

HANDOUT: The Gospel of John chapter 15

Israel as Yahweh’s Vine:

“You brought a vine out of Egypt, to plant it you drove out nations; you cleared a space for it, it took root and filled the whole country.” Psalms 80:8-9

“Yet I had planted you, a red vine of completely sound stock. How is it you have turned into seedlings of a vine that is alien to me? Jeremiah 2:21

Israel was a luxuriant vine yielding plenty of fruit. The more his fruit increased, the more altars he built; the richer his land became the richer he made the sacred pillars. Theirs is a divided heart; now they will have to pay for it.” Hosea 10:1-2b

“The Lord Yahweh says this: As the wood of the vine among the forest trees, which I have thrown on the fire for fuel, so shall I treat the inhabitants of Jerusalem. I shall set my face against them. They have escaped one fire, but fire will devour them yet. And you will know that I am Yahweh, when I set my face against them. I shall reduce the country to a desert, because of their infidelity—declares the Lord Yahweh.” Ezekiel 15:6-8

Also see: Deut. 32:32-33; Sirach 24:17; Is. 5:1-7; 27:2-6; Jer. 5:10; 6:9; 12:10; Ez. 15:1-8; 17:3-10; 19:10-14; Joel 1:7; Ps 80:8-18; Matt. 21:33-43; Mk. 12:1-12; Lk. 20:9-19.

This is the seventh of the “I AM” with the predicate nominative statements:

John 6:35	<i>“I AM the Bread of Life”</i>
John 8:12	<i>“I AM the Light of the world”</i>
John 10:7	<i>“I AM the Gate for the sheep”</i>
John 10:11	<i>“I AM the Good Shepherd”</i>
John 11:25	<i>“I AM the Resurrection and the Life”</i>
John 14:6	<i>“I AM the Way, and the Truth, and the Life”</i>
John 15:1	<i>“I AM the True Vine”</i>

The 5 key words of John chapter 15:

Word from the Greek translation	Verse in John chapter 15
Love = <i>agape, phileo</i> 7 times	9, 10, 10, 12, 13, 17, 19 [in vs 19 the word is <i>phileo</i> = familia or brotherly love]
Vine = <i>ampelos</i> 3 times	1, 4, 5
Branches = <i>klema</i> 4 times	2, 4, 5, 6
Fruit = <i>karpos</i> 7 times	2, 2, 4, 5, 8, 16, 16
Remain= <i>meno/menein</i> 12 times	4 (3 times), 5, 6, 7 (2 times), 9, 10 (2 times), 11, and 16

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