

THE KINGDOM and the NATION of ISRAEL

UNDERSTANDING MATTHEW 21:33-46

IDENTIFYING the MAIN _____ of the TEXT

There are 6 main characters in this parable:

- 1) The LANDOWNER—_____
- 2) The VINEYARD—_____
- 3) The TENANTS/FARMERS—the Jewish _____ leadership
- 4) The LANDOWNER'S SERVANTS—the _____ who remained obedient and preached God's word to the people of Israel
- 5) The SON—_____
- 6) The OTHER TENANTS – the _____ who would receive the vineyard.

EXPLANATION of the TEXT:

- I. The _____ - A REVIEW of Old Testament _____ (vs.34-36)
- II. The _____ - A _____ of God's SON (vs. 37-39)
- III. The _____ - The _____ of God (The Landowner) to these EVIL Men (vs.40-41)

The KEY VERSE (vs. 43) - *“Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken from you and given to a nation bearing its fruits.”*

We must understand this verse with Jewish eyes, ears, and understanding.

QUESTION # 1 - How did the Jews understand the meaning of the _____?

They believed that through the coming of Messiah, God would restore _____ throne and _____ rule over the earth.

(Acts 1:6-7) - Therefore, when they had come together, they asked Him, saying, “Lord, will You at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?”⁷ And He said to them, “It is not for you to know times or seasons which the Father has put in His own authority.

QUESTION # 2 – From _____ is the Kingdom taken?

(43b) - ...*will be taken from you...*

It will be taken from the _____ leaders of Israel...NOT the entire _____ of Israel.

QUESTION # 3 – To _____ will the Kingdom be given?

...(43c) - ...*and given to a _____ (singular) bearing its fruits.*

Of the 39 times *ethnos* is used in the plural in the Greek, ALL 39 TIMES it is referring to the GENTILES (the nations)

But of the 14 times it is found in the singular (a SINGLE NATION), every time it is referring to ISRAEL

JESUS CAME THE FIRST TIME to offer salvation and redemption for mankind on the cross and the empty tomb and create the Church...

Jesus is COMING THE SECOND TIME to establish His (DAVIDIC) reign and give repentant ISRAEL the Kingdom rule just as He promised (and as also promised by the prophets).

Charles Ryrie (Ryrie Study Bible) – “*To whom would the kingdom be given? By application, the “nation bringing forth the fruits thereof” ...refers to the nation of Israel when she shall turn to the Lord and be saved before entering the millennial kingdom.*”

The nation to whom the kingdom of God will be given is none other than regathered, regenerated _____, reconstituted as a God-Nation under the Messiah’s rule.

(Daniel 2:44) - *In the days of those kings the God of heaven will set up a kingdom which will never be destroyed, and that kingdom will not be left for another (Gentile) people (nation); it will crush and put an end to all these kingdoms, but it will itself endure forever.*

CONCLUSION

God will faithfully bring _____ into the New Covenant one day - and give the kingdom to a _____ producing its fruits!