

"He expected good grapes"

1. Who is the “well-beloved” in verses 1-2? Who is the vineyard? How does the vineyard owner cultivate growth in his vineyard? What does the work which the owner did represent? What do the “good grapes” he was expecting represent (v. 7)?
2. What will be the result of the vineyard producing worthless/wild/bad grapes (v. 5-6)? What do those actions represent?
3. What is the evil described in verse 8? How does the Lord respond to this evil (v. 9-10)?
4. What is the next “woe” described in verses 11-12? Is this common today? What are the results of this behavior (v. 13-17)? How does this sin lead naturally to lack of knowledge, hunger and thirst, humbling and abasement (v. 13,15)?
5. What is the third “woe” laid out in verses 18-19? What is the significance of the Jews dragging sin with cords of falsehood/vanity/deceit? What work and purpose of the Lord do you suppose they are asking Him to hasten or hurry?
6. What is the fourth woe detailed in verses 20? What examples do you see of this woe in the world today?
7. What is the fifth woe detailed in verses 21? Why is this woe so dangerous?
8. What is the sixth and final woe listed in verses 22-23? What does it mean that they take away the rights of those who are right (or justice to the innocent)? Which of the sixth woes are most common today? Which one do YOU most need to beware of?
9. The judgments described in verses 24-30 are for all the woes, not just the last one. What is the underlying sin in verse 24 that brings the Lord’s holy wrath? How are God’s judgments like fire (v. 24-25)?
10. Which nation is God going to whistle for in verse 26 to carry out His discipline? How does verses 26-30 show what a formidable foe this nation is? What would have been the right way for God's people to respond to this overwhelming threat of the coming army?