

# Isaiah 5:2

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And he fenced it, and gathered out the stones thereof, and planted it with the choicest vine, and built a tower in the midst of it, and also made a winepress therein: and he looked that it should bring forth grapes, and it brought forth wild grapes.

## Analysis

The parable details God's exhaustive preparation: fencing (protecting), gathering out stones (removing obstacles), planting choice vines (selecting the best), building a tower (providing security), and making a winepress (preparing for harvest). Despite perfect conditions, the vineyard produced 'wild grapes' (be'ushim, stinking or worthless fruit). The Hebrew wordplay contrasts expected grapes (anavim) with worthless grapes (be'ushim).

## Historical Context

Jesus later uses similar vineyard imagery (Matthew 21:33-41), showing continuity in God's prophetic metaphors. The detailed care mirrors God's covenant faithfulness providing law, land, priesthood, and prophets.

## Related Passages

**1 Corinthians 13:4** — Characteristics of love

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

## Study Questions

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1. How has God 'prepared your soil' through circumstances, teaching, and relationships?
2. What 'wild grapes' of sinful habits are you producing despite God's careful cultivation?

## Interlinear Text

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And he fenced	it and gathered out the stones	thereof and planted					
H5823	H5619	H5193					
it with the choicest vine	and built	a tower	in the midst	a winepress			
H8321	H1129	H4026	H8432	H3342			
of it and also made	וְ	וְ	וְ	וְ	וְ	וְ	וְ
H2672	H0	H6960	H6213	H6025			
and it brought forth	בְּאַשְׁרֵי	וְעֵשֶׂת	וְעֵשֶׂת	וְעֵשֶׂת	וְעֵשֶׂת	וְעֵשֶׂת	וְעֵשֶׂת
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## Additional Cross-References

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**Jeremiah 2:21** (Parallel theme): Yet I had planted thee a noble vine, wholly a right seed: how then art thou turned into the degenerate plant of a strange vine unto me?

**1 Corinthians 9:7** (Parallel theme): Who goeth a warfare any time at his own charges? who planteth a vineyard, and eateth not of the fruit thereof? or who feedeth a flock, and eateth not of the milk of the flock?

**Mark 11:13** (Parallel theme): And seeing a fig tree afar off having leaves, he came, if haply he might find any thing thereon: and when he came to it, he found nothing but leaves; for the time of figs was not yet.

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