

# Ezekiel 15:3

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Shall wood be taken thereof to do any work? or will men take a pin of it to hang any vessel thereon?

## Analysis

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The uselessness of vine wood for even basic tasks like making pegs emphasizes total worthlessness apart from fruit-bearing. This parallels Jesus' teaching in John 15:5-6 that branches severed from the vine are fit only for burning. The rhetorical question demands acknowledgment of Israel's complete dependence on covenant relationship for any value.

## Historical Context

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Wooden pegs were essential for hanging tools, vessels, and household items in ancient homes. Even this minimal usefulness was beyond vine wood's capacity.

## Related Passages

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**Romans 10:9** — Confession and belief for salvation

**Ephesians 2:8** — Salvation by grace through faith

## Study Questions

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1. In what ways might you be trying to find significance in things other than your relationship with Christ?
2. How does recognizing your utter dependence on God's grace affect your approach to spiritual disciplines?

## Interlinear Text

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יִקָּח וְ	מִמֶּנּוּ	עֵץ	לַעֲשׂוֹת	לְמַלְאכָה	אִם	יִקָּח וְ
<b>be taken</b>	H4480	<b>Shall wood</b>	<b>thereof to do</b>	<b>any work</b>	H518	<b>be taken</b>
H3947		H6086	H6213	H4399		H3947
מִמֶּנּוּ	דָּבַיִת	לְתַלּוֹת	עַל יוֹ	כֵּל	כָּלִי:	
H4480	<b>a pin</b>	<b>of it to hang</b>	H5921	H3605	<b>any vessel</b>	
	H3489	H8518			H3627	

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