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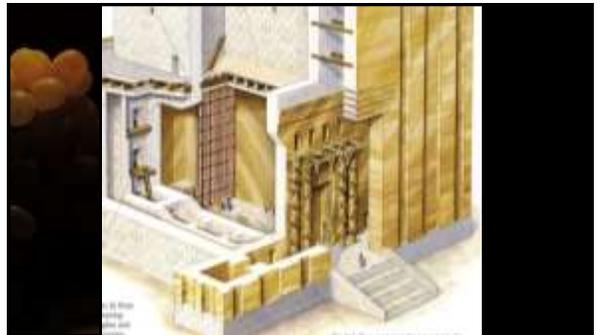
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## Tuesday Morning, Three Parables...

- **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).
- **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?"



## Interpretation

- **1)** God owned Israel by redemption, had planted her in her land to produce fruit.
- **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.

## II. Israel and Her Leaders' Rejection of God's Personal Messengers (3-5)

- The vineyard = Israel
- The Landowner = God
- The tenant farmers = Israel's leaders
- The slaves of the landowner = God's prophets
- Matt. 23:37 - "Jerusalem, Jerusalem, who kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to her! How often I wanted to gather your children together, the way a hen gathers her chicks under her wings, and you were unwilling."
- **Heb. 11:35b-38**

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### III. Israel and Her Leaders' Rejection of God's Beloved Son (6-8)

- 1:1; 3:11; 5:7; 14:61-62; 15:39
- 1:11 - a voice came out of the heavens: "You are My beloved Son, in You I am well-pleased."
- 9:7 - Then a cloud formed, overshadowing them, and a voice came out of the cloud, "This is My beloved Son, listen to Him!"

### The Damning Power of False Religion

- 1) It turns people against God's legitimate messengers.
- 2) It turns people away from God's truth.
- 3) It causes people ultimately to reject the priority and lordship of God's Son.

### IV. God's Ultimate Vindication of His Son (9-11)

- Matt. 21:41 - They 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."

### From a Vineyard to a Building

- Ps. 118:22-23.
- NT treats as messianic...
  - Acts 4:11; 1 Pet. 2:4; cf. Rom. 9:32-33; Eph. 2:20.
- Probably written in the time of Moses to celebrate the actual Passover.
- One of the Hallel psalms, recited Passover week
- Pointed to the perfect fulfillment of Passover—Jesus Christ.

### Application...

- **1)** This parable is another gracious warning and invitation from Jesus to anyone who will hear.
  - Ps. 2:12 - Do homage to the Son, that He not become angry, and you perish *in* the way, For His wrath may soon be kindled. How blessed are all who take refuge in Him!
- **2)** This parable shows that God will vindicate His Son!

### God Will Vindicate His Son By...

- **a)** Destroying the tenant farmers—that is, Israel's leaders (9).
- **b)** Destroying Jerusalem and its temple.
  - [Matt. 22:1-7](#)
- **c)** Giving the vineyard to others (9).
  - Cf. Matt. 21:43 - "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."

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## God Will Vindicate His Son By...

- **d)** Personally exalting His rejected Son to the chief place.
- **e)** Extending an invitation to the wedding feast of His Son to the most unlikely and undeserving.
- **f)** Raising His Son from the dead!

## Vindicated By the Resurrection

- Rom. 1:4 - who was declared the Son of God with power by the resurrection from the dead, according to the Spirit of holiness, Jesus Christ our Lord,
- Acts 4:10-11 - let it be known to all of you and to all the people of Israel, that by the name of Jesus Christ the Nazarene, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead-- by this *name* this man stands here before you in good health. <sup>11</sup> "He is the STONE WHICH WAS REJECTED by you, THE BUILDERS, *but* WHICH BECAME THE CHIEF CORNER *stone*.