

## **Parable of the Wicked Tenants**

### ***Grapes of the Gospel produce Wine of Joy***

The 12 Apostles are the new Guardians of the Gospel

**Matthew 21:33** "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 tenants and went on a journey.

34 "When the harvest time approached, he sent his servants to the tenants to receive his produce.

35 "The tenants took his servants and beat one, and killed another, and stoned a third.

36 "Again he sent another group of servants larger than the first; and they did the same thing to them.

37 "But afterward he sent his son to them, saying, 'They will respect my son.'

38 "But when the tenants saw the son, they said among themselves, 'This is the heir; come, let us kill him and seize his inheritance.'

39 "They took him, and threw him out of the vineyard and killed him.

40 "Therefore when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?"

41 They said to Him, "He will bring those wretches to a wretched end, and will rent out the vineyard to other tenants who will pay him the proceeds at the proper seasons."

42 Jesus said to them, "Did you never read in the Scriptures, 'THE STONE WHICH THE BUILDERS REJECTED, THIS BECAME THE CHIEF CORNER *stone*;

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.

45-46 When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard His parables, they understood that He was speaking about them. When they sought to seize Him, they feared the people, because they considered Him to be a prophet.

**Isaiah 5:1** 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.

2 He dug {*i.e.*, plowed} 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.

7 For the vineyard of the LORD of hosts is the house of Israel

**Isaiah 3:14** The LORD enters into judgment with the elders and princes of His people, "It is you who have devoured the vineyard".

**Amos 3:7** Surely the Lord GOD does nothing unless He reveals His secret counsel To His servants the prophets.

**Matthew 13:23** "And the one on whom seed was sown on the good soil, this is the man who hears the word and ~~understands~~ **accepts** it; who indeed bears fruit"

**Matthew 3:8** "Therefore bear fruit ~~keeping with~~ **in the context of** repentance {i.e. changing of one's mind};"

**Psalms 104:15** And wine which makes man's heart ~~glad~~ **joyful**

**Genesis 15:6** Then he believed in the LORD; and He ~~reckoned~~ **credited** it to him as righteousness.

**Jeremiah 26:5** to listen to the words of My servants the prophets, whom I have been sending to you again and again, but you have not listened

**Hebrews 11:37-38** They were stoned, they were sawn in two, they were tempted, they were put to death with the sword; they went about in sheepskins, in goatskins, being destitute, afflicted, ill-treated (men of whom the world was not worthy), wandering in deserts and mountains and caves and holes in the ground.

**Hebrews 13:12** Therefore Jesus also, that He might sanctify the people through His own blood, suffered outside the gate.

**Ephesians 2:20** having been built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus Himself being the corner stone

**Acts 16:31** They said, "Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household."

**1 Peter 1:8** and though you have not seen Him, you love Him, and though you do not see Him now, but believe in Him, you greatly rejoice with joy inexpressible and full of glory,

**Hebrews 1:1-2** ~~God, after He spoke long ago to the fathers in the prophets in many portions and in many ways,~~  
**Little by little, many times in the past, God spoke to the fathers through the prophets,** in these last days has spoken to us ~~in His Son~~ **in Sonship**, whom He appointed heir of all things.

**Colossians 2:14** having canceled out the certificate of debt consisting of decrees against us, which was hostile to us; and He has taken it out of the way, having nailed it to the cross.