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Clusters of the Vine of the Earth

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Clusters of the Vine of the Earth.

Topics.

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A VINE SPREAD OVER THE EARTH

DEUTERONOMY 32:32

- **Deuteronomy: 32:32:** Their vine comes from the vine of Sodom and from the fields of Gomorrah; their grapes are grapes of poison (gall in KJV); their clusters are bitter. (Deut. 32:32).

Clusters: comes from the Greek word (*botrus*) and means, a bunch especially of grapes, as the cluster of the vine.

This is the context of Israel turning to idols and away from God. The words, their vine, refers to Israel, the idea is that a wild, toxic vine has spread over their whole land, with clusters of bitter grapes, and poisonous wine. It is a fruitless, unprofitable, useless vine, and its clusters are worthless, signifying the great multitude of Israel about to be cut down, gathered, and destroyed.

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The vine and clusters in this verse signify the people of Israel:

- Setting up idols in the land, and worshipping them.
 - Trusting in strange gods, rather than their God.
 - Forsaking God, and embracing all kinds of abominations.
 - Sacrificing to devils and to gods who they knew not.
 - Totally lacking faith and indulging in the sins of Sodom and Gomorrah.
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GATHER THE CLUSTERS FROM THE EARTH

REVELATION 14:18-19

- Revelation 14:18–19: And another angel came out from the altar, the angel who has authority over the fire, and he called with a loud voice to the one who had the sharp sickle, “Put in your sickle and gather the clusters from the vine of the earth, for its grapes are ripe.”¹⁹ So the angel swung his sickle across the earth and gathered the grape harvest of the earth and threw it into the great winepress of the wrath of God.

The clusters from the vine of the earth in this context, signify the wickedness and self-indulgence of unbelievers reaching its peak, especially the wickedness of the heads of the antichristian ten horned beast nations. The picture is of a vineyard in which the good clusters of grapes have been reaped, leaving only grapes that are worthless, and

being of no use, and being worthless are about to be gathered in a heap and crushed. The symbolism is of the faithful being gathered into God's heavenly winery and the wicked being cast into the lake of fire.

The prophet Isaiah uses similar language in the following verses:

- **Isaiah 63:1-3:** who is this who comes from Edom, in crimsoned garments from Bozrah, he who is splendid in his apparel, marching in the greatness of his strength? "It is I, speaking in righteousness, mighty to save."² Why is your apparel red, and your garments like his who treads in the winepress?³ "I have trodden the winepress alone, and from the peoples no one was with me; I trod them in my anger and trampled them in my wrath; their lifeblood spattered on my garments, and stained all my apparel.

Instead of the vine being mature, and full of ripe juicy grapes, it is corrupted with worthless clusters, only fit to be thrown in a fire, signified by the angel, who has control over fire, who shouted to the other angel to put in his sickle for the harvest, of the wicked is fully ripe.

JESUS THE TRUE VINE

JOHN 15:1-5

The following verses picture Jesus as the true vine, his disciples the branches and God the Father the husbandman.

- **John 15:1-5:** "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser.² Every branch in me that does not bear fruit he takes away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes, that it may bear more fruit.³ Already you are clean because of the word that I have spoken to you.⁴ Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me.⁵ I am the vine; you are the branches.

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The true vine: refers to Christ.

Every branch that does not bear fruit: embraces those who confess to be Christian, but:

- Adhere to man-made doctrines, traditions, and ceremonial rites to attain to righteousness that leads to eternal life.
- Trust in their own works of righteousness, and not Christ's righteousness.
- Are full of pride, idleness, hypocrisy, and pretence.
- Make an outward show of religion on a Sunday, but give God no thought during the week.
- Use their congregations for their own advantage and gain (i.e., worldly riches and fame).

Every branch that does bear fruit: embraces every Christian who:

- Loves God, the Lord Jesus Christ and Christian fellowship.
- Loves justice, grieves over sin, and trusts Christ righteousness and not their own.
- Loves faithfulness, reading the Bible and learning about God and the Lord Jesus Christ and sharing their faith when opportunity arises.
- Endeavour to live a lifestyle that honours God, and brings a good testimony to the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and the Christian faith.

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