SEVEN PICTURES OF THE CHURCH

GOD'S VINEYARD

The vineyard of the LORD
Almighty is the nation of Israel,
and the people of Judah
are the vines he delighted in.
-Isaiah 5:7

In days to come Jacob will take root, Israel will bud and blossom and fill all the world with fruit.
-Isaiah 27:6

Ezekiel 17 shares a parable of the proud king of Jerusalem trying to break away as a vassal of Babylon through an alliance with Egypt. Deduce what key lesson God teaches. Determine what the imagery of God's planting means in the closing parable.

A Harvest of Judgment
Joel 3:12-16, Rev 14:17-20,
Mal 4:1, Luke 3:9

A Harvest of Deliverance
Luke 3:16-18

History of God's Vineyard

Elaborate on the Lord's working for Israel. List their bad fruits. (Isaiah 5)

Restored by the Shoot & Root

Review key parts of God's plan to restore his vineyard. (Isaiah 11:1-10)

Find at least three vital things the Branch would do for sinners. (Zech 3)

The Vineyard Under Attack

Breakdown how Israel's leaders heeded the call to tend God's vineyard. (Mark 12:1-12)

List some further reasons why God might not find fruit. (Mark 4:1-20, Psalm 1)

Natural and Wild Branches

Describe the relationship between Old Testament Israel and the Church. Identify what makes someone part of the Church. (Ro 11:17-21)

Asses the importance of living by faith. (Jer 17:5-8, Mi 7:1-7, Ps 80:8-19)

Elaborate on the only way god-pleasing fruit is produced. (John 15:1-8)

A Good and Gracious Gardener

Discover at least three warnings and promises for God's vineyard.
Luke 13:6-8 • Isaiah 58:11 • Mark 4:26-32 • Isaiah 60:19-21, 61:3