

Isaiah 5:1-7 and Psalm 80:8-16

	Psalm 80:8-16	Isaiah 5:1-6 , 24
Attribution	<i>Psalm</i> of Asaph. ... To the chief Musician upon Gittith [variant of <i>gittoth</i> "winepresses"]	1 Now will I sing to my wellbeloved a song of my beloved touching his vineyard. My wellbeloved hath a vineyard in a very fruitful hill:
Preparation by removing obstacles	8b thou hast cast out the heathen , ... 9a Thou preparedst room before it,	2 And he fenced it, and gathered out the stones thereof,
Planting an imported vine	8 Thou hast brought a vine out of Egypt : ... and planted it.	and planted it with the choicest vine [<i>soreq</i> , Jud 16:4]
Anticipation of the harvest		and built a tower in the midst of it, and also made a winepress therein: and he looked that it should bring forth grapes,
Growth of the vine	9b and didst cause it to take deep root, and it filled the land. 10 The hills were covered with the shadow of it, and the boughs thereof <i>were like</i> the goodly cedars. 11 She sent out her boughs unto the sea, and her branches unto the river.	
Poor quality of the fruit		and it brought forth wild grapes. 3 And now, O inhabitants of Jerusalem, and men of Judah, judge, I pray you, betwixt me and my vineyard. 4 What could have been done more to my vineyard, that I have not done in it? wherefore, when I looked that it should bring forth grapes, brought it forth wild grapes?
Removal of protection	12 Why hast thou <i>then</i> broken down her hedges ,	5 And now go to; I will tell you what I will do to my vineyard: I will take away the hedge thereof, ... and break down the wall thereof, ...
Resulting devastation	so that all they which pass by the way do pluck her? 13 The boar out of the wood doth waste it, and the wild beast of the field doth devour it.	... and it shall be eaten up ; ... and it shall be trodden down :
Direct destruction		6 And I will lay it waste: it shall not be pruned, nor digged; but there shall come up briers and thorns: I will also command the clouds that they rain no rain upon it.
Prayer for restoration	14 Return, we beseech thee, O God of hosts: look down from heaven, and behold, and visit this vine; 15 And the vineyard which thy right hand hath planted, and the branch <i>that</i> thou madest strong for thyself.	
Destruction by fire	16 <i>It is burned with fire, it is</i> cut down: they perish at the rebuke of thy countenance.	24 Therefore as the fire devoureth the stubble, and the flame consumeth the chaff , so their root shall be as rottenness, and their blossom shall go up as dust: