

Israel – The Vine of God

Hosea 10

Introduction:

1. Israel was said to be *“the vineyard of the Lord of hosts.”* Isaiah 5:7
2. Yet Hosea cries out in chapter 10, *“Israel is an empty vine...”*
3. In this lesson we will embark on a fascinating study as we consider Israel as the vine of God.
4. As we follow the illustration of the vine, it will provide for us a complete understanding of Israel’s history and future.

Israel, a vine _____ by God.

1. _____ is the One that planted Israel as a vine. Jeremiah 2:21
2. Psalm 80:8 and 15 teach that God brought a vine (Israel) out of Egypt and planted it.
3. He expected the fruit of a righteous nation that would bring _____ to Him. Isaiah 5:7

Israel, a vine _____ by God. Psalm 80:8-11

Israel, a vine bringing forth _____ fruit to God.

1. They had taken the _____ of God and used them to increase their pagan altars and images. Hosea 10:1, 13, cf. 2:8
2. In Isaiah 5:1-4 God is seen lamenting the defiled fruit that Israel had brought forth.
3. Christian, did you know that God saved you with the expectation of some fruit?
 - God placed His very Spirit in you and longs to see the fruit of the Spirit evidenced in your life. Galatians 5:22-23
 - Once you know the _____ of God, it should bring forth precious fruit. Colossians 1:5-6; Romans 6:20-22

Israel, a vine _____ by God.

1. Because Israel had become a degenerate plant and brought forth defiled fruit, God would take down the hedges He had _____ around His people.
Isaiah 5:5-6; Psalm 80:12, 13, 16
2. This is primarily the subject of Hosea 10.
3. Their own stubbornness and self-will would lead to chastisement (vs. 10) and judgment (vs. 13).

Israel, a vine _____ by God.

1. Will Israel ever be the fruitful vine that God intended for them to be in the earth?
2. The Bible clearly teaches that they will be. Hosea 14:4-7; Zechariah 8:1-13; Romans 11:25-27
3. What will it take to restore Israel to the place of blessing and fruitfulness?
Psalm 80 holds the key.
 - God must _____ from heaven. vs. 14
 - The Son of man, Jesus Christ, will in fact return in the last days, quicken the believing remnant of Israel, and _____ them. vs. 17-19
 - They will become connected with the One who is called **the** Vine (Jesus Christ) and will become the fruitful vine that God intended for them to be. John 15:4-5

Conclusion:

1. The church is _____ referred to as a vineyard or vine, only Israel.
2. But Christian, there is great application for us.
 - As we are strengthened by **His** glorious power, Christ makes us _____ in every good work.
 - *“That ye might walk worthy of the Lord unto all pleasing, being fruitful in every good work, and increasing in the knowledge of God; Strengthened with all might, according to his glorious power, unto all patience and longsuffering with joyfulness.” Colossians 1:10-11*

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