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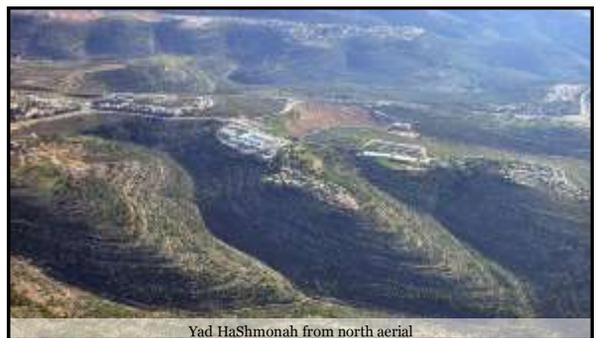
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### Three Parables...

- **1)** Parable of the Two Sons (Matt. 21:28-32).
- **2)** Parable of the Vineyard (Mark 12:1-12; Matt. 21:33-43; Luke 20:9-17).
  - Matt. 21:43 – about the entire nation of Israel.
  - Mark 12:12 – also about the leaders of the nation.
- **3)** Parable of the Wedding Feast (Matt. 22:1-14).

### I. God's Plan for Israel and Her Leaders (1-2)

- **Is. 5:1-7.**
- Cf. Ps. 80:8-18 - You removed a vine from Egypt; You drove out the nations and planted it...
- Cf. Jer. 2:21 - "Yet I planted you a choice vine, A completely faithful seed. How then have you turned yourself before Me Into the degenerate shoots of a foreign vine?"



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  - Cf. Ps. 80:12-13 - Why have You broken down its hedges, So that all who pass *that* way pick its *fruit*? <sup>13</sup> A boar from the forest eats it away And whatever moves in the field feeds on it.
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- **4)** He built a tower (1).

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## How to Make a Profit on Land in 1<sup>st</sup> Century Israel...

- **1)** Farm it yourself.
- **2)** Rent the land to others.
- **3)** Plant the property and lease out the farming rights to tenant farmers.

## The Product Line from a Vineyard

- 1) Pressed for wine for drinking.
- 2) Dried for raisins.
- 3) Boiled for "grape honey"
  - the major source of sugar in the ancient world

## Interpretation

- **1)** God owned Israel by redemption, had planted her in her land to produce fruit.
  - Gen. 12:3 - And I will bless those who bless you, And the one who curses you I will curse. And in you all the families of the earth will be blessed."
  - Ex. 19:5-6 - 'Now then, if you will indeed obey My voice and keep My covenant, then you shall be My own possession among all the peoples, for all the earth is Mine; <sup>6</sup> and you shall be to Me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation.'  
These are the words that you shall speak to the sons of Israel."
  - Rom. 3:1-2; 9:4-5

## Interpretation

- **2)** God had entrusted the care of His vineyard, Israel, to her spiritual leaders.
- **3)** God expected Israel, under the care of her leaders, to produce an abundant harvest.

## Application for Us...

- **1)** Christ owns His church by redemption and has carefully planted her across the world to produce fruit.
  - 1 Pet. 2:9-10
  - Cf. Rev. 1:6 - He has made us to be a kingdom, priests to His God and Father-- to Him be the glory and the dominion forever and ever. Amen.
  - Cf. Rev. 5:10 - "You have made them to be a kingdom and priests to our God; and they will reign upon the earth."

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### Application for Us...

- **2)** Just as God entrusted the care of His vineyard to Israel's leaders, Christ has entrusted the care of His church to spiritual leaders.
  - 1 Cor. 3:5-9 – image of a field, with the leaders as the farmers.
  - 1 Cor. 5:9b-17 – image of a building, with the leaders as the builders.
  - Heb. 13:17 - Obey your leaders and submit *to them*, for they keep watch over your souls as those who will give an account. Let them do this with joy and not with grief, for this would be unprofitable for you.

### Application for Us...

- **3)** Just as God expected from Israel, Christ expects His church, under the care of her leaders, to produce an abundant harvest.
  - Cf. John 15:1-6, 16
  - What fruit?
    - a) Spiritual attitudes (Gal. 5:22-23)
    - b) Righteous actions (Rom. 6:22; Phil. 4:16-17; Heb. 13:15)
    - c) New converts (Rom. 1:13; 16:5; Phil. 4:22)