

"The Useless Vine"
Chapter 15

Historical context: Chapter 15 takes place at the end of King Zedekiah's reign. The people were still holding out hope that the Edomites, Ammonites, Sidonians, and Egyptians would come to their aide. They would not.

vv. 1-2 Q. What questions did the Lord ask Ezekiel?

A.

1. How is the _____ of a vine better than a branch on any of the trees in the forest?

v. 3 2. Is wood ever taken from it to make anything _____?

3. Do they make _____ from it to hang things on?

v. 4 4. After it is thrown into the _____ is it useful for anything?

v. 5 Note: Hebrew – Qal Walhomer = "If this...how much less...this..."

5. If it was useless when it was _____, what can it be used for when it's burnt up or charred?

v. 6 Q. How does the Lord use the useless vine as an example?

A. Just as the useless vine is used for fuel for the fire, so I will treat the people of _____.

Read Isaiah 5:1-7. How does Isaiah use this imagery?

Read John 15:1-6. How does Jesus use this same example.

v. 7a Q. What will the Lord do?

A.

1. He will set his _____ against them.

v. 7b 2. Although they escaped the _____ round, they will not escape the second.

v. 7c 3. When this happens, you will _____ that I am the Lord.

v. 8. 4. I will make the land _____.

Q. Why?

A. Because you have been _____.

Q. Per John 15, if Jesus is the vine, what is he expecting from us as his followers?

Read Matthew 7:15-20

Read Matthew 12:33

Read Matthew 21:43

A.

Q. How is faithfulness connected to this issue?

A.

Read Matthew 25:14-30