

"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