

“Last Chance”

The Parable of the Vineyard from Matthew 21:33-46

- I. The First Chance-verses 33-35. From the Exodus until the destruction of the sanctuary and Jerusalem by Babylon. The conditional prophecies:
 - A. A special people-Exodus 19:5&6
 - B. A special nation-Deuteronomy 8:19&20
 - C. A special temple-2 Chronicles 7:16-22 and Jerimiah 7:4-7
- II. The Second Chance-verse 36-From the return from Babylon until the Messiah.
 - A. Ezekiel 34:11-13, 23 & 24-The prophecy of a shepherd who would gather the scattered sheep of Israel.
 - B. Ezekiel 37:24&25-The prophecy of one shepherd-David as king.
- III. The Third Chance-verses 37-40-From the ministry of Jesus until the stoning of Stephen.
 - A. “God’s plan was that Israel would return to Palestine after the Babylonian captivity, experience a great revival and reformation, and accept the Messiah when He appeared. Under God’s leadership, Israel would prosper and become the greatest nation on earth. That is how it would have been IF Israel had remained faithful.” *Spirit Baptism and Earth’s Final Events by Dennis Smith, page 119.* Jerusalem would have been the missionary capital of the world. Zechariah 8:21&22.
 - B. Luke 21:4-9 Jesus is recognized as the son of David.
 - C. John 10:1-6, 14-16 Jesus describes Himself as the good shepherd who gathers His sheep.
 - D. John 11:47-54 The Jewish leaders seek to kill Jesus.
 - E. Matthew 23:37&38 Jesus announces that the Jewish house is desolate.
- IV. The Last Chance-verse 41-46-From the stoning of Stephen until the second coming.
 - A. Acts 13:46-Paul announces that since the Jews have rejected Jesus, he is now turning to the Gentiles.
 - B. Galatians 3:1-9, 27-29-Those who have faith are the children of Abraham and heirs to the promise. There is no longer any difference between Jews and Gentiles.
 - C. 1 Peter 2:5-12-The church is built on Christ, the rock that was rejected by the Jewish nation. Spiritual Israel now becomes the chosen people who will prepare the world for the second coming of Jesus.
 - D. Matthew 24:14 God is waiting now for us to be His witnesses. WE are His last chance.