

# Ezekiel 15:1

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And the word of the LORD came unto me, saying,

## Analysis

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This prophetic formula introduces a parable about Israel as a vine, a common Old Testament metaphor (Psalm 80:8-16, Isaiah 5:1-7). The vine imagery emphasizes Israel's covenant relationship with God and her dependency on Him for fruitfulness. Unlike the parables of Jesus, Ezekiel's parables often carry judgment themes, revealing God's holiness and Israel's unfaithfulness.

## Historical Context

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Spoken during Ezekiel's Babylonian exile (593-571 BC), this message addressed Jerusalem's false confidence that her temple and covenant status would protect her from judgment despite persistent idolatry.

## Related Passages

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**John 15:13** — Greatest form of love

**1 John 4:8** — God is love

## Study Questions

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1. How does recognizing God as the source of all spiritual fruitfulness change your perspective on Christian service?
2. What areas of your life might reflect presumption upon God's grace rather than genuine dependence?

## Interlinear Text

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H1961	<b>And the word</b>	<b>of the LORD</b>	H413	<b>came unto me saying</b>
	H1697	H3068		H559

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