

# 74 Bible References on Drinking

- **Genesis 9:20-26** ~ The first drunkenness and the attendant immoral behavior.
- **Genesis 19:30-38** ~ Drinking results in Lot's debauchery of his daughters.
- **Genesis 27:25** ~ Isaac was drinking when he mistakenly blessed Jacob.
- **Lev. 10:9** ~ An express command to Aaron not to drink.
- **Numbers 6:3** ~ The vow of the Nazarite.
- **Deut. 21:20** ~ Drinking goes with stubbornness, rebellion, and gluttony and brings dishonor to parents.
- **Deut. 29:2-6** ~ Abstinence assures a closer walk with God.
- **Judges 13:4, 7, 14** ~ Samson's mother, an example of all womanhood, was commanded not to drink. Was alcohol recognized even then as a protoplasmic poison, injuring posterity?
- **I Samuel 1:14, 15** ~ Hannah, an example of honored motherhood, was a total abstainer.
- **I Samuel 25:33, 36-38** ~ Nabal, a rich but churlish man who opposed David, died after a drunken spree. He had already lost his wife's respect.
- **II Samuel 11:13** ~ Only by strong drink could David lead Uriah into a fatal trap.
- **II Samuel 13:28, 29** ~ Ammon, in a drunken brawl, was murdered by his brother Absalom.
- **I Kings 16:8, 10** ~ While a king was "drinking himself drunk," one of his captains conspired against him and slew him.
- **I Kings 20:13, 21** ~ Drink and war. While Ben Hadad and thirty-two other Kings were drinking in their pavilions, a small band of Israel's men fell upon the Syrians and put them to fight.
- **Ester 1:5-22** ~ Drink wrecks homes and separates man and wife. At a week's feast of food and wine, King Ahasuerus drunkenly tried to subject his queen to the beastly gaze of inebriated nobles, causing separation of the Royal husband and wife.
- **Luke 1:15** ~ Greatness of John the Baptist "...and shall drink neither wine nor strong drink; and he shall be filled with the Holy Ghost, even from his mother's womb."
- **Luke 12:45** ~ Christ warns against being enmeshed in drink evils.
- **Luke 21:34** ~ Warning against drunkenness and the cares of this life which follow, keeping one occupied to the exclusion of the spirit.
- **The Book of Isaiah**
  - **5:11, 12** ~ Woe to the drunkards
  - **5:22** ~ More woes to them who drink
  - **22:13** ~ Drinking and carnality go together; leaves men hopeless.
  - **24:9** ~ Drink is bitter to them that drink it.
  - **28:1** ~ Woe to the drunkards of Ephraim.
  - **28:3** ~ The pride of drunkards will be trodden down.
  - **28:7** ~ Prophets and priests erred through drink
  - Those who drink are set aside as useless.
  - Prophets and priests finally swallowed up by drink.

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## The Book of Isaiah (continued)

- Drinking brings on spiritual blindness.
- **56:9, 12** ~ Rebuke to drinking people of God, His watchmen.
- **Jeremiah 35:5, 6, 8, 14** ~ Total abstinence of the Rechabites cited as an example of obedience on the part of God's people.
- **Ezek. 44:21** ~ Priests are not to drink wine.
- **Daniel 1:5, 8, 16{10:3}** ~ God honored Daniel because he abstained from the King's wine. Daniel the man was true to the (Daniel 1: 5, 8, 16, {10:3} continued) home training he had received as a boy.
- **Daniel 5:1** ~ Belshazzar exhibited as an example of a leader who drank and taught his people to drink.
- **Daniel 5:2, 23** ~ A nation whose women drank.
- **Daniel 5:3** Belshazzar's sacrilege in using sacred temple vessels for liquor.
- **Daniel 5:5-9, 25-28** ~ Ruin and downfall for nations whose rulers and leaders cause them to drink.
- **Hos. 4:11** ~ Strong drink and immorality go hand in hand.
- **Hos. 7:5** ~ King and people reprovved because of drinking.
- **Joel 1:5** ~ Drunkards to awake from their drinking.
- **Joe 3:3** ~ Young virtue sold for the price of drink.
- **Amos 2:8** ~ Wine of the condemned.
- **Amos 2:12** ~ Pollution of the innocent
- **Amos 4:1** ~ Dissolute women, oppressors of the poor, call for their liquor

- **Amos 6:6** ~ Drinkers not concerned about God nor the welfare of others.
- **Romans 13:13** ~ All are admonished to walk honestly, not in rioting and drunkenness. It is not honest to be less than men, created in the image of God.
- **Romans 14:21** ~ Drinking causes a brother to stumble/ Importance of example
- **Job 1:18, 19** ~ The children of Job were feasting and drinking when blown away in a cyclone
- **The Book of Proverbs:**
  - **4:17** ~ Violence results from drinking
  - **20:1** ~ No wise man will indulge
  - **21:17 + 23:21** ~ Drink leads to poverty
  - **23:7, 8** ~ The body rebels after drinking
  - **23:29-30** ~ Strong drink produces sorrow, contentions, wounds without cause, babblings, redness of eyes
  - **23:31** ~ Do not be tempted by intoxicants
  - **23:32** ~ God's word warns that liquor eventually harms all who drink
  - **23:33** ~ It fills men's minds with adulterous and impure thoughts
  - **23:33** ~ it produces willfulness and prevents reformation.
  - **23:34** ~ It brings on insecurity
  - **23:35** ~ Insensibility follows drinking, rendering a man into a clod.
  - **23:35** ~ Habit forming. One drink calls for another

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## The Book of Proverbs (Cont.):

- **31:4, 5** ~ Kings and all other rulers or officials with the weight of human lives in their control should not imbibe.

(The book of Proverbs continued)

- **31:6, 7** ~ The only sanction for the use of strong drink was as a medicine or anesthetic for those about to die. We now know better medicines and anesthetics than whiskey, wine and beer.
- **Ecc1 2:3** ~ The writer of Ecclesiastes tried strong drink, but in the end was forced to admit that it too was *vanity*
  - (*Ecc1. 12:8*)
- **Ecc1 10:17**~ Blessings are promised to the temperate and abstaining nation
- **Nahum 1:10** ~ Drunkards be destroyed
- **Habakkuk 2:5** ~ Arrogance inflamed by drink
- **Habakkuk 2:15** ~ Wrong to give one's neighbor drink/social drinking
- **Habakkuk 2:16** ~ Drink leads to shame and humiliation.
- **Matthew 24:48-51** ~ Drunkards warned about the return of Christ and His judgment
- **I Cor. 6:10** ~ No drunkard shall inherit the kingdom of God (Therefore preaching of the Gospel must include abstaining from alcohol / biblical alcohol education)
- **I Cor. 11:25** ~ The Lord's Supper is no place for wine. Word "wine" is not used. Instead all accounts say "the cup" or "fruit of the vine"

- **Galatians 5:21** ~ Revelers in drunkenness shall not inherit the Kingdom of God
- **Eph. 5:18** ~ Direct command that exhilaration shall be of the spirit and not by wine
- **I Thess. 5:7** ~ Sobriety enjoyed upon the Thessalonians; Children of light must not be overcome by darkness
- **I Timothy 3:3, 8, 11, 12** ~ Church officers must not drink; neither should their families

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