of mankind ^[e]to do under heaven for the few ^[f]years of their lives. ⁴I enlarged my works: I built houses for myself, I planted vineyards for myself; ⁵I made gardens and parks for myself, and I planted in them all kinds of fruit trees; ⁶I made ponds of water for myself from which to irrigate a forest of growing trees. ⁷I bought male and female slaves, and I had ^[g]slaves *born* at home. I also possessed flocks and herds larger than all who preceded me in Jerusalem. ⁸I also amassed for myself silver and gold, and the treasure of kings and provinces. I provided for myself male and female singers, and the pleasures of the sons of mankind: many concubines.

⁹Then I became great and increased more than all who preceded me in Jerusalem. My wisdom also stood by me. ¹⁰All that my eyes desired, I did not refuse them. I did not restrain my heart from any pleasure, for my heart was pleased because of all my labor; and this was my reward for all my labor. ¹¹So I considered all my activities which my hands had done and the labor which I had ^[h]exerted, and behold, all was futility and striving after wind, and there was no benefit under the sun.

¹²So I turned to consider wisdom, insanity, and foolishness; for what *will* the man *do* who will come after the king, *except* what has already been done? ¹³Then I saw

that wisdom surpasses foolishness as light surpasses darkness. ¹⁴The wise person's eyes are in his head, but the fool walks in darkness. And yet I know that one *and the same* fate happens to ^[i]both of them. ¹⁵Then I said ^[j]to myself, "As is the fate of the fool, it will also happen to me. Why then have I been extremely wise?" So ^[k]I said to myself, "This too is futility." ¹⁶For there is no ^[l]lasting remembrance of the wise, along with the fool, since *in* the coming days everything will ^[m]soon be forgotten. And how the wise and the fool alike die! ¹⁷So I hated life, for the work which had been done under the sun was ^[n]unhappy to me; because everything is futility and striving after wind.

¹⁸So I hated all the fruit of my labor for which I had labored under the sun, because I must leave it to the man who will come after me. ¹⁹And who knows whether he will be wise or a fool? Yet he will have control over all the fruit of my labor for which I have labored by acting wisely under the sun. This too is futility. ²⁰Therefore I ^[o]completely despaired over all the fruit of my labor for which I had labored under the sun. ²¹When there is a person who has labored with wisdom, knowledge, and skill, and then gives his ^[p]legacy to one who has not labored for it; this too is futility and a great evil. ²²For what does a person get in all his labor and in ^[q]his striving with which he labors under the sun? ²³Because all his days his activity is painful and irritating; even at night his ^[r]mind does not rest. This too is futility.

²⁴There is nothing better for a person *than* to eat and drink, and show ^[s]himself *some* good in his trouble. This too I have seen, that it is from the hand of God. ²⁵For who can eat and who can have enjoyment without ^[t]Him? ²⁶For to a person who is good in His sight, He has given wisdom and knowledge and joy, while to the sinner He has given the task of gathering and collecting so that he may give to one who is good in God's sight. This too is futility and striving after wind.

Chapter 3

¹There is an appointed time for everything. And there is a time for every matter under heaven—

²A time to give birth and a time to die;

A time to plant and a time to uproot what is planted.

³A time to kill and a time to heal;

A time to tear down and a time to build up.

⁴A time to weep and a time to laugh;

A time to mourn and a time to dance.

⁵A time to throw stones and a time to gather stones;
A time to embrace and a time to shun embracing.

⁶A time to search and a time to give up as lost;
A time to keep and a time to throw away.

⁷A time to tear apart and a time to sew together;
A time to be silent and a time to speak.

⁸A time to love and a time to hate;
A time for war and a time for peace.

⁹What benefit *is there for* the worker *from that* in which he labors? ¹⁰I have seen the task which God has given the sons of mankind with which to ^[a]occupy themselves.

¹¹He has made everything appropriate in its time. He has also set eternity in their heart, without *the possibility that* mankind will find out the work which God has done from the beginning even to the end.

¹²I know that there is nothing better for them than to rejoice and to do good in one's lifetime; ¹³moreover, that every person who eats and drinks sees good in all his labor—this is the gift of God. ¹⁴I know that everything God does will remain forever; there is nothing to add to it and there is nothing to take from it. And God has *so* worked, that *people* will ^[b]fear Him. ¹⁵That *which is*, is what has already been, and that which will be has already been; and God ^[c]seeks what has passed by.

¹⁶Furthermore, I have seen under the sun *that* in the place of justice there is wickedness and in the place of righteousness there is wickedness. ¹⁷I said ^[d]to myself, "God will judge the righteous and the wicked," for a time for every matter and for every deed ^[c]is there. ¹⁸I said ^[f]to myself regarding the sons of mankind, "God is testing them in order for them to see that they are *as* animals, they to themselves." ¹⁹For the fate of the sons of mankind and the fate of animals ^[g]is the same. As one dies, so dies the other; indeed, they all have the same breath, and there is no advantage for mankind over animals, for all is futility. ²⁰All go to the same place. All came from the dust and all return to the dust. ²¹Who knows that the spirit of the sons of mankind ascends upward and the spirit of the animal descends downward to the earth? ²²I have seen that nothing is better than when a person is happy in his activities, for that is his ^[h]lot. For who will bring him to see what will occur after him?

ECCLESIASTES NOTES

Chapter 1

- [a] 4 Lit *stands*
- [b] 5 Lit *panting*
- [c] 6 Lit *Going*
- [d] 6 Lit *turning*
- [e] 7 Lit *go*
- [f] 7 Lit *go*
- [g] 7 Lit *go*
- [h] 11 Lit *first; or former*
- [i] 13 Lit *heart*
- [j] 13 Lit *evil*
- [k] 16 Lit *spoke with my heart, saying*
- [l] 16 Lit *heart*
- [m] 16 Lit *an abundance*
- [n] 17 Lit *heart*

Chapter 2

- [a] 1 Lit *in my heart*
- [b] 1 Lit *consider with goodness*
- [c] 3 Lit *heart*
- [d] 3 Lit *heart*
- [e] 3 Lit *which they do*
- [f] 3 Lit *days*
- [g] 7 Lit *sons*
- [h] 11 Lit *labored to do*
- [i] 14 Lit *all of*
- [j] 15 Lit *in my heart*
- [k] 15 Lit *I spoke in my heart*
- [l] 16 Lit *forever*
- [m] 16 Lit *already*
- [n] 17 Lit *evil*
- [o] 20 Lit *turned aside my heart to despair*
- [p] 21 Lit *share*
- [q] 22 Lit *the striving of his heart*

- [r] 23 Lit *heart*
- [s] 24 Lit *his soul*
- [t] 25 As in LXX; Heb *me*

Chapter 3

- [a] 10 Or *trouble*
- [b] 14 Or *be in awe before Him*
- [c] 15 Or *finds*
- [d] 17 Lit *in my heart*
- [e] 17 I.e., exists with God
- [f] 18 Lit *in my heart*
- [g] 19 Lit *and they have one fate*
- [h] 22 Or *reward*

ISAIAH 1-5

Chapter 1

¹The vision of Isaiah the son of Amoz concerning Judah and Jerusalem, which he saw during the ^[a]reigns of Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz, *and* Hezekiah, kings of Judah.

²Listen, heavens, and hear, earth;
For the LORD has spoken:

“Sons I have raised and brought up,
But they have revolted against Me.

³“An ox knows its owner,
And a donkey its master’s manger,
But Israel does not know,
My people do not understand.”

⁴Oh, sinful nation,
People weighed down with guilt,
^[b]Offspring of evildoers,
Sons who act corruptly!
They have abandoned the LORD,
They have despised the Holy One of Israel,
They have turned away ^[c]from Him.

⁵Where will you be stricken again,
As you continue in *your* rebellion?
The entire head is sick
And the entire heart is faint.

⁶From the sole of the foot even to the head
There is nothing healthy in it,
Only bruises, slashes, and raw wounds;
Not pressed out nor bandaged,
Nor softened with oil.

⁷Your land is desolate,
Your cities are burned with fire;
As for your fields, strangers are devouring them in front of you;
It is desolation, as overthrown by strangers.

⁸The daughter of Zion is left like a shelter in a vineyard,
Like a watchman’s hut in a cucumber field, like a city under watch.

⁹If the LORD of armies

Had not left us a few survivors,
We would be like Sodom,
We would be like Gomorrah.
10Hear the word of the LORD,
You rulers of Sodom;
Listen to the instruction of our God,
You people of Gomorrah!
11“What are your many sacrifices to Me?”
Says the LORD.
“I ^[d]have had enough of burnt offerings of rams
And the fat of fattened cattle;
And I take no pleasure in the blood of bulls, lambs, or goats.
12“When you come to appear before Me,
Who requires ^[e]of you this trampling of My courtyards?
13“Do not go on bringing your worthless offerings,
Incense is an abomination to Me.
New moon and Sabbath, the proclamation of an assembly—
I cannot endure wrongdoing and the festive assembly.
14“^[f]I hate your new moon *festivals* and your appointed feasts,
They have become a burden to Me;
I am tired of bearing *them*.
15“So when you spread out your hands *in prayer*,
I will hide My eyes from you;
Yes, even though you offer many prayers,
I will not be listening.
Your hands are ^[g]covered with blood.
16“Wash yourselves, make yourselves clean;
Remove the evil of your deeds from My sight.
Stop doing evil,
17Learn to do good;
Seek justice,
Rebuke the oppressor,
Obtain justice for the orphan,
Plead for the widow’s case.
18“Come now, and let us ^[h]debate *your case*,”
Says the LORD,

“Though your sins are as scarlet,
They shall become as white as snow;

Though they are red like crimson,
They shall be like wool.

¹⁹“If you are willing and obedient,
You will eat the best of the land;

²⁰But if you refuse and rebel,
You will be devoured by the sword.”

For the mouth of the LORD has spoken.

²¹How the faithful city has become a prostitute,

She *who* was full of justice!

Righteousness *once* dwelt in her,

But now murderers.

²²Your silver has become ^[i]waste matter,

Your drink diluted with water.

²³Your rulers are rebels

And companions of thieves;

Everyone loves a bribe

And chases after gifts.

They do not obtain justice for the ^[j]orphan,

Nor does the widow’s case come before them.

²⁴Therefore the Lord ^[k]GOD of armies,

The Mighty One of Israel, declares,

“Ah, I will have satisfaction against My adversaries,

And avenge Myself on My enemies.

²⁵“I will also turn My hand against you,

And smelt away your impurities as with lye;

And I will remove all your slag.

²⁶“Then I will restore your judges as at first,

And your counselors as at the beginning;

After that you will be called the city of righteousness,

A faithful city.”

²⁷Zion will be redeemed with justice

And her ^[l]repentant ones with righteousness.

²⁸But ^[m]wrongdoers and sinners together will be broken,

And those who abandon the LORD will come to an end.

²⁹^[n]You certainly will be ashamed of the ^[o]oaks which you have desired,

And you will be embarrassed by the gardens which you have chosen.

³⁰For you will be like an ^[p]oak whose leaf withers away,

Or like a garden that has no water.

³¹The strong man will become *like* ^[q]flax fiber,
 And his work a spark.
 So they shall both burn together
 And there will be no one to extinguish *them*.

Chapter 2

¹The word which Isaiah the son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

²Now it will come about that
 In the last days
 The mountain of the house of the LORD
 Will be established ^[a]as the chief of the mountains,
 And will be raised above the hills;
 And all the nations will stream to it.
³And many peoples will come and say,

“Come, let’s go up to the mountain of the LORD,
 To the house of the God of Jacob;
 So that He may teach us ^[b]about His ways,
 And that we may walk in His paths.”
 For ^[c]the law will go out from Zion
 And the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.

⁴And He will judge between the nations,
 And will mediate for many peoples;
 And they will beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into
 pruning knives.
 Nation will not lift up a sword against nation,
 And never again will they learn war.

⁵Come, house of Jacob, and let’s walk in the light of the LORD.

⁶For You have abandoned Your people, the house of Jacob,
 Because they are filled *with influences* from the east,
 And *they are* soothsayers like the Philistines.
 They also ^[d]strike *bargains* with the children of foreigners.

⁷Their land has also been filled with silver and gold
 And there is no end to their treasures;
 Their land has also been filled with horses,
 And there is no end to their chariots.

⁸Their land has also been filled with idols;

They worship the work of their hands,
That which their fingers have made.

⁹So *the common* person has been humbled
And *the person of importance* has been brought low,
But do not forgive them.

¹⁰Enter the rocky *place* and hide in the dust
From the terror of the LORD and from the splendor of His majesty.

¹¹The ^[c]proud look of humanity will be brought low,
And the arrogance of people will be humbled;
And the LORD alone will be exalted on that day.

¹²For the LORD of armies will have a day *of reckoning*
Against everyone who is arrogant and haughty,
And against everyone who is lifted up,
That he may be brought low.

¹³And *it will be* against all the cedars of Lebanon that are lofty and lifted
up,

Against all the oaks of Bashan,

¹⁴Against all the lofty mountains,
Against all the hills that are lifted up,

¹⁵Against every high tower,
Against every fortified wall,

¹⁶Against all the ships of Tarshish
And against all the delightful ships.

¹⁷And the pride of humanity will be humbled
And the arrogance of people will be brought low;
And the LORD alone will be exalted on that day,

¹⁸And the idols will completely vanish.

¹⁹*People* will go into caves of the rocks
And into holes in the ^[f]ground
Away from the terror of the LORD
And the splendor of His majesty,
When He arises to terrify the earth.

²⁰On that day people will throw away to the moles and the bats
Their idols of silver and their idols of gold,
Which they made for themselves to worship,

²¹In order to go into the clefts of the rocks and the crannies of the cliffs
Before the terror of the LORD and the splendor of His majesty,
When He arises to terrify the earth.

²²[g]Take no account of man, whose breath *of life* is in his nostrils;
For ^[h]why should he be esteemed?

Chapter 3

¹For behold, the Lord ^[a]GOD of armies is going to remove from Jerusalem and Judah

Both supply and support, the entire supply of bread
And the entire supply of water;

²The mighty man and the warrior,

The judge and the prophet,

The diviner and the elder,

³The captain of fifty and the esteemed *person*,

The counselor and the expert artisan,

And the skillful enchanter.

⁴And I will make *mere* boys their leaders,

And ^[b]mischievous *children* will rule over them,

⁵And the people will be oppressed,

Each one by another, and each one by his neighbor;

The youth will assault the elder,

And the contemptible *person will assault* the one honored.

⁶When a man lays hold of his brother in his father's house, *saying*,

“You have a cloak, you shall be our ruler!

And these ruins will be under your ^[c]authority,”

⁷He will ^[d]protest on that day, saying,

“I will not be *your* ^[e]healer,

For in my house there is neither bread nor cloak;

You should not appoint me ruler of the people.”

⁸For Jerusalem has stumbled and Judah has fallen,

Because their ^[f]speech and their actions are against the LORD,

To rebel against ^[g]His glorious presence.

⁹^[h]The expression of their faces testifies against them,

And they ^[i]display their sin like Sodom;

They do not *even* conceal *it*.

Woe to ^[j]them!

For they have done evil to themselves.

¹⁰Say to the righteous that *it will go well for them*,

For they will eat the fruit of their actions.

¹¹Woe to the wicked! *It will go badly for him,*

For ^[k]what he deserves will be done to him.

¹²My people! Their oppressors treat them violently,

And women rule over them.

My people! Those who guide you lead *you* astray

And confuse the direction of your paths.

¹³The LORD arises to contend,

And stands to judge the people.

¹⁴The LORD enters into judgment with the elders and leaders of His people,

“It is you who have ^[l]devoured the vineyard;

The goods stolen from the poor are in your houses.

¹⁵“What do you mean by crushing My people

And ^[m]oppressing the face of the poor?”

Declares the Lord ^[n]GOD of armies.

¹⁶Moreover, the LORD said, “Because the daughters of Zion are haughty

And walk with ^[o]heads held high and seductive eyes,

And go along with mincing steps

And jingle the anklets on their feet,

¹⁷The Lord will afflict the scalp of the daughters of Zion with scabs,

And the LORD will make their foreheads bare.”

¹⁸On that day the Lord will take away the beauty of *their* anklets, headbands, crescent ornaments, ¹⁹dangling earrings, bracelets, veils, ²⁰headdresses, ankle chains, sashes, perfume boxes, amulets, ²¹^[p]finger rings, nose rings, ²²festive robes, outer garments, shawls, purses, ²³papyrus garments, undergarments, headbands, and veils.

²⁴Now it will come about that instead of balsam oil there will be a stench;

Instead of a belt, a rope;

Instead of well-set hair, a plucked-out scalp;

Instead of fine clothes, a robe of sackcloth;

And branding instead of beauty.

²⁵Your men will fall by the sword

And your ^[q]mighty ones in battle.

²⁶And her ^[r]gates will lament and mourn,

And she will sit deserted on the ground.

Chapter 4

¹For seven women will take hold of one man on that day, saying, “We will eat our own bread and wear our own clothes, only let us be called by your name; take away our disgrace!”

²On that day the Branch of the LORD will be beautiful and glorious, and the fruit of the earth *will be* the pride and the beauty of the survivors of Israel. ³And it will come about that the one who is left in Zion and remains behind in Jerusalem will be called holy—everyone who is recorded for life in Jerusalem.

⁴When the Lord has washed away the filth of the daughters of Zion and ^[a]purged the bloodshed of Jerusalem from her midst, by the spirit of judgment and the spirit of ^[b]burning, ⁵then the LORD will create over the entire area of Mount Zion and over her assemblies a cloud by day, and smoke, and the brightness of a flaming fire by night; for over all the glory will be a canopy. ⁶And there will be a shelter to *give* shade from the heat by day, and refuge and ^[b]protection from the storm and the rain.

Chapter 5

¹Let me sing now for my beloved
A song of my beloved about His vineyard.
My beloved had a vineyard on ^[a]a fertile hill.

²He dug it all around, cleared it of stones,
And planted it with ^[b]the choicest vine.
And He built a tower in the middle of it,
And also carved out a ^[c]wine vat in it;
Then He expected *it* to produce *good* grapes,
But it produced *only* ^[d]worthless ones.

³“And now, you inhabitants of Jerusalem and people of Judah,
Judge between Me and My vineyard.

⁴“What more was there to do for My vineyard ^[c]that I have not done in it?
Why, *when* I expected *it* to produce *good* grapes did it produce ^[d]worthless ones?

⁵“So now let Me tell you what I am going to do to My vineyard:

I will remove its hedge and it will be consumed;
I will break down its wall and it will become trampled ground.

⁶“I will lay it waste;
It will not be pruned nor hoed,

But briars and thorns will come up.
 I will also command the clouds not to rain on it.”
 7For the vineyard of the LORD of armies is the house of Israel,
 And the people of Judah are His delightful plant.
 So He waited for justice, but behold, *there was* bloodshed;
 For righteousness, but behold, a cry for help.
 8Woe to those who attach house to house *and* join field to field,
 Until there is no more room,
 And you alone are a landowner in the midst of the land!
 9In my ears the LORD of armies *has sworn*, “Many houses shall certainly
 become desolate,
Even great and fine ones, without occupants.
 10“For ten acres of vineyard will yield *only* one ^[g]bath of wine,
 And a ^[h]homer of seed will yield *only* an ^[i]ephah of grain.”
 11Woe to those who rise early in the morning so that they may pursue
 intoxicating drink,
 Who stay up late in the evening so that wine may inflame them!
 12Their banquets are *accompanied by* lyre and harp, *by* tambourine and
 flute, and *by* wine;
 But they do not pay attention to the deeds of the LORD,
 Nor do they consider the work of His hands.
 13Therefore My people go into exile for their lack of knowledge;
 And their ^[j]nobles are famished,
 And their multitude is parched with thirst.
 14Therefore Sheol has enlarged its ^[k]throat and opened its mouth beyond
 measure;
 And ^[l]Jerusalem’s splendor, her multitude, her noise of *revelry*, and the
 jubilant within her, descend *into it*.
 15So *the common* people will be humbled and *the person of importance*
 brought low,
 The eyes of the haughty also will be brought low.
 16But the LORD of armies will be exalted in judgment,
 And the holy God will show Himself holy in righteousness.
 17Then the lambs will graze as in their pasture,
 And strangers will eat in the ruins of the ^[m]wealthy.
 18Woe to those who drag wrongdoing with the cords of ^[n]deceit,
 And sin as if with cart ropes;
 19Who say, “Let Him hurry, let Him do His work quickly, so that we may
 see *it*;

And let the plan of the Holy One of Israel approach
And come to pass, so that we may know *it!*"
20Woe to those who call evil good, and good evil;
Who ^[o]substitute darkness for light and light for darkness;
Who ^[p]substitute bitter for sweet and sweet for bitter!
21Woe to those who are wise in their own eyes
And ^[q]clever in their own sight!
22Woe to those who are heroes in drinking wine,
And valiant men in mixing intoxicating drink,
23Who declare the wicked innocent for a bribe,
And take away the ^[r]rights of the ones who are in the right!
24Therefore, as a tongue of fire consumes stubble,
And dry grass collapses in the flame,
So their root will become like rot, and their blossom ^[s]blow away like dust;
For they have rejected the Law of the LORD of armies,
And discarded the word of the Holy One of Israel.
25For this reason the anger of the LORD has burned against His people,
And He has stretched out His hand against them and struck them.
And the mountains quaked, and their corpses ^[t]lay like refuse in the middle
of the streets.
Despite all this, His anger ^[u]is not spent,
But His hand is still stretched out.
26He will also lift up a flag to the distant ^[v]nation,
And whistle for it from the ends of the earth;
And behold, it will come with speed swiftly.
27No one in it is tired or stumbles,
No one slumbers or sleeps;
Nor is the undergarment at his waist loosened,
Nor his sandal strap broken.
28^[w]Its arrows are sharp and all its bows are bent;
The hoofs of its horses ^[x]seem like flint, and its *chariot* wheels like a storm
wind.
29Its roaring is like a lioness, and it roars like young lions;
It growls as it seizes the prey
And carries *it* off with no one to save *it*.
30And it will roar against it on that day like the roaring of the sea.
If one looks across to the land, behold, there is darkness *and* distress;
Even the light is darkened by its clouds.

ISAIAH NOTES

Chapter 1

- [a]
- [b]
- [c]
- [d] ¹¹ Or *am sated with*
- [e] ¹² Lit *of your hand*
- [f] ¹⁴ Lit *My soul hates*
- [g] ¹⁵ Lit *full of*
- [h] ¹⁸ Or *argue*
- [i] ²² Lit *dross*
- [j] ²³ Or *fatherless*
- [k] ²⁴ Heb *YHWH*, usually rendered *LORD*
- [l] ²⁷ Or *returning*
- [m] ²⁸ Lit *a breaking of wrongdoers and sinners together*
- [n] ²⁹ As in some mss; MT *They*
- [o] ²⁹ Or *terebinths*
- [p] ³⁰ Or *terebinth*
- [q] ³¹ Lit *tow*

Chapter 2

- [a] ² Lit *on*
- [b] ³ Or *some of*
- [c] ³ Or *instruction*
- [d] ⁶ Lit *clap their hands*
- [e] ¹¹ Lit *eyes of the pride of man*
- [f] ¹⁹ Lit *dust*
- [g] ²² Or *Stop caring about*
- [h] ²² Lit *in what*

Chapter 3

- [a] ¹ Heb *YHWH*, usually rendered *LORD*

- [b] ⁴ Or *arbitrary power will rule*
- [c] ⁶ Lit *hand*
- [d] ⁷ Lit *lift up* his voice
- [e] ⁷ Lit *binder* of wounds
- [f] ⁸ Lit *tongue*
- [g] ⁸ Lit *the eyes of His glory*
- [h] ⁹ Or *Their partiality testifies*
- [i] ⁹ Lit *proclaim*
- [j] ⁹ Lit *their soul*
- [k] ¹¹ Lit *the accomplishment of his hands*
- [l] ¹⁴ Lit *grazed over*
- [m] ¹⁵ Lit *grinding the face of*
- [n] ¹⁵ Heb *YHWH*, usually rendered *LORD*
- [o] ¹⁶ Lit *outstretched necks*
- [p] ²¹ Or *signet rings*
- [q] ²⁵ Lit *strength*
- [r] ²⁶ Lit *entrances*

Chapter 4

- [a] ⁴ Lit *rinsed away*
- [b] ⁴ Or *destruction*
- [c] ⁶ Lit *a hiding place*

Chapter 5

- [a] ¹ Lit *horn, a son of fatness*
- [b] ² Lit *a bright red grape*
- [c] ² Or *wine press*
- [d] ² Or *unripe*
- [e] ⁴ Lit *and I have not done*
- [f] ⁴ Or *unripe*
- [g] ¹⁰ About 6 gallons or 23 liters
- [h] ¹⁰ About 7.7 cubic feet or 0.22 cubit meters or more

- [i] 10 About 1 cubic foot or 0.03 cubic meters
- [j] 13 Lit *glory is men of famine*
- [k] 14 Or *appetite*
- [l] 14 Lit *her*
- [m] 17 Lit *fat*
- [n] 18 Or *worthlessness*
- [o] 20 Lit *set*
- [p] 20 Lit *set*
- [q] 21 Lit *discerning*
- [r] 23 Lit *justice*
- [s] 24 Lit *ascend*
- [t] 25 Lit *were*
- [u] 25 Lit *has not turned away*
- [v] 26 Lit *nations*; prob. Assyria
- [w] 28 Lit *Which, its arrows*
- [x] 28 Lit *are regarded as*

ROMANS 5: 1-5

¹Therefore, having been justified by faith, ^[a]we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, ²through whom we also have obtained our introduction by faith into this grace in which we stand; and ^[b]we celebrate in hope of the glory of God. ³And not only *this*, but ^[c]we also celebrate in our tribulations, knowing that tribulation brings about perseverance; ⁴and perseverance, proven character; and proven character, hope; ⁵and hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out within our hearts through the Holy Spirit who was given to us.

Notes

[a] ¹ Two early mss *let's have*

[b] ² Lit *we boast*; or *let's*

[c] ³ Lit *we also boast*; or *let's also boast*

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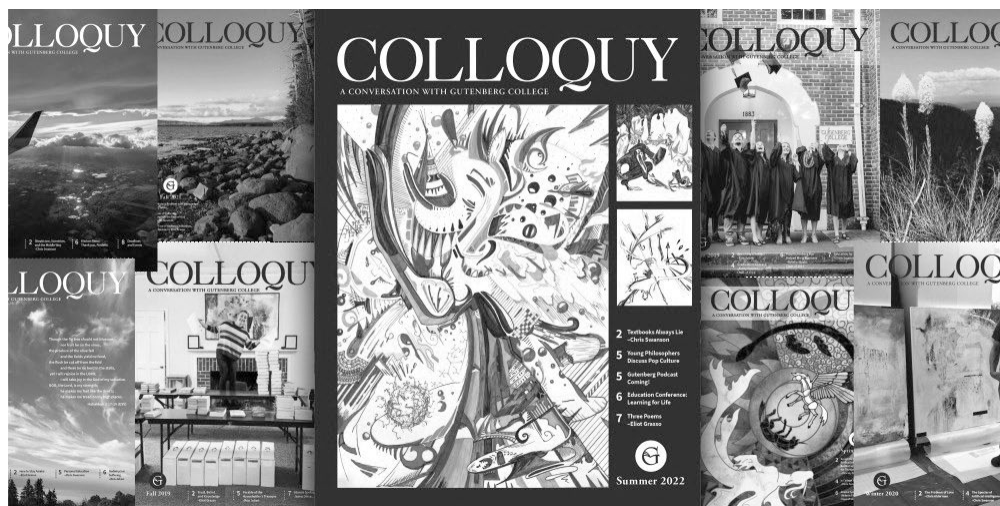


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