

The Vineyard of God

John 15:1-8

- How do the Son and the Father relate to their people?
- What is the fruit they desire?
- Why is the vine metaphor powerful?

Isaiah 5:1-7

- How does the Lord Almighty relate to his people?
- What is the fruit he desires?
- Why is the vineyard metaphor powerful?

Vineyard [*kerem/ampelōn*] – Isaiah 3:14; 5; 27:2-6; Jer 12:10 (Matt 21:33-41/Mark 12:1-11/Luke 20:9-18)

Vine *soreq* rarely – Isaiah 5:2; Jer 2:21
gephen more commonly – Psalm 80; Ezek 15; 17; 19:10-14
= *ampelos* – John 15

a) Flexible theme

b) Wider theme

c) Developing theme

1. The planter / worker / gardener
2. The vineyard / field / plant
3. The tasks of the workers
4. The life of the plant
5. The goal