

**THE PARABLE
OF
THE VINEYARD**

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Key Word



Vineyard = ?

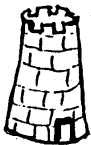
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ISAIAH 5

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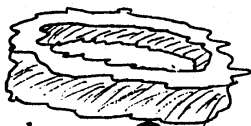
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tower = The LORD

PSALM 18:

2 The LORD is my rock, and my fortress, and my deliverer; my God, my strength, in whom I will trust; my buckler, and the horn of my salvation, and my high tower.

Key Word



hedge = ?

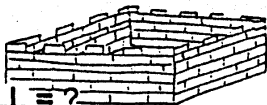
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hedge = blessings of God

JOB 1

10 Hast not thou made a hedge about him, and about his house, and about all that he hath on every side? thou hast blessed the work of his hands, and his substance is increased in the land.

Key Word



WALL = ?

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WALL = God's Law

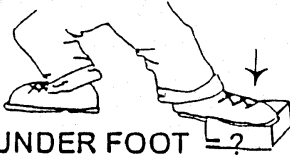
(10 Commandments)

Lam 2:18 "... O wall of the daughter of Zion... let not the apple of thine eye cease.
Prov 7:2 " My law as the apple of thine eye."

(Wall = apple = Law)

Ser. Mess. Vol I, Pg 233 "The law of 10 commandments... is a wall of protection."

Key Word

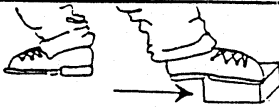


PUT UNDER FOOT = ?

PUT UNDER FOOT =
HAVE POWER OVER

I Cor. 15:24.25 "... When he shall have put down all rule and authority and power. For he must reign til he hath put all enemies "under his feet."

Key Word



BE UNDER FOOT = ?

BE UNDER THE FOOT =
Be Subject To (Submit To)

Psalms 8: 6 " Thou hast put all things under his feet."

Key Word



"crowd out"
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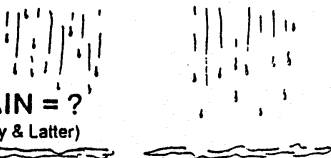
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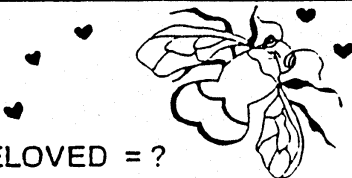
RAIN = ?
(Early & Latter)

RAIN = Holy Spirit
(Early & Latter)

Hosea 6:3 "Then shall we know... the Lord. He shall come unto us as the rain, as the latter and former rain unto the earth."

Joel 2:28 "And it shall come to pass afterward, that I will pour out my spirit upon all flesh..."

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BELOVED = ?

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Mat 3:17 "This is my beloved Son..."

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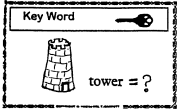
2. Think about the **Spiritual**:
Identify the **real objects**
in the verse:

3. Discover their **Spiritual**
Meaning: (By using the
Bible Word Pictures

----- BELOVED -----	----- JESUS -----
----- VINEYARD -----	----- ISRAEL -----
----- TOWER -----	----- THE LORD SALVATION -----
----- HEDGE -----	----- BLESSINGS OF GOD -----
----- WALL -----	----- GOD'S LAW (10 commandments) -----
----- TRODDEN DOWN -----	----- UNDER SOMEONE POWER -----
----- THORNS + BRIERS -----	[----- WICKED PEOPLE ----- ----- PLEASURES OF THE WORLD ----- -----
----- RAIN (WITHELD) -----	
----- GRAPES -----	----- ? -----
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----- STONES -----	----- ? -----

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Use the sample of the Concordance below to *discover* the significance of having a “**tower**” in the midst of the vineyard.

TOWER

to, let us build us a city and a <i>t</i>	Gen 11:4
down to see the city and the <i>t</i>	Gen 11:5
his tent beyond the <i>t</i> of Edar	Gen 35:21
peace, I will break down this <i>t</i>	Judg 8:9
And he beat down the <i>t</i> of Penueh	Judg 8:17
of the <i>t</i> of Schechem heard that	Judg 9:46
that all the men of the <i>t</i> of	Judg 9:47
men of the <i>t</i> of Shechem died also	Judg 6:49
was a strong <i>t</i> within the city	Judg 9:51
gat them up to the top of the <i>t</i>	Judg 9:51
And Abimelech came unto the <i>t</i>	Judg 9:52
of the <i>t</i> to burn it with fire	Judg 9:52
horn of my salvation, my high <i>t</i>	2 Sa 22:3
He is the <i>t</i> of salvation for his	2 Sa 22:51
And when he came to the <i>t</i> , he took	2 Kin 5:24
a watchman on the <i>t</i> in Jezreel	2 Kin 9:17
from the <i>t</i> of the watchmen to the	2 Kin 17:9
from the <i>t</i> of the watchmen to be	2 Kin 18:8
the watch <i>t</i> in the wilderness	2 Chr 20:24
even unto the <i>t</i> of Meah they	Neh 3:1
it, unto the <i>t</i> of Hananeel	Neh 3:1
piece, and the <i>t</i> of the furnaces	Neh 3:11
the <i>t</i> which lieth our from the	Neh 3:25
the east, and the <i>t</i> that lieth out	Neh 3:26
the great <i>t</i> that lieth out	Neh 3:27
from beyond the <i>t</i> of the furnaces	Neh 12:38
the <i>t</i> of Hananeel	Neh 12:39
the <i>t</i> of Meah, even unto the	Neh 12:39
of my salvation, and my high <i>t</i>	Ps 18:2
a strong <i>t</i> from the enemy	Ps 61:3
my high <i>t</i> , and my deliverer	Ps 144:2
name of the LORD is a strong <i>t</i>	Prov 18:10
Thy neck is like the <i>t</i> of David	Song 4:4
Thy neck is as a <i>t</i> of ivory	Song 7:4
thy nose is as the <i>t</i> of Lebanon	Song 7:4
And upon every high <i>t</i> , and upon	Is 2:15
built a <i>t</i> in the midst of it, and	Is 5:2
I have set thee for a <i>t</i> and a	Jer 6:27
<i>t</i> of Hananeel unto the gate of	Jer 31:38
from the <i>t</i> of Syene even unto the	Eze 29:10
from the <i>t</i> of Syene shall they	Eze 30:6
O <i>t</i> of the Flock, the strong hold	Mic 4:8
my watch, and set me upon the <i>t</i>	Hab 2:1
from the <i>t</i> of Hananeel unto the	Zec 14:10
a winepress in it, and built a <i>t</i>	Mt 21:33
for the winefat, and built a <i>t</i>	Mk 12:1
upon whom the <i>t</i> in Siloam fell,	Lk 13:4
of you, intending to build a <i>t</i>	Lk 14:28

WRITE YOUR DISCOVERIES

3 What is the significance of having a “**tower**” in the midst of the vineyard ?

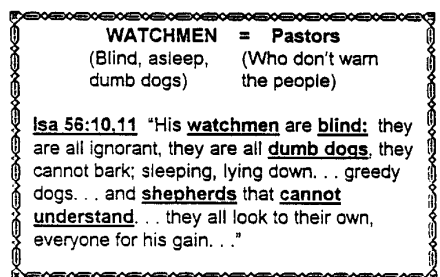
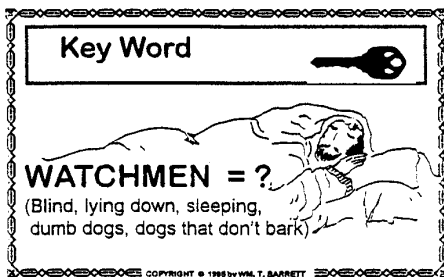
COMPARING SCRIPTURE

2 KINGS 9 : 17 And there **stood** a **watchman** on the **tower** in Jezreel, and he spied the company of Jehu as he came, and said, I see a company. And Joram said, take an horseman, and send to meet them, and let him say, *Is it peace* ?

ISAIAH 21 : 6 For thus hath the Lord said unto me, go, set a **watchman**, let him **declare what he seeth**. **7** And he saw a chariot *with* a couple of horsemen, a chariot of asses, *and* a chariot of camels ; and he hearkened diligently with much heed : **8** and he cried, a lion : My Lord, **I stand continually upon the watchtower** in the daytime, and I am set in my ward whole nights : **9** and, behold, here cometh a chariot of men, *with* a couple of horsemen. And he answered and said, **Babylon is fallen, is fallen** ; and all the graven images of her gods he hath broken unto the ground.

EZEKIEL 3 : 17 Son of man, I have made thee a **watchman** unto the house of Israel : therefore **hear the word** at my mouth, and give them warning from me. **18** When I say unto the wicked, thou shalt surely die; and thou givest him not **warning**, nor speakest to warn the wicked from his wicked way, to save his life ; the same wicked *man* shall die in his iniquity ; but his blood will I require at thine hand.

PSALM 61 : 3 For **thou** hast been shelter for me, *and* a strong **tower** from the **enemy**.



CONCLUSION

The “**tower**” represents the **Lord**. His “**watchmen**” or ministers or priests are to “**stand on Him**” as their strength, rock and salvation !

The **Lord**, their “**tower**” would allow them to “**see**” the **enemy** and to then **warn** the **people**.

The “**tower**” allowed a “watchman” to **see** things he could not normally see.

4 What does it mean to **gather out** the “stones” ?

STONY GROUND

Mark 4 : 5 And some fell on stony ground, where it had not much earth ; and immediately it sprang up, because it had no depth of earth. **6** But when the sun was up, it was scorched ; and because it had no root, it withered away.

Ezk 11 : 19 And I will give them one heart, and I will put a **new spirit** within you ; and I will take the **stony** heart out of their flesh, and give them an heart of flesh. **20** That they may walk in my statutes, and keep mine ordinances, and do them...

CONCLUSION

The “**stony**” ground represents a **hard heart**, which is **not willing** to obey God.

The “**spirit**” in **that heart** is **not** God’s Spirit.

GOOD GROUND

Luke 8 : 8 And **other** fell on good ground, and sprang up, and bare fruit an hundred fold. And when he had said these things, he cried, He that hath ears to hear, let him hear.

*Throughout this parable in each case the “seed” fell upon “something” that represented the **condition of a person’s heart**. Example: stony ground.*

Job 42 : 24 His **heart** is as firm as a **stone** ; yea as **hard** as a piece of nether millstone.

Stony ground = (**hard**) heart

Thus, good ground would again represent the **condition** of a person’s

Good ground = (**soft**) heart

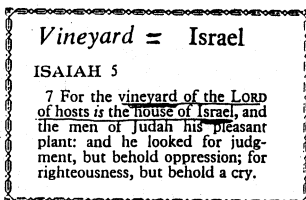
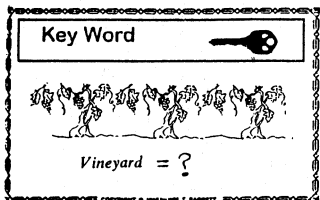
Ezk 36 : 26 A **new heart** also will I give you, and a **new spirit** will I put within you : and I will take away the **stony heart** out of your flesh and give you an heart of flesh. (soft heart)

CONCLUSION

The seed only produced fruit when it fell upon good ground
Thus the Word (seed) only produces the Christian Virtues (fruit)
when it falls upon a “soft” converted heart (good ground).

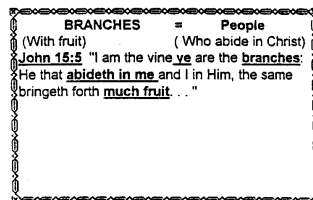
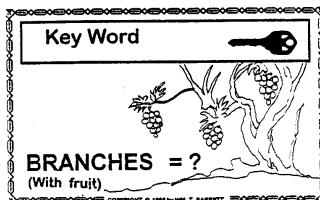
When the “**stones**” were **gathered out** of the vineyard, that represented the Lord **removing** those with **hard “stony” hearts** from among His people. Only the Lord can look on the heart to see if it is “hard” (stony) or **unconverted** or whether it is “soft” (good ground) or **converted** !

5 What do the “grapes” represent ?

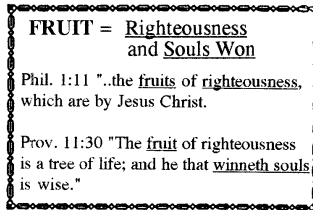
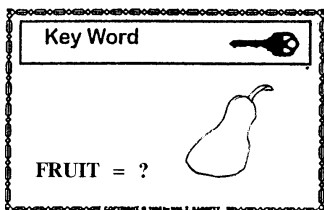


Since the “vineyard” represents Israel or “the Church”, we would expect that the “grapes” or fruit of the vineyard has something to do with the **people**.

Comparing Scriptures:



Hosea 9 : 10 I found **Israel** like **grapes** in the wilderness ; I saw your fathers as the firstripe in the fig tree at her first time : *but* they went to Bā-āl-pē-ōr, and separated themselves unto *that* shame ; and *their* abominations were according as they loved.



Galatians 5 : 22 But the **fruit** of **Spirit** is : love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith,...

Ephesians 5 :9 For the **fruit** of **spirit** in all **goodness** and righteousness and **truth**.

Thus, “grapes” represent the **people** and what they are **like**. “**Good grapes**” having the “**fruit**” of the Holy Spirit or “**Wild**” grapes having the character of **satan**.

Deuteronomy 32 : For their vine is of the vine of **Sodom**, and of the fields of Gō-mōr-rāh : their **grapes** are grapes of gall, their clusters are bitter : **33** Their wine is the poison of dragon, and the cruel venom of asps.


Jeremiah 8 : 13 I will surely consume them, saith the Lord : *there shall be no grapes* on the vine, nor figs on the fig tree, and the leaf shall fade ; and *the things that* I have given them shall pass away from them.

6 What is the significance of the “winepress” ?


Hosea 9 Rejoice not, O **Israel**, for joy, as *other* people: for thou hast gone a whoring from thy God, thou hast loved a reward upon every cornfloor. **2** The floor and the **winepress** shall not feed them, and the **new wine shall fail** in her.

Jeremiah 48 : 33 And joy and gladness is taken from the plentiful field, and from the land of Moab ; and I have caused **wine** to fail from the winepress : none shall tread with shouting ; *their shouting shall be* no shouting.

“**Wine**” comes from the winepress. “**New wine**” is **true doctrine**. If the “**wine**” is **not coming** from the winepress, then **truth is not** being taught.

Key Word 

WINE = ?
(Old)




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WINE = False Doctrine
(Old)


Isa 28:7 "... They also have erred through wine and ... are out of the way . . . "

Isa 29:9 "... they are drunken but not with wine . . . "

PROVERBS 20:1
WINE ^ais a mocker, strong drink ^{is} raging; and whosoever is deceived thereby is not wise.

Key Word 

WINE = ?
(New)



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WINE - True doctrine
(New)

Song of Sol 8:2 "Instruct me: I would cause thee to drink of spiced wine

deut 32:14 "... Thou didst drink the pure blood of the grape .:

Thus, **one meaning** of “to tread the winepress” is to **teach doctrine** to someone.

6 What is the significance of the “**winepress**” ? (continue)

Isaiah 63 : 2 Wherefore *art thou* red in thine apparel, and thy garments like him that treadeth in the winevat ? **3** I have trodden the winepress alone; and of the people *there was* none with me : for I will tread them in mine anger, and trample them in my fury ; and their blood shall be sprinkled upon my garments, and I will stain all my raiment. **4** For the day of vengeance is in mine heart, and the year of my redeemed is come. **5** And I looked, and there was none to help; and I wondered that *there was* none to uphold : therefore mine own arm brought salvation unto me ; and my fury, it up held me. **6** And I will tread down the people in mine anger, and make them drunk in my fury, and I will bring down their strength to the earth.

The “grapes” or “people” will be trodden in the “winepress” by God in His anger and vengeance !

Lamentations 2 : 15 The Lord hath trodden under foot all my mighty *men* in the midst of me : he hath called an assembly against me to crush my young men : the Lord hath trodden the virgin, the daughter of Judah, as in a **winepress**. **16** For these *things* I weep; mine eye, mine eye runneth down with water, because the comforter that should relieve my soul is far from me: my children are desolate, because the enemy prevailed. **17** Zion spreadeth forth her hands, *and there is* none to comfort her: the Lord hath commanded concerning Jacob, *that his adversaries should be* round about him: **Jerusalem** is a **menstruous woman** among them.

The people of the Lord have sinned against Him.


Revelation 14 : 18 And another angel came out from the altar, which had power over fire ; and cried with a loud cry to him that had the sharp sickle, saying, thrust in thy sharp sickle, and gather the clusters of the vine of the earth ; for her **grapes** are fully ripe. **19** And the angel thrust in his sickle into the earth, and gathered the vine of the earth, and cast it into the great winepress of the wrath of God.


Revelation 19 : 15 And out of his mouth goeth a sharp sword, that with it he should smite the nations : and he shall rule them with a rod of iron : and he treadeth the winepress of the fierceness and **wrath of Almighty God**.

The harvest of the grapes will take place and those who have sinned against Him will suffer His wrath in the great “winepress” of the judgement !

The second meaning of “to **tread the winepress**” represents the **judgement** and **wrath** of God poured out upon the **wicked**.

9 What do the “**thorns and briers**” represent and what is the significance if they are **not removed** ?

Key Word 



“crowd out”
time that should be spent
doing the Lord's work.

thorns and briers = ?

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thorns = Wicked people and Pleasures of the world.

NAHUM

10 For while they be folden together as thorns, and while they are drunken as drunkards, they shall be devoured as stubble fully dry.

isa: 6:12 the harp...the viol, the tabret and the pipe, and wine are in their feasts; but they regard not the work of the Lord...”

The “**thorns**” and “**briers**” represent **wicked people** and the **pleasures of this world**.

When **wicked people** are allowed to remain in the church, **they influence other people to do wrong**.


When God's people allow the **pleasures of this world** to take up so much of their time that they do not have time to **study Gods' Word**, they are being **choked** by “**thorns**” !!

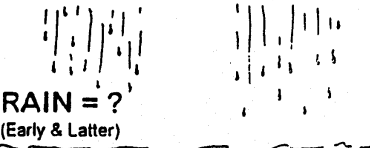
Even good things can take up too much time !

10 What does the “**rain**” represent ?

The “**rain**” represents the **Holy Spirit**.

The command to “**withhold the rain**” signifies the **removal** of the **Holy Spirit** from the people.

Key Word 



RAIN = ?
(Early & Latter)

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RAIN = Holy Spirit
(Early & Latter)

Hosea 6:3 “Then shall we know... the Lord. He shall come unto us as the rain, as the latter and former rain unto the earth.”

Joel 2:28 “And it shall come to pass afterward, that I will pour out my spirit upon all flesh...”

Jeremiah 3 : 3 Therefore the **showers** have been **withholden**, and there hath been **no latter rain** ; and thou hadst a whore's forehead, thou refusedst to be ashamed.

ISAIAH 5 : Now will I sing to my well beloved a song of my beloved touching his vineyard. My well beloved hath a **vineyard** in a very fruitful hill: **2** And he fenced it, and gathered out the stones thereof, and planted it with the choicest vine, and **built a tower** in the midst of it, and also **made a winepress** therein: and he looked that it should bring forth **grapes**, and it brought forth **wild grapes**. **3** And now, O inhabitants of Jerusalem, and men of Judah, judge, I pray you, betwixt me and my vineyard. **4** What could have been done more to my vineyard, that I have not done in it ? wherefore, when I looked that it should bring forth grapes, brought it forth wild grapes ? **5** And now go to ; I will tell you what I will do to **my vineyard** : I will **take away the hedge** thereof, and it shall be eaten up ; *and break down the wall* thereof, and it shall be trodden down : **6** And I will lay it waste : it shall not be pruned, nor digged ; but there shall come up briars and thorns : I will also command the clouds that they rain no rain upon it. **7** For the **vineyard of the Lord** of hosts is the house of Israel, and the men of Judah his pleasant plant: and he looked for judgement, but behold oppressions; for righteousness, but behold a cry.

2. Think about the **Spiritual**: Identify the **real objects** in the verse: 3. Discover their **Spiritual Meaning**: (By using the **Bible Word Pictures**)

THE BELOVED	JESUS
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VINEYARD	ISRAEL
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TOWER	THE LORD (our strength and salvation)
-----	-----
WINEPRESS	JUDGEMENT + WRATH OF GOD
-----	-----
GRAPES	GOD'S OBEDIENT PEOPLE
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WILD GRAPES	GOD'S DISOBEDIENT PEOPLE
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HEDGE	BLESSINGS OF GOD
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TRODDEN DOWN	UNDER SOMEONE'S POWER
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THORNS + BRIERS	wicked people + pleasures of the world
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RAIN (WITHELD)	HOLY SPIRIT (WITHELD)
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GATHER OUT STONES	REMOVE UNCONVERTED PEOPLE

4. Substitute the **Spiritual Meaning** for the **Real Objects**

PARAPHRASE

I will tell you the story of **Jesus** (beloved) and His people Israel (vineyard). Jesus protected Israel (fenced vineyard). He removed the **unconverted** (gathered out stones), from their midst and left only those who were converted (choicest vine).

He offered his strength and salvation (tower) to them and expected that the leaders and teachers would watch and warn the people (tower).

He told them of the judgement to come (winepress). When the time of harvest came, he expected his people (grapes) to have the **fruits of the Spirit** (grapes) and to have won many converts (grapes).

Instead, they had become disobedient and wicked (wild grapes). After doing all that he could for them, he finally removed his blessings (take away hedge) because His law (wall) that had protected them, was no longer kept (wall broken down).

He no longer removed **wicked people** (thorns not removed) from their midst and the people, following their bad example, spent their **time** on the **pleasures of the world** (thorns not removed), instead of **working for the Lord**.

Finally, the Lord removed His Holy Spirit from them (command no rain to fall), and said that **Israel** would be **under the power of** others (vineyard trodden down).

Matthew 21 : 33 Hear another parable : There was a certain **householder** which planted a **vineyard**, and **hedged** it round about, and digged a **winepress** in it, and built a **tower**, and let it out to **husbandmen**, and went into a far country. **34** And when the time of the **fruit** drew near, he sent his **servants** to the husbandmen, that they might receive the **fruits** of it. **35** And the husbandmen took his **servants**, and beat one, and killed another, and stoned another. **36** Again, he sent other **servants** more than the first: and they did unto them likewise. **37** But last of all he sent unto them his son, saying, they will reverence my son. **38** But when the husbandmen saw the **son**, they said among themselves, this is the **heir**; come, let us kill him, and let us seize on his inheritance. **39** And they caught him, and cast *him* out of the vineyard, and slew *him*. **40** When the lord therefore of the vineyard cometh, what will he do unto those husbandmen ? **41** They say unto him, He will miserably destroy those wicked men, and will let out his vineyard unto other husbandmen, which shall render him the fruits in their seasons. **42** Jesus saith unto them, did ye never read in the scriptures, the stone which the builders rejected, the same is become the head of the corner: this is the Lord's doing, and it is marvelous in our eyes ? **43** Therefore say I unto you, the kingdom of God shall be taken from you, and given to a nation bringing forth the fruits thereof.

PARAPHRASE

(householder) (vineyard)
God took the people of Israel and gave them his
 (hedge) (winepress)
blessing and protect. He warned them of the judgement that would
 come upon them if they disobeyed Him, He offered them his
 (tower) (husbandmen)
 strength and salvation. He expected the leaders and teachers
 (fruits)
 to prepare His people so that He might receive them. Then, He sent
 (servants) (husbandmen)
 His prophets to warn the leaders and teachers to turn from their evil
 (husbandmen)
 ways. But, the leaders and teachers beat, stoned, and killed
 (servants) (servants)
 His prophets. God sent other prophets and they did the
 (His Son)
 same things to them ! Then, God sent Jesus, saying they
 (husbandmen)
 will listen and respect My Son, but the leaders and teachers killed
 (son)
 Jesus the heir of the Kingdom of Heaven !
 THEREFORE : Because of what you have done, the kingdom of God shall be taken
from you, Israel, and given to another nation, which will bring forth **fruit** for me !

The **Son = Jesus**

Acts 8 : 37 ... **Jesus** Christ is the **Son** of God.

(**husbandman = teacher**)

2 Tim 2 : 2 ... **faithful men**, who shall be able to **teach others** also,

6 The **husbandman** that laboureth must be first partaker of the fruits.

Key Word



Householder = ?

Householder = God

EPHESIANS 2

19 Now therefore ye are no more strangers and foreigners, but fellow-citizens with the saints, and of the household of God;

Key Word



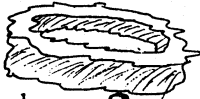
Vineyard = ?

Vineyard = Israel

ISAIAH 5

7 For the vineyard of the LORD of hosts is the house of Israel, and the men of Judah his pleasant plant; and he looked for judgment, but behold oppression; for righteousness, but behold a cry.

Key Word



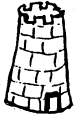
hedge = ?

hedge = blessings of God

JOB 1

10 Hast not thou made an hedge about him, and about his house, and about all that he hath on every side? thou hast blessed the work of his hands, and his substance is increased in the land.

Key Word



tower = ?

tower = The LORD

PSALM 18:

2 The LORD is my rock, and my fortress, and my deliverer; my God, my strength, in whom I will trust; my buckler, and the horn of my salvation, and my high tower.

Key Word



FRUIT = ?

FRUIT = Righteousness
and Souls Won

Phil. 1:11 "...the fruits of righteousness, which are by Jesus Christ.

Prov. 11:30 "The fruit of righteousness is a tree of life; and he that winneth souls is wise."

Key Word



servants = ?

servants = prophets.

AMOS 3

7 Surely the Lord God will do nothing, but he revealeth his secret unto his servants the prophets.