

Luke 20:9-18

The Wicked Tenants

Luke 20:9 (ESV)

⁹ And he began to tell the people this parable: “A man planted a vineyard and let it out to tenants and went into another country for a long while.

The Wicked Tenants

- The Jewish nation as the vineyard

Isaiah 5:1–4 (ESV)

¹ Let me sing for my beloved my love song concerning his vineyard: My beloved had a vineyard on a very fertile hill. ² He dug it and cleared it of stones, and planted it with choice vines; he built a watchtower in the midst of it, and hewed out a wine vat in it; and he looked for it to yield grapes, but it yielded wild grapes. ³ And now, O inhabitants of Jerusalem and men of Judah, judge between me and my vineyard. ⁴ What more was there to do for my vineyard, that I have not done in it? When I looked for it to yield grapes, why did it yield wild grapes?

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 - His patient persistence

Luke 20:10–12 (ESV)

¹⁰ When the time came, he sent a servant to the tenants, so that they would give him some of the fruit of the vineyard. But the tenants beat him and sent him away empty-handed. ¹¹ And he sent another servant. But they also beat and treated him shamefully, and sent him away empty-handed. ¹² And he sent yet a third. This one also they wounded and cast out.

The LORD's Merciful Persistence

⁴ Yet I persistently sent to you all my servants the prophets, saying, 'Oh, do not do this abomination that I hate!' - Jeremiah 44:4 (ESV)

²⁵ From the day that your fathers came out of the land of Egypt to this day, I have persistently sent all my servants the prophets to them, day after day. - Jeremiah 7:25 (ESV)

¹⁵ The LORD, the God of their fathers, sent persistently to them by his messengers, because he had compassion on his people and on his dwelling place. ¹⁶ But they kept mocking the messengers of God, despising his words and scoffing at his prophets, until the wrath of the LORD rose against his people, until there was no remedy. - 2 Chronicles 36:15–16 (ESV)

Nehemiah 9:26 (ESV)

²⁶ “Nevertheless, they were disobedient and rebelled against you and cast your law behind their back and killed your prophets, who had warned them in order to turn them back to you, and they committed great blasphemies.

Hebrews 11:37–38 (ESV)

³⁷ They were stoned, they were sawn in two, they were killed with the sword. They went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, afflicted, mistreated—³⁸ of whom the world was not worthy—wandering about in deserts and mountains, and in dens and caves of the earth.

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- The Jewish nation as the vineyard
 - God's complete provision for fruitfulness
 - His patient persistence
 - His ultimate attempt to set things right

Luke 20:13–15 (ESV)

¹³ Then the owner of the vineyard said, 'What shall I do? I will send my beloved son; perhaps they will respect him.' ¹⁴ But when the tenants saw him, they said to themselves, 'This is the heir. Let us kill him, so that the inheritance may be ours.' ¹⁵ And they threw him out of the vineyard and killed him.

Luke 20:19 (ESV)

¹⁹ The scribes and the chief priests sought to lay hands on him at that very hour, for they perceived that he had told this parable against them, but they feared the people.

The Wicked Tenants

- The Jewish nation as the vineyard
 - God's complete provision for fruitfulness
 - His patient persistence
 - His ultimate action to set things right
 - His final judgment of the wicked tenants

Luke 20:15–18 (ESV)

¹⁵ What then will the owner of the vineyard do to them? ¹⁶ He will come and destroy those tenants and give the vineyard to others.” When they heard this, they said, “Surely not!” ¹⁷ But he looked directly at them and said, “What then is this that is written: “ ‘The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone’? ¹⁸ Everyone who falls on that stone will be broken to pieces, and when it falls on anyone, it will crush him.”

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- The Jewish nation as the vineyard
- The church as the vineyard
 - God's complete provision for fruitfulness
 - His patient persistence
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 - His final judgment of the wicked tenants

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- The Jewish nation as the vineyard
- The church as the vineyard
- The human life as the vineyard
 - God's complete provision for fruitfulness
 - His patient persistence
 - His ultimate action to set things right
 - His final judgment of the wicked tenants