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Therefore, The LORD's Anger Burns Against His People 5: 25

Therefore, the LORD's anger burns against His people DIG: This verse sums up God's anger against all the *bad fruit* described so far. If judgment has already come to Judah, why is yet more punishment necessary?

REFLECT: The Scriptures teach us what a dreadful thing it is to fall into the hands of the living God. When have you experienced the discipline of the living God? Have you seen the results His discipline in those whom you love? How did it make you feel? How do you think it makes God feel? How can this be avoided?



The fourth consequence depicts **the Judean** slaughter in battle. **Therefore, the LORD's anger burns against His people; His hand is raised and He strikes them down. The Hebrew used here has the prophetic perfect; the event, though in the future, is viewed as already happened.** Now **Isaiah** moves from a figure of speech to a more specific announcement. The hedge is about to be taken away and the animals summoned to come in and trample **the vines (5:5)**. **The mountains shake, and the dead bodies are like refuse in the streets**, strewn everywhere as a result of a military attack. And just as **the Judeans** thought that **they** had some relief, the fist of **YHVH** would come down with vengeance again. **Yet for all this, His anger is not turned away, His hand is still upraised (5:25)**. When reading the Book of Immanuel section in **Chapters 7 through 12**, **Isaiah** will drive home that phrase four different times.

The Lord is patient, not wanting anyone to perish (Second Peter 3:9), but there is an

end to **His** patience. And that time had come for **Judea**. Even though **they** were **the apple of His eye (Deuteronomy 32:10; Psalm 17:8)**, **they** were deep in denial and sin. **He** had to discipline **them**, if not, **they** were without hope. Because **He** loved **them** so much, **ADONAI** could do no less. This was true then, and it is just as true for us today.

The writer to the **Hebrews** wrote: **If we deliberately keep on sinning after we have received the knowledge of the truth, no sacrifice for sins is left, but only a fearful expectation of judgment and of raging fire that will consume the enemies of God . . . It is a dreadful thing to fall into the hands of the living God** (see the commentary on **Hebrews**, **to see link click [Ci](#) - If We Deliberately Keep On Sinning, No Sacrifice For Sins is Left**).