

Isaiah 5:8-30 and 10:1-4
Seven WOES

WOE #1 (8-10) – those who join house to house and land to land

Desolate mansions (John 14:1-2)
Devastated crops (Revelation 22:1-2)

WOE #2 (11-17) those who rise early and stay up late to drink

Partying with no regard for the LORD (Galatians 5:19 / Ephesians 5:18)
People exiled without understanding
Parched and hungry
Populating Sheol – both the noble and the brawler
Pride of man humbled
Prominence of the exalted, righteous, and holy God, the Almighty
Pastures returned to His sheep

WOE #3 (18-19) – those drawing sin with chords of deceit

Led by wickedness (II Thessalonians 2:9-10 / I Timothy 4:1-2 / II Timothy 3:12-13)
“Let God show us His plan” – demanding to see it with their own eyes (II Peter 3:3-4)

WOE #4 (20) – those who call evil good and good evil (Romans 1:32)

Replacing the light with darkness (Psalm 139:11-12 / John 3:19-21)
Replacing the sweet with the bitter

WOE #5 (21) – those who are wise in their own eyes (I Corinthians 1:18-25; 3:18-20)

WOE #6 (22-24) – those who are heroes at drinking wine

Denying justice to the innocent while acquitting the guilty
Decaying roots
Despising God and His word
Dead bodies will be like refuse in the streets

WOE #7 (10:1-2) – those who make unjust laws, issuing oppressive decrees

Poor deprive of their rights
Preying on widows (James 1:26-27)

His anger is not yet turned away (5:25-30; 10:3-4)

Whistling to call warriors – agents of His wrath
Where will you turn for help? (Psalm 121)

Discussion questions for Isaiah 5:8-30; 10:1-4

What problems can arise from being insulated and isolated from others? How do we see this happening in our culture today?

How do people blind themselves to coming judgment? (Luke 17:26-37)

What role is 'deceit' playing in changing our culture? How do we combat this? (John 8:44-45)

What does God keep track of? (Jeremiah 17:10 / Matthew 12:36 / Revelation 20:12-13)
What does He choose to forget? (Psalm 103:11-14 / I Corinthians 13:5)

Would you rather be oppressed or be an oppressor? Why? (Luke 16:25)