

Study of Matthew 21

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Matthew 21:1-46

1 And when they drew nigh unto Jerusalem, and were come to Bethphage, (house of Figs) Unto the mount of Olives, then Yeshua sent two disciples, 2 Saying unto them, Go into the village which is near you, where you shall find an ass tied, and a colt with her: Loose them, and bring them unto Me. 3 And if any man says anything to you, you shall say, The Master has need of them; And straightway he will send them.

Here we learn that **IF** we obey YHVH's commandments as Messiah's disciples obeyed Him, then we will have success in our lives, and many people will encourage and support us in what we are doing.

*Verse 4 All this was done, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophet, saying, Tell you the daughter of Tzion (Israel), Behold, **YOUR** King comes unto you, Meek, and sitting upon an ass, and a colt the foal of an ass.*

This is a quote from *Zechariah 9:9 Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion; shout, O daughter of Jerusalem: behold, your King comes unto you: He is **JUST**, and having **salvation**; lowly, and riding upon an ass, and upon a colt the foal of an ass.*

As you can see, this event of Messiah our King, coming to the gates of Jerusalem sitting on the colt of an ass was prophesied to happen long before it happened, which tells us that whatever YHVH prophesies always comes to pass.

*Verse 6 And the disciples went, and **did** as Yeshua **commanded** them, They brought the ass, and the colt, and put on them their clothes, And they set Him thereon.*

This tells us that when we obey what YHVH commands us to do in His Torah of Life that we too will experience success in what we are attempting to do. Throughout Scripture the emphasis is placed on us choosing to willingly and lovingly learn to obey the commandments of YHVH, His Torah of Life, because when we do that on a regular basis, when we trust and obey the inerrant and everlasting teaching and instructions of YHVH, His Torah of Life, we **WILL** always experience success, while pleasing our heavenly Father in the process.

Verse 8 And a very great multitude spread their garments in the way;

Others cut down branches from the trees, and strawed them in the way.

Verse 9 And the multitudes that went before, and that followed, cried, saying,

Hosanna to the Son of David:

Blessed is He that comes in the name of the Master; Hosanna in the highest.

Since His disciples lead the way and threw their garments on the ass so that Messiah could be comfortable, it was an example for all other people, for it says that a great multitude took their garments and threw them on the ground so that Messiah could walk all over them, while others cut branches off of some trees, and they laid them at Messiah's feet, and then we are told that the multitude went before Him, and followed Him and they cried onto Him, saying Hosanna to the son of David, the one that comes in the Name of YHVH.

What do we learn from this? I believe that YHVH is teaching us that **IF** any person chooses to take off their covering, which represents the man made secular or religious doctrines that people believe in, and throw them to the ground where Yeshua will walk all over them, then you **WILL** experience Messiah coming into your gate, your abode, so that He can sojourn with you.

Verse 10 And when He was come into Jerusalem,

All the city was moved, saying, Who is this?

And the multitude said, This is Yeshua the prophet of Nazareth of Galilee.

The world has **NOT** changed much, for that same question is posed to us, who have chosen to willingly and lovingly follow, obey and **DO** the Torah of Moses as YHVH/Messiah commanded us to do, by many people today, who do **NOT** really know their Bible, the inerrant and everlasting Word of Elohim, for they ask us **WHO** is this man that you call Yeshua? According to Scripture we are to be like Messiah, which means that we are to have the mind of Messiah, and like Messiah, we too are to be the manifest image of YHVH here on earth, we are to learn to walk as Messiah walked, in total loving surrendered obedience to the Father's Directives for everlasting Life, His Torah, the very same Torah that He gave to Moses at Mount Sinai, the very same Torah that became flesh and dwelt among us and admonished us to do the same, so that we can be equipped with the infinite knowledge of Elohim contained in His Torah of Life, so that we can properly and clearly explain to people that Messiah is the Living Torah of our heavenly Father and that there is great benefits derived from willingly and lovingly choosing to obey the Father's Commandments as Messiah did and taught us to do.

What Matthew is saying here is exactly what Paul said to Timothy in *2Timothy 2:15 Study to show yourself **approved unto Elohim**, a workman that does **NOT** need to be **ashamed**, rightly dividing the Word of **TRUTH**. 16 But shun profane and vain babblings (man made religious or secular doctrines): for they will increase unto more ungodliness.*

*2Timothy 2:24-26 And the servant of YHVH **MUST NOT STRIVE; BUT** be gentle unto all men, able to **teach, patient**, and in **meekness** instructing those that oppose themselves; if Elohim peradventure will give them repentance to the acknowledging of the **TRUTH** (Torah,*

Psalm 119:142); And that they may recover themselves out of the snare of the devil, who are taken captive by him at his will.

Once Messiah arrived at the gates of Jerusalem, and got off of the colt that He was on, He went directly into the Temple, and we are told in *verse 12* what He did when He went into the house of His and our Father, the Temple, in *verse 12* *And Yeshua went into the Temple of Elohim, And He cast out ALL them
That sold and bought in the temple,
He overthrew the tables of the money changers,
And the seats of them that sold doves,*

*Who do the people that sold and bought in the Temple represent?
Who do the money changers represent?
Who do the people that sold doves represent?*

I believe that the people that are selling and buying represent people that profess to be evangelists that teach the Word of Elohim, but in reality, they are like the people that Messiah rebuked in *Matthew 7:21-23*, Saying: *Not every one that says unto Me, Adonai, Adonai, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that does the Will of my Father who is in heaven. Many will say to me in that day, Adonai, Adonai, have we not prophesied in Your Name? And in Your Name have rebuked the devil? And in Your Name done many wonderful works? And then will I Messiah will profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from Me, you that work iniquity.*

These people that buy and sell are the people that Messiah will say ***I never knew you: depart from Me, you that work iniquity;*** for they take money from people that are desperate and looking to connect with Elohim, and these charlatans represent evangelists who profit greatly from preaching a perverted form of the Word of Elohim. These so called evangelists, of Messiah's day, and throughout the ages including evangelists of today, have actually sold their souls for money, and they do it on the backs of poor people that give them their hard earned money, hoping that by doing so, by supporting these so called evangelists, they will please Elohim and be blessed by Him. Rest assured that YHVH will deal harshly with these people, *Isaiah 30:1* *Woe to the rebellious children, says YHVH, that take counsel, BUT NOT OF ME; and that cover with a covering, BUT NOT of My Spirit, that they may add Sin to Sin (that they transgress and continue to transgress My Torah on a constant basis): 2 They walk to go down into Egypt (a shadow picture of a false teacher, prophet or evangelist), and have NOT asked at My Mouth; to strengthen themselves in the strength of Pharaoh, and to trust in the shadow of Egypt, (a shadow picture of a false teacher, prophet or evangelist)! 3 Therefore shall the strength of Pharaoh be your shame, and the trust in the shadow of Egypt your confusion.*

In these *verses* we see that ***NOT*** only the false evangelists are guilty of transgressing the Father's Torah, but the people that ***BUY*** their garbage theology, their false man made doctrines are guilty also, for according to what Isaiah says, they have chosen to go down to Egypt,

therefore it is of paramount importance that people be very careful whom they listen to and support with their hard earned money, because they might be helping the enemy of Messiah, satan, to get his message out instead of YHVH's message of Life, His Directives for everlasting Life, His Torah.

I believe that the money changers represent, those that have chosen to make money, their god, and they disregard everything that YHVH teaches and they will do just about anything when it comes to money, therefore YHVH is telling us in this *verse* that He will **NOT** put up with people that have chosen to make **MONEY** their god, and continue to chase their money god every day, for He makes it abundantly clear that He will toss them out of His house, which is a metaphor. Please don't misunderstand what I have said and start believing as some people do that money is evil, for money is **NOT** evil, what is evil however, **IS** the love of money when that love is greater than the love that we are to have for the Creator of the Universe, the Elohim of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob YHVH.

The ones that sell doves represent those that try to convince people that they are filled with the Holy Spirit of YHVH and therefore what they have to sell is a guarantee that **IF** you buy what they are selling, their false man made doctrines, then you too will somehow be filled with the Holy Spirit of YHVH, and they have many tricks to fool you into believing their lies, such as speaking in gibberish, and calling it a gift or a revelation of the Holy Spirit, or it could be their name it and claim it theology; therefore we are to always compare what we hear with the inerrant and everlasting teaching and instructions of our heavenly Father, His Torah of Life, so that we are **NOT** tricked into believing the lies of the enemy.

What did Messiah say after he kicked these people out of His Father's house? We are told what He said in *verse 13 And Messiah said unto them, It is written* (these words always refer to the Father's Torah of Life), *My house shall be called the house of prayer; But you have made it A DEN OF THIEVES.*

To be allowed to enter the house of Elohim, to be permitted to make our abode with our heavenly Father and His Son our bridegroom, we must learn to first surrender our heart to Him in total loving surrendered obedience to His inerrant and everlasting teaching and instructions, His Torah of Life and then commit to obey and do His Torah everyday of our lives as best as we can, and when we do that we will be welcomed to make our abode with Him.

Next we see that the multitude come to Him and bring their sick people and Messiah heals them all. *Verse 14 And the blind and the lame came to him in the temple; and He healed them.*

However **NOT** everyone was happy that Messiah was healing people, and we see that in *verse 15 And when the chief priests and scribes SAW the wonderful things that Messiah did, and that the children crying in the temple, and saying, Hosanna to the Son of David; They were sore displeased.*

Hosanna ὡσαννά , is a Greek word, it is Strong's Number 5614 ὡσαννά [W(SANNA, hōsanná, ho-san-nah, it is of Hebrew origin and it is made up of two words, Strong's Number H03467, **יִשַׁע** and Number H04994, **נָא**, which according to Strong's definition, means oh save!; hosanna (i.e. hoshia-na), an exclamation of adoration, hosanna; but the Hebrew words that the Greek word Hosanna is translated from are the Hebrew word, Yasha, **יִשַׁע**, which means to deliver, to help, deliverance, salvation, welfare, and the word Na, **נָא**, means to interject, please, I pray you. Therefore these Hebrew words tell us that when these people were saying Yasha Na, **יִשַׁע נָא**, they were really asking Messiah who triumphantly came to the Temple, the House of His Father, the Elohim of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, to save them, for many of the people that were there believed that Yeshua was indeed the prophesied Saviour, and they said to Him **PLEASE, WE PRAY YOU, SAVE US**, and that is why the priests and the Levites were so angry, because they did **NOT** believe that Yeshua was the prophesied Messiah, and they adamantly opposed Him and what He taught. Please remember that these are Priests and Levites that were supposed to be teaching the Torah of YHVH to the people, **BUT** instead they were teaching their man made oral torah, that contradicts the Words of the written Torah in many places, thereby placing their oral man made torah ahead of the written Torah of Moses, and Messiah is teaching contrary to what they are teaching and they want Him gone, they want Him dead.

Next we see that **while** these priests and Levites were fuming about how Messiah entered the city and how He took over the Temple like a conquering King, and kicked out the people that were buying and selling and the money changers, and those that sold doves, that they, the priests and Levites had invited to come into the Temple and allowed them to do business there, because they were getting a kickback or percentage of the profit that the money changers made and they also got some kind of fee or tax on everything that was bought or sold by the people that were selling their wares in the Temple, including those that sold doves. So as I said, while they were doing all of that, Messiah is busy healing people that regularly come to Temple to worship along with many other people that were from different synagogues came to Him, and you would think that the priests and the Levite would be extremely happy that all of their people, including some people that are from their own synagogue were healed, **BUT** instead they were furious and they chose to confront Messiah, and they said to Him in *verse 16 Do You Hear what these people are saying? And Yeshua said unto them, YES I DO*, and then Messiah says: *Have you never read, in the Scriptures where it says, Out of the mouth of babes and sucklings You hast perfected praise?*

As was Messiah's custom He answers a question with a question and He points these priests and Levites, to what is written in the Scriptures in *Psalm 8:2 Out of the mouth of babes and sucklings have you ordained strength because of your enemies, that you might still the enemy and the avenger.*

Why did Messiah choose this particular *verse* to shut the mouths of the Priests and Levites?

*Who are the babes and sucklings,
Who is the One that ordained, that this was going to happen?
Who are the enemies?
Who is the avenger?*

The babes and sucklings are the ones that have little to no knowledge of Scripture, but they want to learn more about the Word of YHVH, His Torah of Life, and therefore they are the babes that are crying onto YHVH, for His attention, so that He will send them someone that will teach them the Ways of the Father

The one that is ordained is YHVH/Messiah, and He **IS** the Strength of the Father sent to earth to do His will.

The enemies in this case happen to be the priests and the Levites, for they are trying to prevent these babes from learning the Truth from the lips of Messiah, the Living Torah made flesh.

In Scripture the avenger is the one that has the biblical responsibility to avenge the death of a relative, he is the one that is tasked with going to kill the person that killed a family member, and here the avenger is being stopped by YHVH from following through with avenging the spilling of blood.

As soon as Messiah gives them His answer, He lets them ponder what He has just said and he leaves the place, *verse 17 And He left them, and went out of the city into Bethany; and he lodged there.*

Verse 18 Now in the morning as He returned into the city, and he was hungry. And when He saw a fig tree in the way, he came to it, and found nothing thereon, but leaves only, and said unto it, let no fruit grow on you henceforward for ever. And presently the fig tree withered away.

What is Messiah teaching us here through this parable?

I believe that the fig tree represents the priests and or the Levites, who are supposed to produce the fruit of YHVH, they are suppose to believe, follow, obey and **DO** what our heavenly Father has commanded us to do in His Torah of Life, and teach others that when a person willingly and lovingly chooses to believe, follow, and obey the Word of the Father, when he internalizes the Word, the seed of YHVH, and since YHVH ordained that like kind always produces like kind, then the person that willingly chooses to internalize the Word, the Seed, of YHVH, His Torah of Life, can only produce YHVH's fruit, and in that fruit **IS** found the seed of YHVH, His Torah, and when people take of this fruit that is produced by an obedient Life to the Father's Torah, they receive the seed of YHVH, His inerrant and everlasting teaching and instructions, His Torah of Life, which will cause them to grow the fruit of YHVH, His Words, His Torah. However, **IF** the Priest or Levite or anyone else for that matter **DOES NOT** internalize the seed, the Word of YHVH, His Torah of Life, if they choose to reject it and replace it with a man made oral torah, or a man made secular or religious doctrine, they

CANNOT and will **NOT** produce the pure fruit of YHVH, and therefore the fig tree, and the person that does **NOT** internalize the pure Words of the Father's Torah, are absolutely useless to YHVH, and therefore they will be cut down and replaced with another tree that **WILL** grow the fruit of YHVH, so that other people can eat of that fruit, and produce more fruit for other people to consume, and that is why Messiah is angry with the Fig tree, and curses it, it was **NOT** functioning in the manner that YHVH created to function, and therefore the fig tree was banished from His presence (*a picture of being kicked out of the kingdom, and your name blotted out of the book of Life*) and later destroyed.

Now once Messiah's disciples saw that the fig tree was immediately withered away, they were astonished but they did **NOT** understand what it meant.

*Verse 20 And when the disciples saw it, they marvelled, saying, look how fast the fig tree withered away! 21 Yeshua answered and said unto them, Verily I say unto you, **IF** you have belief, and do **NOT DOUBT, YOU** shall not only do this which is done to the fig tree, But also, **IF** you shall say unto this mountain, Be removed, and cast into the sea; it shall be done.*

Here Messiah is teaching His disciples the power of believing YHVH and All of His Words, His Torah, His Directives for everlasting Life, then Messiah says, what I have done, **YOU** will be able to do also. The question that we have to ask ourselves **IS** do we believe that, do we believe what Messiah said about what we can do, **IF** we simply learn to believe YHVH and His Word with all of our hearts, then we will be able to do what Messiah did, and say to a mountain, be thou removed and cast into the sea?

I don't know what your answer is, **BUT** I can tell you what I think. I believe that Messiah's statement is one hundred percent true, and therefore I believe that we absolutely have to be more like Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego, and learn to **TRUST** that absolutely everything that Messiah/YHVH has spoken and told us, **IS TRUE**, and even **IF** I cannot achieve the lofty goal of *removing a mountain and casting it into the sea*; it does **NOT** mean that the Word of YHVH is not true, it just means that I have more work to do, to become more and more like Messiah. I have to learn to shed the things of the world that are holding me back, which is a monumental task in anybody's life, and that means that I have to learn to focus more and more on the Torah obedient Life that Messiah lived while He was here on earth with us, so that I can learn to live as He lived, totally surrendered to Father and His Torah of Life, so that someday, I might achieve that lofty goal of having my belief, my faith grow to the size of a mustard seed.

*Verse 22 And all things, whatsoever you shall ask in prayer, **BELIEVING**, you shall receive.*

Now it is up to you to decide **IF** this statement by Yeshua **IS TRUE**, and **IF** you say **YES**, then has it been your experience that everything you pray for, actually happens exactly as you wanted, and **IF NOT**, do you think that that makes what Messiah said a Lie?

Verse 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 do You do these things? And who gave You this authority?

Here we see that Messiah was teaching in the Temple after He had thrown the money changers and the people that bought and sold, out of the Temple area. Therefore the question that has to be asked and answered, since Messiah **IS** the Living Torah made flesh, **IS, WHAT** was He teaching the people that were there in the Temple with them? The answer is very simple, **IF** a person knows, believes and understands, that Messiah **IS** the Living Torah made flesh, and that He is in His Father's House, the Father who gave us the Torah in the first place, and Scripture makes it abundantly clear that **IT IS** the Father that sent Him, and it is the Father that said in *Deuteronomy 18:18-19 I YHVH, will raise them up a Prophet from among their brethren, like unto you Moses, and I will put MY WORDS (My Torah) in His mouth; and He SHALL speak unto them ALL THAT I SHALL COMMAND HIM. And it SHALL come to pass, that whosoever will NOT hearken unto My words which HE SHALL SPEAK IN MY NAME, I will require it of him.* This should convince everyone that Messiah only taught the Torah of the Father; **BUT** unfortunately, there are many so called believers, that believe that the Torah of YHVH has somehow been abolished or done away with in whole or in part, and therefore they will **NOT** know, nor understand what Messiah was teaching to the people that were in the Temple with Him.

The Priests and the elders of Judaism were always trying to trick Messiah into making some kind of error, but as always He was prepared for their questions and or ticks to discredit Him, and as always, he answers their question with a question.

Verse 24 And Yeshua answered and said unto them, I also will ask you one thing, which IF you tell me, I in like wise will tell you by what authority I do these things.

Messiah says **IF** you answer my questions then I, will answer your question, and then Messiah proceeded to ask them a question, and the question that He asked is found in *verse 25 The baptism of John, where was it from? Was it of heaven, or of men?*

This is a very simple question to answer, but the Priests and the Levites **cannot** and will **not** answer the question, and we find out why they did **NOT** answer this very simple question in the balance of *verse 25 And they reasoned with themselves, saying, IF we shall say, that the baptism is From heaven; he will say unto us, Why did you NOT then believe John and what He preached since the baptism is from heaven? And IF we say, that the baptism is of men; We fear what the people will do to us; For all these people believe that John the Baptist IS a prophet.*

As you can see, when a person lives a life based on their own understanding like these priests and Levites are doing, where they have chosen to believe the lies that are found in their own man made false religious doctrines, the lies that they teach to their people, then a person's belief or faith **IS** automatically weak because there is **NO** proper foundation, they have little to none of the Father's eternal **TRUTH** in their belief system, and without **TRUTH**, everything eventually collapses, and therefore when that kind of person **IS** confronted with the pure

TRUTH contained in our heavenly Father's Torah, especially **IF** that **PURE TRUTH** has been made flesh and is standing right in front of that person, they do **NOT** know what to do, for they cannot and never will be able to defeat **TRUTH**, with their lies.

Next we see that since what they believe is **NOT** based on **TRUTH** they cannot stand up and defeat the **TRUTH**, therefore they come up with their **NON** answer in *verse 27 And they answered Yeshua, and said, We cannot tell.*

In actuality they knew the answer, they knew that the baptism of John was from heaven **BUT** by agreeing to the **TRUTH**, they would have to admit that what they believe and teach is wrong, and they would rather plead ignorance than admitting that what they believe is wrong, and **IF** you have ever tried to convince any Christian believer that the Torah is still in full force today, then you know what I mean, they will **NOT** listen, and as a matter of fact many will actually find a reason or an excuse to run away, because they cannot argue with the **TRUTH**.

After they give their non answer to Messiah, He says in the balance if *verse 27 And he said unto them, Neither will I tell you by what authority I do these things.*

Messiah says since you did **NOT** answer My question then I will not answer your question and then He proceeds to give them a scenario and after he has recounted the story He asks them a question.

*Verse 28 But what do you think? A certain man had two sons; and he came to the first, and said, Son, go work to day in my vineyard. 29 He answered and said, I will not: but afterward he repented, and went. 30 And he came to the second, and said likewise. And he answered and said, I go, sir: **BUT** he did **NOT** go.*

Next Messiah poses them a question

*Verse 31 Which one of these two brothers **did the will of his father?***

And the Priests answered and said:

They say unto him, The first son did the will of the father.

What is Messiah trying to teach us and the priest with this story of the two sons, and who do you think the two sons represent?

The strong willed son that stood up to his father and refused to go and work in the vineyard, represents the people that have been taught the religious lies of the man made religion of the day, and therefore in a way they have refused to do the Father's Work, they have refused the inerrant and everlasting teaching and instructions, because they believe the lies that they have been taught, but now that Messiah is there they are seeing the **TRUTH**, and they want to **GO** in our heavenly Father's Vineyard, to do the **WORK** that He wanted them to do.

The brother that said he would go into the vineyard and do the Work of his father, represents the Priests, and the Levites, the Pharisees and Sadducees, because they are the ones that are supposed to live by and teach the Pure Word of the Father, His Torah of Life, but they did **NOT** do that, instead they taught their own man made oral torah, in other words they were hypocrites, they have the appearance of believing following and obeying the Father, but they are lying to the Father, and to the people, and they do what they want, they teach their false man made doctrine, and therefore they represent the son that says **YES** Father, I will do the work that you want me to do, but as soon as this son leaves his father's presence, he goes and does what he wants, in other words, he is like the priests that teach whatever they want from their man made oral torah, their man made doctrine that actually contradicts many of the principles and tenets of the written Scripture, instead of teaching the pure Word of YHVH, His Torah of Life.

Next we see that just like the way that Messiah showed His anger for what the money changers and the people that were buying and selling and therefore polluting His Father's House, these people, with their false teaching, were even worse, for they were not only tempting people as the sellers and money changers were doing, they are teaching their lies and convincing people to **NOT** follow the Word, the Torah of YHVH, they are leading people astray right into the hands of the enemy, satan, and Messiah is extremely angry with them, and He says in the second half of *verse 31 Verily I say unto you (Priests and Levites), That the publicans and the harlots WILL go into the kingdom of Elohim before you.*

Now that is a real slap in the face to these priests and Levites, for Messiah says, because of what you have done, and continue to do, by teaching your false man made doctrines to my sheep, and causing them to err, causing them to turn away from the Pure Word of YHVH by your counterfeit man made torah, through your hypocrisy of calling what you are teaching, the Word of YHVH, the Torah of My Father, while you are actually teach your own false man made doctrines, you will **NOT** enter the kingdom of Elohim unless you repent and turn from your wicked ways, that cause so many people to go astray.

Next Messiah explains to them where they went wrong.

*Verse 32 For John came unto you in the way of righteousness, and you did **NOT** believe him: **BUT** the publicans and the harlots **believed him**: and you, when you had seen it, when you knew that what he was saying was **TRUE**, did **NOT** repent afterward, that you might believe him.*

Next Messiah uses a parable to show them and us where they went wrong.

*Verse 33 Hear another parable: There was a certain **householder**, who planted a vineyard, and hedged it round about, and dug a wine-press in it, and built a tower, and leased it out to **husbandmen**, and went into a far country: 34 And when the time to harvest the fruit drew near, he sent his servants to the husbandmen, that they might receive the fruits of it. 35 And the husbandmen took the **householder's** servants, and they*

Beat one
Killed another
Stoned another.

Verse 36 Again, the **householder** sent other servants more than the first: and **they did unto them likewise** (they beat, killed and or stoned them). 37 But last of all the **householder** sent unto them **his son**, saying, They **WILL** reverence **my son**. 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**.

Verse 39 And they caught him, and cast him out of the vineyard, and slew him. 40 When the **householder** therefore of the vineyard comes, what will he do unto those husbandmen?

In this parable we have
The servants
The Son
The husbandmen
The vineyard,
The vines that were planted that are about to produce fruition,
And each and every one of them represent something in this story that lead us to what YHVH wants to teach us.

Lets read on and see what we can learn from this story. The servants that were sent, represent the prophets that our heavenly Father sent to Israel and Judah, and many were killed and or harshly mistreated, and very few people if any believed their message, even though these Prophets were sent by Elohim.

The householder represents our heavenly Father who sent His prophets to warn Israel of what would happen to them **IF** they did **NOT** turn away from their wicked rebellious ways, and begin to believe follow, obey and **DO** His Torah of Life.

The Son represents Messiah who gave His life for us in surrendered loving obedience to our heavenly Father

As the story goes, after sending out his servants who were unable to collect what was his, and were killed in the process, the householder sends his son to collect what is his, and the son is greeted the very same way that the householder's servants were, and the end result is that the son is killed, but there is something very curious to me that is said in *verse 38*. But before we go there I have to first clarify some things. First of all we have establish that the vineyard is owned by the householder and **NOT** the son of the householder. So when the husbandmen, who killed and defeated all of the servants that the householder sent, **SAY, let us kill the son, and let us seize on his inheritance**. Well as I said before, according to the story, the son does **NOT** own the property, it is owned by his father, the householder, and therefore **IF** the son dies before he

inherits the land that the vineyard is on, then there is absolutely no way that the husbandmen can inherit the land, they would have to kill the father also and somehow transfer the title to their name, and that is not called an inheritance, it is called theft or fraud; so what is really happening here, why do these husbandmen believe that they will inherit the land by killing the son?

Well, as I mentioned above the householder owner is a shadow picture of YHVH, the servants are a shadow picture of YHVH's prophets, the son is a shadow picture of Messiah, but who are the husbandmen? They represent the people of Israel, the people that have willingly rejected the Words of the Father's Torah of Life and started walking by their own understanding, following their own man made doctrines, and please remember that YHVH Himself has said that Israel **IS** my **Firstborn Son**. So what we learn from that is that since these husbandmen represent the religious leaders of the people of Israel, and they are Israelites, it means that they are actually part of the family of YHVH, and you could therefore say, they are relatives of the householder, and as relatives of the householder they believe that they are next in line to inherit the property when the householder dies, so all they have to do now that the householder's only son is dead, is continue to kill the servants that the householder sends and when the householder dies, they believe that they will inherit the vineyard.

This is indeed the story of the prophets of YHVH, and our Messiah, for they all came in the authority of the Father, carrying His message to the vineyard, and the vineyard, is a metaphor or shadow picture of the world, and the husbandmen, represent the priests of the man made religion who were controlling the vineyard, and they did not allow servants of the homeowner, Nor the homeowner's son, to give the homeowner's message to the vines in the vineyard. The vines represent the people of Israel and the people of the world that have attached themselves to Israel and that are in the vineyard. The householder tried a second time to send a message and collect what was his, but the husbandmen, once again thwarted his efforts, and the householder could not collect what was his. Finally he sends His one and only son, with a message for these husbandmen, to collect what was his, and they kill his son, because they believe that they are next in line to inherit the vineyard, and therefore they think that all they have to do is wait and continue to do what they did, and if the householder sends more servants, the husbandmen will simply kill them also, and wait for the householder to die.

But we are told that the householder is very angry and that He Himself is going to come to the vineyard and take care of business, and therefore Messiah asks the priests and Levites what do you think the householder will do to these husbandmen? And they give their answer in *verse 41 They say unto him, He, the householder, will miserably **destroy those wicked men**, and will let out his vineyard unto other husbandmen, which shall render him the fruits in their seasons.*

They answered correctly, for that is what will happen when the householder who is a shadow picture of our heavenly Father comes to take care of business, **BUT** what they did **NOT** know, **IS**, that in this story, **THEY**, the priests and the Levites are the husbandmen that killed the servants and the son, and Yeshua says to them in *verse 42 Did you never read in the Scriptures,*

*where it says: The stone which the builders rejected, the same Stone **IS** become the head of the corner: this is YHVH's doing, and it is marvellous in our eyes?*

Yeshua knows that these priest and Levites want to **kill** Him, and He knows that He will have to go to the Cross and be crucified and die for our salvation, and He says to these priests and Levites in *verse 43 Therefore, I say unto you, (who do **NOT** believe Me) The kingdom of Elohim **SHALL** be taken from you, (just like the vineyard was taken from the husbandmen) and given to a nation bringing forth the fruits thereof. 44 And whosoever shall fall on this **STONE** shall be broken: **BUT** on whomsoever it shall fall, it will grind him to powder. 45 And when the chief priests and Pharisees had heard his parables, they perceived that he spake of them. 46 But when they sought to lay hands on him, they feared the multitude, because they took him for a prophet.*

Messiah made it abundantly clear that there was a retribution day coming for the religious leaders and for all of Israel, and **ALL** of this is come upon them **because** of their rebellious disobedience to the Words of the Father's Torah of Life. Even though Messiah made it clear to them, that he was indeed the Son of the most High Elohim, they chose to **NOT** believe Him, and it has cost **ALL** of Israel dearly for millennia, therefore, let us **NOT** fall into the same trap of relying on our own understanding as the priests and Levites did, and taught, all of the people of Israel, to believe and trust them, and follow their finite man made false doctrines, rather than the pure inerrant and everlasting teaching and instructions, the Words of Father's Torah of Life, and end up losing what they thought was theirs, and that is, the kingdom of Elohim, our ideal eternal resting place. Amein

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*Have a great Elohim blessed week and may YHVH bless your every thought,
and your every deed. Until we meet again. Amein*