

Matthew 21:33-46 Kingdom Evictions

Yeshua's interactions with His disciples, discourses with the Chief Priests and the elders of the people, and the parable of the man and his sons revealed some powerful and dynamic lessons on faith, fear, and the way of righteousness taught by Messiah Yeshua.

Yeshua revealed that the Kingdom He came to bring was first offered to the Children of Israel, YeHoVaH's firstborn, but was inclusive of all people who submitted themselves in service to YeHoVaH. According to Yeshua's references to certain prophecies, all persons, including the eunuchs and strangers, had a part in the Kingdom.

Yeshua's lessons on faith, in reference to the fig tree, His challenge to the Chief Priests and the elders of the people about the baptism of the prophet John, and their rejection of His teaching, leads Yeshua to share a parable about a landowner and his tenants.

In this teaching, Yeshua warns, the Chief Priests and the Pharisees in a parable directed at them and others, about what would happen to those who refused to recognize YeHoVaH's ownership of His Creation and their role in His Kingdom.

Prior to the parable in this passage, Yeshua spoke a parable about two sons and their father. One son said he would not do what his father asked, but then repented and did it. The second son said he would do what his father asked but went away and did not. The Pharisees answered and said it was the first son who did what his father asked even though initially he said he would not. Yeshua continued with yet another parable.

In every nation, among all people groups, ethnicities and communities there will be those who will obey the rules, those who will disobey the rules, and those who will attempt to bend or change the rules to their advantage.

You often times hear people say that we, as Americans, are a nation of laws. In addition, no one is above the law including the President of the United States of America, senators, congressmen, judges, etc. Supposedly, no one is above the law in our nation.

There are those, although they confess no one is above the law of man, who conclude that they are not under the Law of God, the Creator of all things.

Yeshua used a parable to teach a lesson to the religious leaders about who the landowner and the tenants were. In this parable, the tenants decide that they're going to hijack, take, steal, and lay claim to the householder's property. In this case, it's the earth, or more specifically, the land of Israel and its people.

Consider the following for the sake of understanding the message of the parable:

- The Landowner - YeHoVaH
- The Land - The Earth/Israel
- The Servants - The Prophets
- More Servants - More Prophets
- The Son - Yeshua

Mt 21:33 Hear another parable: There was a certain householder, which planted a vineyard, and hedged it round about, and digged a winepress in it, and built a tower, and let it out to husbandmen, and went into a far country:

To let – 1554 ἐκδίδωμι ekdidomi {ek-did-o'-mee}

Meaning: 1) to give out of one's house, power, hand, stores 2) to give out, give up, give over 3) to let out for hire 4) to farm out 5) to let out for one's advantage

Usage: AV - let out 3, let forth 1; 4

To rent or lease out. Remember, the KJV is translated into old English.

I remember the first time I saw a sign that read “to let.” I was in London and through further inquiry I learned “to let” meant to lease or to rent.



The statement, Hear another parable, indicates Yeshua's previous message was also a parable, which is confirmed in verse 45 when the Chief Priests and Pharisees had heard His parables. This verse also tells us who Yeshua was speaking to, and it is the same group as in verse 23.

Mt 21:23 And when he was come into the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came unto him as he was teaching, and said, By what authority doest thou these things? and who gave thee this authority?

This verse gives us insight into the agreement the householder had with the tenants.

Mt 21:34 And when the time of the fruit drew near, he sent his servants to the husbandmen, that they might receive the fruits of it.

Mt 21:35 And the husbandmen took his servants, and beat one, and killed another, and stoned another.

Mt 21:36 Again, he sent other servants more than the first: and they did unto them likewise.

Mt 21:37 But last of all he sent unto them his son, saying, They will reverence my son.

Mt 21:38 But when the husbandmen saw the son, they said among themselves, This is the heir; come, let us kill him, and let us seize on his inheritance.

The tenants recognized the landowner's son.

Mt 21:39 And they caught him, and cast him out of the vineyard, and slew him.

The treatment of the son in this verse clearly indicates a process of torture. First, they caught the son in the vineyard; they threw him out of the vineyard, indicating force; then they slew him. The passage does not tell us what manner of death the son suffered.

Mt 21:40 When the lord therefore of the vineyard cometh, what will he do unto those husbandmen?

Mt 21:41 They say unto him, He will miserably destroy those wicked men, and will let out his vineyard unto other husbandmen, which shall render him the fruits in their seasons.

From their own mouths came their judgment.

Yeshua quotes an earlier part of the same Psalm the people shouted upon His entrance into the city riding on the colt of an ass.

Mt 21:42 Yeshua saith unto them, Did ye never read in the scriptures, "The stone which the builders rejected, the same is become the head of the corner: this is the Lord's doing, and it is marvellous in our eyes?"

Ps 118:14 The LORD/YeHoVaH is my strength and song, and is become my salvation/Yeshua.

Ps 118:15 The voice of rejoicing and salvation/Yeshua is in the tabernacles of the righteous: the right hand of The LORD/YeHoVaH doeth valiantly.

Ps 118:16 The right hand of The LORD/YeHoVaH is exalted: the right hand of The LORD/YeHoVaH doeth valiantly.

Ps 118:17 I shall not die, but live, and declare the works of The LORD/YeHoVaH.

Ps 118:18 The LORD/YeHoVaH hath chastened me sore: but he hath not given me over unto death.

Ps 118:19 Open to me the gates of righteousness: I will go into them, *and* I will praise The LORD/YeHoVaH:

Ps 118:20 This gate of The LORD/YeHoVaH, into which the righteous shall enter.

Ps 118:21 I will praise thee: for thou hast heard me, and art become my salvation/Yeshua.

Ps 118:22 The stone *which* the builders refused is become the head *stone* of the corner.

Ps 118:23 This is The LORD/YeHoVaH's doing; it *is* marvellous in our eyes.

Mt 21:43 Therefore say I unto you, **The kingdom of God** shall be taken from you, and given to a **nation** bringing forth the fruits thereof.

The Kingdom Yeshua was talking about was not a physical Kingdom.

But the message of the Kingdom, when heard and received, caused one to enter into that Kingdom and for that Kingdom to enter into them by receiving the message of the King of the Kingdom, who was mistakenly limited to King of the Jews. Yeshua was much, much more than King of the Jews.

Yeshua is the King of kings and Lord of lords.

1Ti 6:13 I give thee charge in the sight of God, who quickeneth all things, and *before* Messiah Yeshua, who before Pontius Pilate witnessed a good confession;

1Ti 6:14 That thou keep *this* commandment without spot, unrebukeable, until the appearing of our Lord Yeshua Messiah:

1Ti 6:15 Which in his times he shall show, *who is* the blessed and only Potentate, the King of kings, and Lord of lords;

Rev 17:14 These shall make war with the Lamb, and the Lamb shall overcome them: for he is Lord of lords, and King of kings: and they that are with him *are* called, and chosen, and faithful.

Rev 19:13 And he *was* clothed with a vesture dipped in blood: and his name is called The Word of God.

Rev 19:14 And the armies *which were* in heaven followed him upon white horses, clothed in fine linen, white and clean.

Rev 19:15 And out of his mouth goeth a sharp sword, that with it he should smite the nations: and he shall rule them with a rod of iron: and he treadeth the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God.

Rev 19:16 And he hath on *his* vesture and on his thigh a name written, KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS.

Lk 17:20 And when he was demanded of the Pharisees, when the kingdom of God should come, he answered them and said, The kingdom of God cometh not with observation:

Lk 17:21 Neither shall they say, Lo here! or, lo there! for, behold, the kingdom of God is within you.

The Kingdom of God did not belong to the Chief Priests and Pharisees.

The Chief Priests and Pharisees, like all the others who had heard the Gospel of the Kingdom from John the Baptist, Yeshua, and the disciples/apostles (He sent out), had all been invited into the Kingdom.

Another nation could be interpreted as another people or more specifically to people who would produce fruit from the seed of the Word.

Nation – **1484 ἔθνος** ethnos {eth'-nos}

Meaning: 1) a multitude (whether of men or of beasts) associated or living together 1a) a company, troop, swarm 2) a multitude of individuals of the same nature or genus 2a) the human race 3) a race, nation, people group 4) in the OT, foreign nations not worshipping the true God, pagans, Gentiles

Usage: AV - Gentiles 93, nation 64, heathen 5, people 2; 164

Mt 21:44 And whosoever shall fall on this stone shall be broken: but on whomsoever it shall fall, it will grind him to powder.

They got the revelation or perceived meaning.

Mt 21:45 And when the chief priests and Pharisees had heard his parables, they **perceived** that he spake of them.

Perceived – 1097 γινώσκω ginosko {ghin-ocē'-ko} **Meaning:** 1) to learn to know, come to know, get a knowledge of perceive, feel 1a) to become known 2) to know, understand, perceive, have knowledge of 2a) to understand 2b) to know 3) Jewish idiom for sexual intercourse between a man and a woman 4) to become acquainted with, to know **Usage:** AV - know 196, perceive 9, understand 8, misc 10; 223

Their actions at that moment indicated they acted according to the parable Yeshua had just spoken to them about.

Instead of accepting the teachings of Yeshua and then teaching the Kingdom Gospel, they held on to their theology and sought to silence Yeshua.

Mt 21:46 But when they sought to lay hands on him, they feared the multitude, because they took him for a prophet.

You see Brothers and Sisters, everything we have in our possession belongs to God. Nothing belongs to us. We can lay claim to it, assume ownership of it, treat it as if it is our own, all the while failing to realize that we belong to God. **Nothing we have in our possession or stewardship belongs to us.** If you don't believe it, die. You and I came into this world with nothing. When we leave this world, we will take nothing with us.

You lay claim to the house, it doesn't belong to you. That apartment, it doesn't belong to you. That car, it doesn't belong to you. Those children don't belong to you.

You may have stewardship, management, or temporary control of it. However, never make the mistake that you own it!

If you think you do, die and see if you can take it with you.

If we are going to preach and represent Yeshua in the earth, we must preach the Gospel Yeshua preached. Too many are preaching the gospel about Jesus Christ instead of preaching the Gospel Yeshua the Messiah preached.