

SCRIPTURAL REFERENCES TO ALCOHOL

Statement of Fact

(They Used Alcohol or Had It)

Genesis 14:18, 27:25 • Deuteronomy 28:39
Judges 19:19 • 1 Samuel 1:14, 16:20, 25:18, 25:37
2 Samuel 16:1-2 • 2 Kings 18:32
Jeremiah 40:10 • Ezekiel 27:18 • Daniel 5:1, 2, 4
Hosea 2:8-9 • Amos 2:8

Prohibition

(These were told not to use alcohol)

Leviticus 10:9 • Aaron and his sons
Numbers 6:3 • Nazarites
Judges 13:4, 7 • Samson and his mother
Proverbs 31:4-6 • Kings
Ezekiel 44:26 • Priests
Jeremiah 35:2-8 • Rechabites
1 Timothy 3:3, Titus 1:7 • Pastors

Discouragement

(Used Alcohol Or A Negative Image Presented)

Genesis 9:21 • Noah
Genesis 19:32-35
Amos 6:6
Micah 6:15
Matthew 11:19 • Jesus was accused
of being a winebibber
1 Peter 4:3 • Drinking parties (banquetings)
is a characteristic of the old way of life

Negative

(These people were thought to be drunk)

1 Samuel 1:14-15 • Hannah
Acts 2:13 • disciples

Effects of Alcohol

Ecclesiastes 9:7, 10:19 • Makes you feel good
Proverbs 20:1 • Turns one into a mocker or brawler
Proverbs 20:1 • One is easily deceived by its effects
Proverbs 21:17 • Leads to poverty
Proverbs 23:29-35 • Brings woe, sorrow,
arguments, wounds, complaints, redness of eyes,
reduces ability to make moral decisions.
Proverbs 31:5-6 • Decreases decision-making ability
Isaiah 28:7 • Corrupts
Habakkuk 2:5 • Causes one to sin

Discouragement

(Specific References Against It)

Proverbs 23:31 • Isaiah 5:11-12 • Isaiah 5:22
Isaiah 28:1 • Isaiah 56:12 • Hosea 4:11
Romans 14:21 • Ephesians 5:18

Miracle

John 2:3,9

Is it consistent with what we know about Jesus to
believe He would change water into alcohol?

DOES THE BIBLE...

- Prohibit the use of alcohol as a beverage?
- Strongly discourage the use of alcohol as a beverage?
- Mildly discourage the use of alcohol as a beverage?
- Remain silent as to the use of alcohol as a beverage?
- Encourage the use of alcohol as a beverage?

Future Blessing

(6 of 8 verses is the word for grape juice)

Isaiah 27:12 • Isaiah 55:1 • Isaiah 62:8
Isaiah 65:8 • Jeremiah 31:12 • Hosea 2:22
Joel 2:19, 24 • Amos 9:13

Mistaken Identity

(The Lord's Supper)

Matthew 26:26-29 • Mark 14:22-25
Luke 22:19-20

Many have said that Jesus drank wine at the
Last Supper, yet the 3 Gospels never use the word.
In fact, it gives support to the idea that it was
grape juice by the phrase "fruit of the vine".

As A Sedative

Proverbs 31:6-7
Mark 15:23

As Medicine

1 Timothy 5:23

Symbol of Judgment

Isaiah 16:10, 22:12-13, 24:7-9, 24:20, 29:9,
36:17, 49:26, 51:21 • Jeremiah 13:12-13, 25:15,
48:33, 51:7 • Lamentations 2:12 • Hosea 9:2,
14:9 • Joel 1:5, 10 • Amos 5:11 • Haggai 1:11

Wine Used as a Metaphor

Matthew 9:17, Mark 2:22 • Luke 5:37-38
"Nobody puts new wine into old bottles"
Genesis 49:12 • Eyes as red as wine
Proverbs 4:17 • drink wine of violence
Proverbs 9:2,5 • Of wisdom
Song of Solomon 1:2, 1:4, 4:10, 5:1,
7:9, 8:2 • "Of love"

DRUNKENNESS

(Bible clearly condemns drunkenness)

Deuteronomy 21:20 • Proverbs 23:21
1 Corinthians 5:11 • 1 Corinthians 6:10
Luke 21:34 • Romans 13:13
Galatians 5:21

Wine As An Offering

(Drink Offering to the Lord or a god)

Exodus 29:40 • Leviticus 23:13
Numbers 15:5, 7, 10; 18:12, 28:7 & 14
Deuteronomy 7:13, 11:14, 12:17, 14:23, 16:13,
18:4, 32:38
1 Samuel 1:24, 10:3