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ADMINISTRATION

“The Parable of the Tenants”

MATTHEW 21:33-46



Prophets of Judah and Israel

JUDAH

Joel, Isaiah, Micah,
Zephaniah, Jeremiah,
Habakkuk, Haggai,
Zechariah, Malachi

ISRAEL

Amos
Hosea

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 ...

Isaiah 5:1-7



... 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?*

⁵ And now I will tell you what I will do to my vineyard.

*I will remove its hedge, and it shall be devoured;
I will break down its wall, and it shall be trampled ...*

Isaiah 5:1-7



*... down. ⁶ I will make it a waste; it shall not be pruned
or hoed, and briers and thorns shall grow up;
I will also command the clouds that they rain no rain
upon it. ⁷ For the vineyard of the LORD of hosts is the
house of Israel, and the men of Judah are his pleasant
planting; and he looked for justice, but behold,
bloodshed; for righteousness, but behold, an outcry!*

Isaiah 5:1-7



1. The Parable of the **2 Sons** (Matthew 21:28-32)
2. The Parable of the **Tenants** (Matthew 21:33-44)
3. The Parable of the **Wedding Feast** (Matthew 22:1-14)

**3 Parables for the
Religious Leaders**



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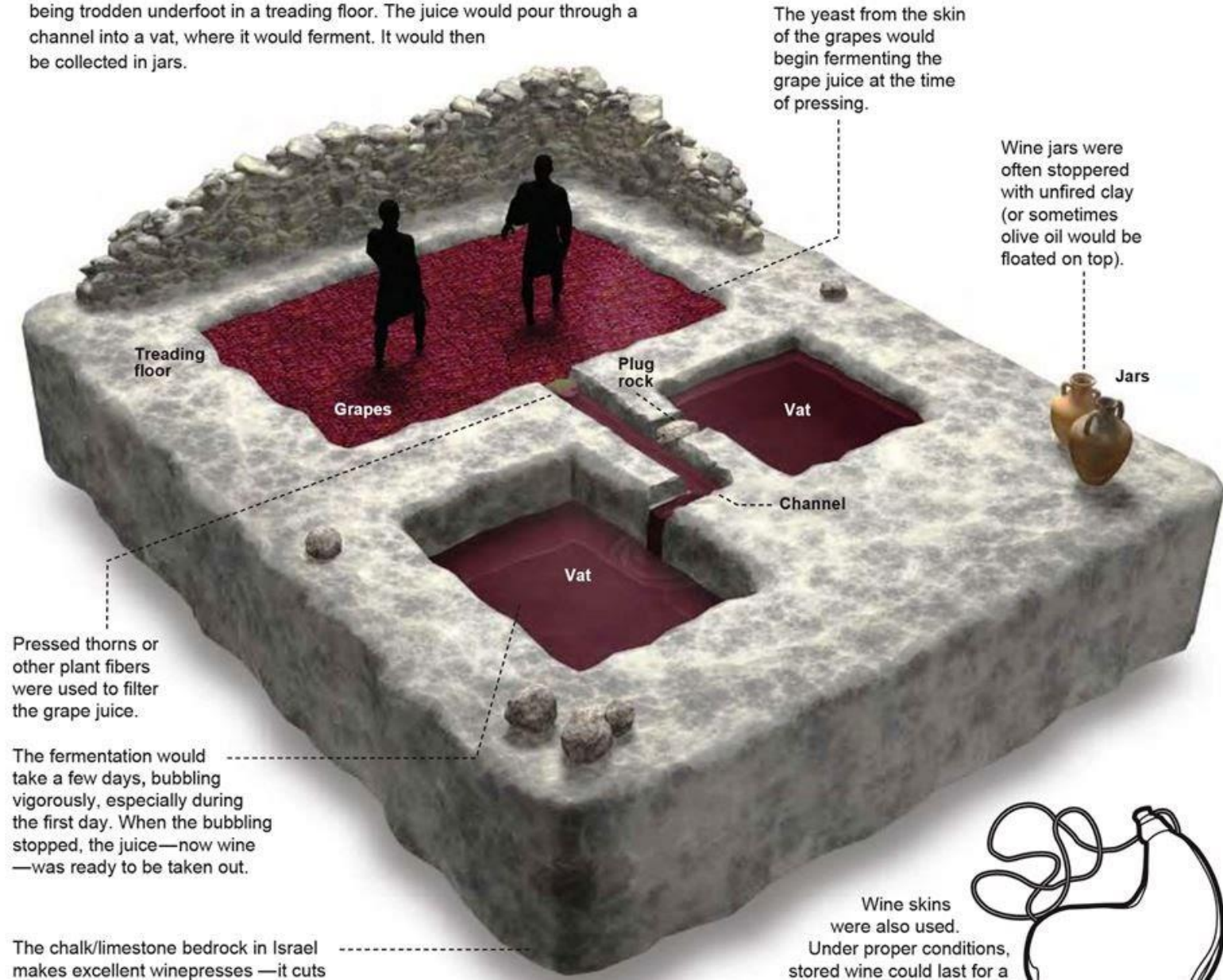


Ancient
vineyard in
Israel

Ancient winepress in Israel

A Winepress in Ancient Israel

An ancient winepress was a rock-hewn open-air system. Grapes were pressed by being trodden underfoot in a treading floor. The juice would pour through a channel into a vat, where it would ferment. It would then be collected in jars.



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- 100 prophets killed, with Obadiah (I Kings 18:4, 13)
- Micaiah physically abused (I Kings 22:24)
- Zechariah stoned to death (II Chronicles 24:20-22)
- Jeremiah physically abused, put into prison (Jeremiah 20:1-2) and later killed by the sword (Jeremiah 26:20-23)
- John the Baptist beheaded (Matthew 14:1-12)

Hostility Toward the Prophets



- Matthew 16:21; 17:23; 20:18
- Acts 2:23
- Acts 3:14-15
- Acts 4:10
- Acts 7:52

**Other Scriptures Referring to
Killing Jesus**



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- Jesus is quoting Psalm 118:22-23.
- Psalm 118 has been classified as a Messianic psalm.
- It's more of a thanksgiving psalm, where the psalmist simply thanks God for several mercies – *“Oh give thanks to the LORD, for He is good; for His steadfast love endures forever!”* (vs. 1, 29).

Reference to Psalm 118



- Peter and John refer to Jesus as the rejected stone that had become the cornerstone (Acts 4:11).
- Paul uses the same language for Jesus in Romans 9:33 and Ephesians 2:20.
- Peter's first Epistle as a reference to Christ (1 Peter 2:7).

Jesus Christ as the Stone



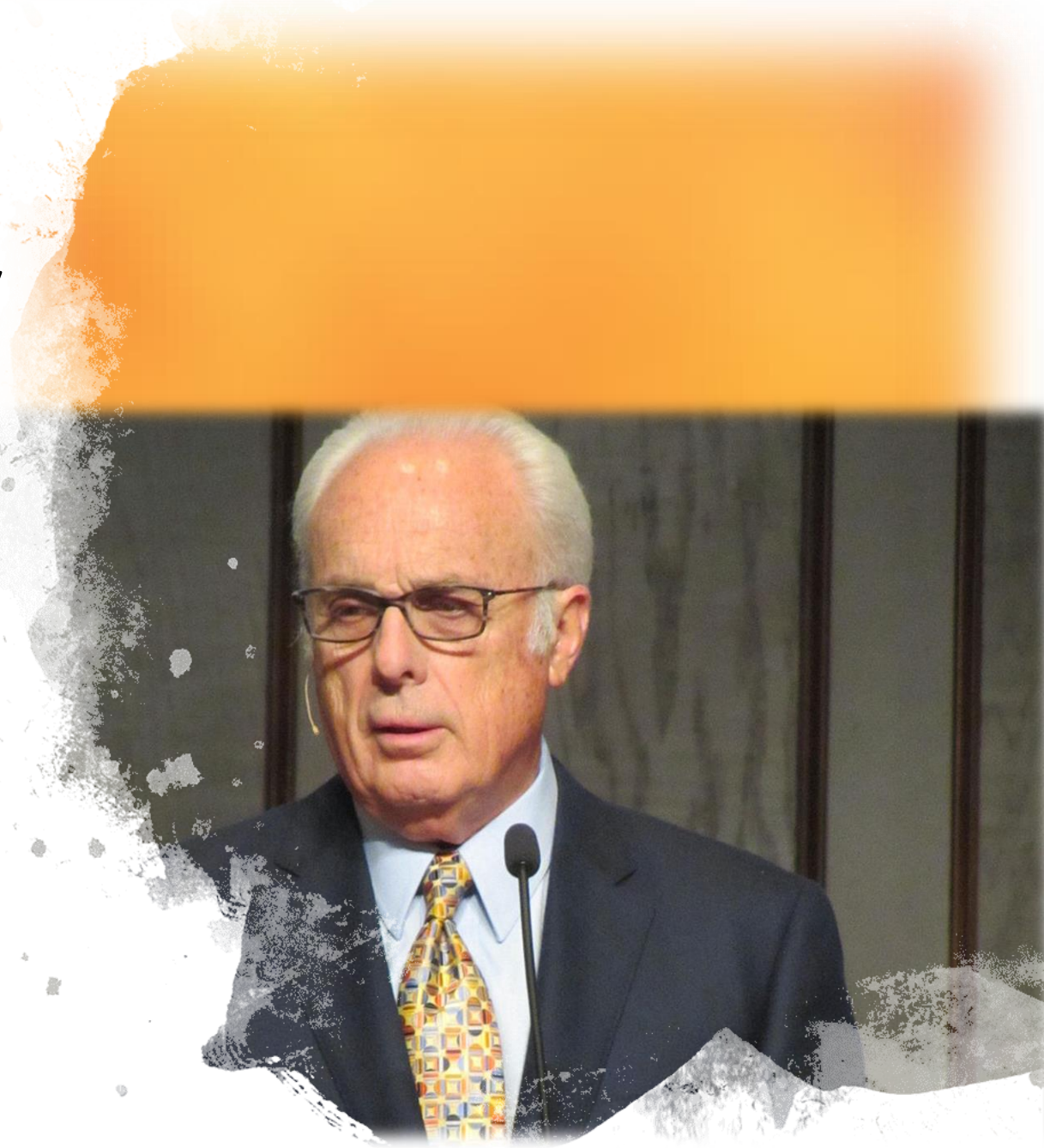
*Lest you be wise in your own sight,
I do not want you to be unaware of this mystery,
brothers: a partial hardening has come upon Israel,
until the fullness of the Gentiles has come in.*

Romans 11:25



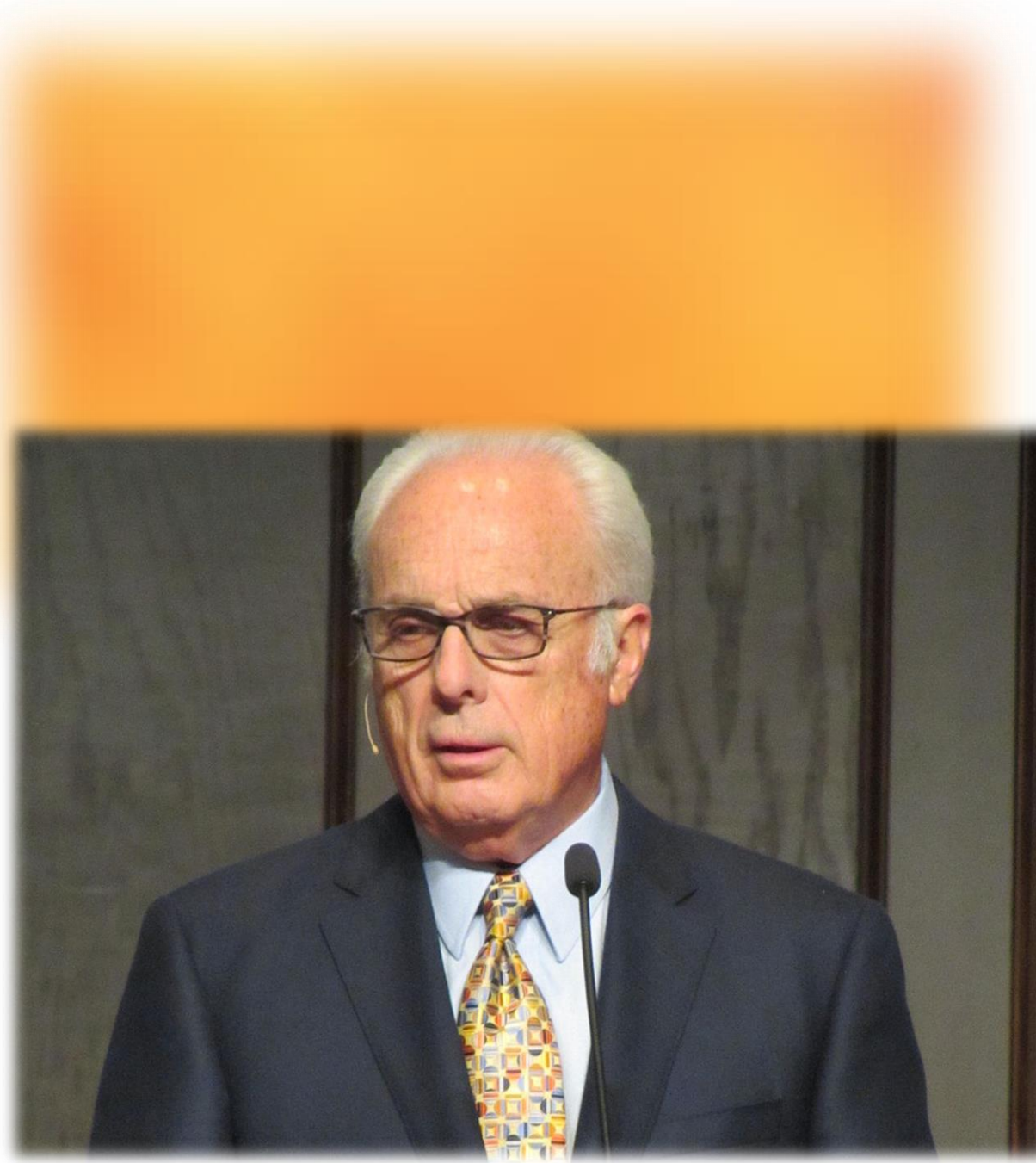
“God’s enemies are destined to be pulverized into nothingness. To try to destroy Christ is to assure one’s own destruction. Through Daniel the Lord predicted Christ’s ultimate coming in judgment against the unbelieving peoples and nations of the...

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“...world, represented by the magnificent and seemingly invulnerable state of gold, silver, bronze, iron, and clay. As the ‘stone...cut out without hands,’ Jesus will one day strike the statue of unbelieving mankind.”

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- V. **FRUSTRATION**: The religious leaders are angry with Jesus (vs. 45-46).

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KEY POINT:

We are stewards of the kingdom of God.



¹⁴ How then will they call on him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone preaching?

¹⁵ And how are they to preach unless they are sent? As it is written, 'How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news!'...

Romans 10:14-17



*¹⁶ But they have not all obeyed the gospel.
For Isaiah says, 'Lord, who has believed what he has
heard from us?' ¹⁷ So faith comes from hearing,
and hearing through the word of Christ.*

Romans 10:14-17

