

LBC- My Beloved had a Vineyard

Song of Solomon 8:11 931BC

¹¹“Solomon had a vineyard at Baal-hamon; He entrusted the vineyard to caretakers. Each one was to bring a thousand *shekels* of silver for its fruit.

“My very own vineyard is at my disposal; The thousand *shekels* are for you, Solomon, And two hundred are for those who take care of its fruit.”

3 vital components to the vineyard: the caretakers, the fruit, and the profit-shares.

Caretakers were to ensure the fruitfulness of the vineyard, and to render the revenues to the owner.

The Bride says that she can give herself (her own vineyard) to whomever she desires.

She is giving herself to Solomon, the Bridegroom, which she proves by giving him the lion’s share of the profits.

She demonstrates that when motivated by love, self-possession can be in harmony with submission.

Spiritually, the vineyard is the life of the Bride, who gives herself to belong to the Bridegroom.

Isaiah 5:1-4 739 BC

5 Let me sing now for my well-beloved A song of my beloved concerning His vineyard.

My well-beloved had a vineyard on a fertile hill.

²He dug it all around, removed its stones, And planted it with the choicest vine.

And He built a tower in the middle of it And also hewed out a wine vat in it; Then He expected *it* to produce *good* grapes, But it produced *only* worthless ones.

³“And now, O inhabitants of Jerusalem and men of Judah, Judge between Me and My vineyard.

⁴“What more was there to do for My vineyard that I have not done in it?

Why, when I expected *it* to produce *good* grapes did it produce worthless ones?

In this passage, the vineyard is the people of God gathered in Jerusalem- His holy, chosen and beloved people.

God Himself had planted his people, giving them every blessing and opportunity, so they would return and honor Him.

Instead, they rejected Him, pursued idolatry, committed atrocities and shed innocent blood.

The good fruit that God had meticulously cultivated never grew, and worthless fruit appeared instead.

The fault did not lie with God, but within the city itself- its people and leaders.

Matthew 21:33-43

³³“Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard and put a wall around it and dug a wine press in it, and built a tower, and rented it out to vine-growers and went on a journey.³⁴ When the harvest time approached, he sent his slaves to the vine-growers to receive his produce. ³⁵The vine-growers took his slaves and beat one, and killed another, and stoned a third. ³⁶Again he sent another group of slaves larger than the first; and they did the same thing to them. ³⁷But afterward he sent his son to them, saying, ‘They will respect my son.’ ³⁸But when the vine-growers saw the son, they said among themselves, ‘This is the heir; come, let us kill him and seize his inheritance.’ ³⁹They took him, and threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. ⁴⁰Therefore when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those vine-growers?’ ⁴¹They *said to Him, “He will bring those wretches to a

wretched end, and will rent out the vineyard to other vine-growers who will pay him the proceeds at the *proper* seasons.”

What was the great and grievous wrong taking place here?

The landowner- God

The vineyard- The Kingdom of God

Vine-Growers- toxic spiritual leaders

The slaves of the landowner- the prophets

The murdered son- Jesus

The fruit being withheld- the people of God

These toxic leaders seized control of the whole vineyard, seized its fruit, and killed all who opposed them!

The same spirit of control is present in human hearts, killing churches and perverting justice in political circles.

When we cast aside His Word to have our own way, it is the same as beating, killing and stoning His prophets.

When the Son of God comes to us with grace and we reject Him, it is the same as casting Him out and killing Him.

⁴² Jesus *said to them, “Did you never read in the Scriptures,
‘The stone which the builders rejected, This became the chief corner *stone*;
This came about from the Lord, And it is marvelous in our eyes’?”

⁴³ Therefore I say to you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people, producing the fruit of it. ⁴⁴ And he who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; but on whomever it falls, it will scatter him like dust.”

Isaiah 63:1-8

63 Who is this who comes from Edom, With garments of glowing colors from Bozrah,

This One who is majestic in His apparel, Marching in the greatness of His strength?

“It is I who speak in righteousness, mighty to save.” ² Why is Your apparel red,
And Your garments like the one who treads in the wine press?

³ “I have trodden the wine trough alone, And from the peoples there was no man with Me.

I also trod them in My anger And trampled them in My wrath; And their lifeblood is sprinkled on My garments,
And I stained all My raiment. ⁴ “For the day of vengeance was in My heart, And My year of redemption has come.

⁵ “I looked, and there was no one to help, And I was astonished and there was no one to uphold;
So My own arm brought salvation to Me, And My wrath upheld Me.

⁶ “I trod down the peoples in My anger And made them drunk in My wrath,
And I poured out their lifeblood on the earth.”

⁷ I shall make mention of the lovingkindnesses of the Lord, the praises of the Lord,
According to all that the Lord has granted us, And the great goodness toward the house of Israel,
Which He has granted them according to His compassion And according to the abundance of His lovingkindnesses.

⁸ For He said, “Surely, they are My people, Sons who will not deal falsely.” So He became their Savior.

In the end, there will only be the redeemed of the Lord, and the triumphant Lord Jesus!