

A Useless Vine or A Useful But Charred Log

Ezekiel 15

Group ¹	C	V	Description
Jerusalem like a Useless Vine	15	1-8	Jerusalem a useless vine instead of a useful tree, to be consumed by fire

Reflections

God compares two objects from nature, a vine and the wood of a tree, and uses them to describe what He plans to do with the city of Jerusalem. Vines can't really be used to construct anything, especially after they have been through a fire. There just isn't enough substance to them to be useful after passing through the fire and are usually completely consumed.

God then reveals that He has planned Jerusalem's destruction to be like that of the vine when it goes through the fire: completely destroyed because of their unfaithfulness. Why? So that they will know that God is God and there is none like Him.

So the question you have to ask yourself is this.

Does God see me as a vine or as a tree, still useful even after going through a fire?

There and Then: Here and Now

Answer the questions below as you reflect on your own life and this part of our study²: *my LOG vs others SPECK*. Here are some possible responses I've identified from the text that might apply to anyone.

S - Are there *sins* for me to avoid or confess?

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P - Are there *promises* from God for me to claim?

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E - Are there *examples* for me to follow or avoid?

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C - Are there *commands* for me to obey?

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K - How has this passage increased my *knowledge* about God / Jesus / Holy Spirit?

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¹ (NASB) "Group" column from the headings in the NASB text.

² *Navigator Bible Study Handbook* (The Navigators), with additions & Matthew 7:1-5.

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