

Drinking / Use of Alcohol

1. The Bible condemns drunkenness. Drunkenness is a sin. Isa.5: 11,22; Isa.28: 7, 8; Rom.13: 13; I Cor.5: 11; Eph.5: 18; Prov.20: 1; Prov.23: 20
2. Drunkenness is not to characterize people who have positions of responsibility such as:
 - Kings – Prov.31: 4,5
 - Pastors – I Tim. 3:3, Titus 1:7
 - Deacons – I Tim. 3:8Rulers can't rule under the influence of alcohol; preachers can't preach; deacons can't deak!
3. Certain persons in the Bible had drunkenness condemned in their lives:
 - Noah – Gen 9:21 Drunkenness and incest.
 - Nabal – I Sam. 25:36,37
 - Ephraim – Isa.28: 1 A nation of alcoholics.
 - Lot – Gen 19:32-35 Drunkenness and incest.
4. Many medicines have some alcoholic content. Prov.31: 6, 7; I Tim. 5:23
5. The water, which Jesus turned into wine, was not grape juice. John 2:1-11 The issue of this miracle is not drinking. The issue was to call attention to who and what Jesus Christ was and is! This miracle focuses attention upon the Savior of the world and THIS MIRACLE DOES NOT CONDONE ALCOHOLISM!!
6. The Bible presents many adverse effects of alcohol. It leads to abusive behavior, lowers inhibitions, dulls reflexes and amplifies sins of the mind.

“Your eyes will see strange sights and your mind imagines confusing things.”

“You will be like one sleeping on the high seas, lying on top of the rigging.”

“ ‘They hit me’ you will say, ‘but I’m not hurt! They beat me, but I don’t feel it! *When will I wake up so I can find another drink?’ ” Prov.32: 33-35 (NIV)*
7. Alcoholism causes disaster in a nation and leads to economic depression. Joel 1:4-6; Isa.28: 1-9; Jer.13: 12-17

Before Babylon fell, she was drunken.

Before Greece fell, she was revelling.

Before Rome fell, she was in wantonness.

Drunken orgies always precede the “handwriting” of God’s judgment.

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Habakkuk 2:15 "Woe unto him that giveth his neighbor drink, that putteth thy bottle to him, and maketh him drunken also..."

Luke 21: 34 "And take heed to yourselves, lest at any time your hearts be overcharged with surfeiting (to indulge in excess; overdo; excessive) and drunkenness, and cares of this life, and so that day come upon you unawares."

Romans 13:13 "Let us walk honestly, as in the day; not in rioting and drunkenness, not in chambering and wantonness, not in strife and envying."

Isaiah 5:11 "Woe unto them that rise up early in the morning, that they may follow strong drink; that continue until night, till wine inflame them!"

Proverbs 20:1 "Wine is a mocker, strong drink is raging, and whosoever is deceived thereby is not wise."

I Corinthians 6:10 "Nor thieves, not covetous, nor drunkards nor revilers, nor extortioners, shall inherit the kingdom of God."