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(Part 1)

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Reminders

- Ask Elzy to repeat what he shared at end of Class 12-Salem
- Ask sister to share her understanding of seven stages--

1 Nephi 7: 55-64

And the **Holy One of Israel must reign** in dominion and might and power and great glory.

And **He gathereth His children** from the four quarters of the earth.

And **He numbereth His sheep**,
and they know Him.

And there shall be one fold and one Shepherd.

And **He shall feed His sheep**,
and in Him they shall find pasture.

And because of the **righteousness of His people**,

Satan hath no power.

Wherefore he cannot be loosed for the space of many years.

For **he hath no power** over the hearts of the people,
for **they dwell in righteousness.**

And **the Holy One of Israel reigneth.**

And now behold, I, Nephi, say unto you that all these things must come according to the flesh;

But behold, **all nations, kindreds, tongues and people shall dwell safely** in **the Holy One of Israel**,
if it so be that they will repent.

Why is there pain in childbirth?

- Obvious answer—
- God's curse on humanity, directed to Eve.

- But also another reason...

Why is there pain in childbirth?

The Kingdom coming forth is compared to child birth.

The Kingdom will come forth, but through tribulation and adversity. It will not come forth easily.

This is the story of how God's Kingdom will come forth amidst adversity.

This class, in part describes that tribulation

Parable Understanding

- What does the Tame Tree Represent?
- What is the wild olive tree?
- What is digging/pruning/dunging?
- What is grafting?
- Who is the master?
- Who is the servant?
- What are the Branches?
- What are the roots? (Important to see from Book of Mormon)
 - Note: Parable calls Israel 'both roots and branches'

The Roots: Are the Covenants to Israel

Explained in Jeremiah 32:

36 And now therefore thus saith the LORD, the God of Israel, concerning this city, whereof ye say, It shall be delivered into the hand of the king of Babylon by the sword, and by the famine, and by the pestilence;

37 Behold, I will gather them out of all countries, whither I have driven them in mine anger, and in my fury, and in great wrath; and I will bring them again unto this place, and I will cause them to dwell safely:

Jeremiah 32:

38 And they shall be my people,
and I will be their God:

39 And I will give them one heart and one way,
that they may fear me for ever.
For the good of them,
and of their children after them:

Jeremiah 32:

40 And I will make an everlasting covenant with them,
that I will not turn away from them, to do them good;
but I will put my fear in their hearts, that they shall not
depart from me.

41 Yea, I will rejoice over them to do them good,
and I will plant them in this land assuredly
with my whole heart and with my whole soul.

Jeremiah 32:

42 For thus saith the LORD;
Like as I have brought all this great evil upon
this people,
so will I bring upon them all the good that I
have promised them.

The Roots: The Prayers of the Faithful of this Land

2 Nephi 5:28 Wherefore, after they are driven to and fro - for thus saith the angel - many shall be afflicted in the flesh and shall not be suffered to perish because of the prayers of the faithful,
Wherefore, they shall be scattered and smitten and hated;

The Roots: The Prayers of the Faithful of this Land

2 Nephi 11:83-85 And after that they shall have been brought down low in the dust, even that they are not.

Yet the words of the righteous shall be written.

And the prayers of the faithful shall be heard.

And all they which have dwindled in unbelief shall not be forgotten.

For **they which shall be destroyed shall speak unto them out of the ground,**

And **their speech shall be low, out of the dust,**

And their voice shall be as one that hath a familiar spirit,

For the Lord God will give unto him power that **he may whisper concerning them,**

even as it were out of the ground;

And their speech shall whisper out of the dust.

Parable of Olive Tree-Jacob Chapter 3

- How do you know the meaning of a parable?

Parable of Olive Tree-Jacob Chapter 3

- Answer: You have to identify the question that prompted the parable.

Parable of Olive Tree-Jacob Chapter 3

- What is the question that Prompted the Parable of the Olive Tree?

Parable of Olive Tree

3:22 But behold, the Jews were a stiff-necked people,
And they despised the words of plainness
and killed the prophets
and **sought for things that they could not understand;**

3:23 **Wherefore, because of their blindness,**
which blindness came by looking beyond the mark,
they must needs fall,

Parable of Olive Tree

3:24 For God hath taken away His plainness from them and delivered unto them many things which they cannot understand, because they desired it;

3:25 And because they desired it, God hath done it, that they may stumble.

Parable of Olive Tree

3:26 And now I, Jacob, am led on by the Spirit unto prophesying, For I perceive by the workings of the Spirit which is in me that by the stumbling of the Jews they will reject the stone upon which they might build and have safe foundation;

3:27 But behold, according to the scriptures this stone shall become the great and the last and the only sure foundation upon which the Jews can build.

Parable of Olive Tree

3:28 And now my beloved,

how is it possible that these,
after having rejected the sure foundation,
can ever build upon it,
that it may become the head of their corner?

Here is the Question

Parable of Olive Tree

Note the Promise:

1 Nephi 4:31-33

31 Yea, I spake unto them concerning the restoration of the Jews in the latter days;

32 And I did rehearse unto them the words of Isaiah which spake concerning the restoration of the Jews, or of the house of Israel;

33 And **after that they were restored, they should no more be confounded, neither should they be scattered again.**

Parable of Olive Tree

Note the Promise:

2 Nephi 7:12 But behold, thus saith the Lord God:

**When the day cometh that they shall believe in Me,
that I Am Christ,**

**Then have I covenanted with their fathers
that they shall be restored in the flesh upon the earth
unto the lands of their inheritance.**

2 Nephi 11:20 And notwithstanding that they have been carried away,
they shall return again and possess the Land of Jerusalem.

Wherefore, **they shall be restored again to the lands of their
inheritance.**

Parable of Olive Tree

Note the Promise:

[2 Nephi 12:82](#)

And the gospel of Jesus Christ shall be declared among them.
Wherefore, **they shall be restored unto the knowledge of their fathers.**

And also to the knowledge of Jesus Christ which was had among their fathers.

Parable of Olive Tree

3:28 And now my beloved, how is it possible that these, after having rejected the sure foundation, can ever build upon it, that it may become the head of their corner?

3:29 Behold, my beloved brethren, I will unfold this mystery unto you, if I do not by any means get shaken from my firmness in the Spirit and stumble because of my overanxiety for you.

Parable of Olive Tree

3:30 Behold, my brethren, do ye not remember to have read the words of the prophet Zenos which spake unto the house of Israel, saying: Hearken, O ye house of Israel, and hear the words of me, a prophet of the Lord;

3:31 For behold, thus saith the Lord: "I will liken thee, O house of Israel, like unto a tame olive tree which a man took and nourished in his vineyard, And it grew and waxed old and began to decay.

Parable of Olive Tree

3:32 "And it came to pass that the Master of the vineyard went forth and He saw that His olive tree began to decay; And He saith: 'I will prune it and dig about it and nourish it, that perhaps it may shoot forth young and tender branches and it perish not.'

3:33 "And it came to pass that He pruned it and digged about it and nourished it according to His word.

Parable of Olive Tree

3:34 "And it came to pass that after many days it began to put forth somewhat a little, young and tender branches;

But behold, the main top thereof began to perish.

3:35 "And it came to pass that the Master of the vineyard saw it and He saith unto His Servant:

'It grieveth Me that I should lose this tree;

Parable of Olive Tree

3:36 Wherefore, go and pluck the branches from a wild olive tree and bring them hither unto Me,
And We will pluck off those main branches which are beginning to wither away,
And We will cast them into the fire that they may be burned.

3:37 'And behold, ' saith the Lord of the vineyard,
'I take away many of these young and tender branches
and I will graft them whithersoever I will;

Parable of Olive Tree

3:38 **And it mattereth not that if it so be that the root of this tree will perish, I may preserve the fruit thereof unto Myself;**

3:39 Wherefore, I will take these young and tender branches and I will graft them whithersoever I will;

3:40 Take Thou the branches of the wild olive tree and graft them in, in the stead thereof;

Parable of Olive Tree

3:41 And these which I have plucked off I will cast into the fire and burn them, that they may not cumber the ground of My vineyard.'

3:42 "And it came to pass that the Servant of the Lord of the vineyard did according to the word of the Lord of the vineyard and grafted in the branches of the wild olive tree;

Parable of Olive Tree

3:43 And the Lord of the vineyard caused that it should be digged about and pruned and nourished, saying unto His Servant: 'It grieveth Me that I should lose this tree;

3:44 Wherefore, that perhaps I might preserve the roots thereof, that they perish not, that I might preserve them unto Myself, I have done this thing;

3:45 Wherefore, go Thy way; Watch the tree and nourish it according to My words;

Parable of Olive Tree

3:47 And I do it that I may preserve unto Myself the natural branches of the tree, And also that I may lay up fruit thereof against the season unto Myself, for it grieveth Me that I should lose this tree and the fruit thereof.'

3:48 "And it came to pass that the Lord of the vineyard went His way and hid the natural branches of the tame olive tree in the nethermost parts of the vineyard,
Some in one and some in another, according to His will and pleasure.

Parable of Olive Tree

3:49 "And it came to pass that a long time passed away; And the Lord of the vineyard saith unto His Servant: 'Come, let Us go down into the vineyard that We may labor in the vineyard.'

3:50 "And it came to pass that the Lord of the vineyard, and also the Servant, went down into the vineyard to labor.

Parable of Olive Tree

3:51 "And it came to pass that the Servant saith unto His Master: 'Behold, look here! Behold the tree! '

3:52 "And it came to pass that the Lord of the vineyard looked and beheld the tree in the which the wild olive branches had been grafted; And it had sprung forth and began to bear fruit;

3:53 And He beheld that it was good; And the fruit thereof was like unto the natural fruit.

Parable of Olive Tree

3:54 "And He saith unto the Servant: 'Behold, the branches of the wild tree hath taken hold of the moisture of the root thereof, that the root thereof hath brought forth much strength;

3:55 And because of the much strength of the root thereof, the wild branches hath brought forth tame fruit;

3:56 Now if We had not grafted in these branches, the tree thereof would have perished;

Parable of Olive Tree

3:57 And now behold, I shall lay up much fruit which the tree thereof hath brought forth, And the fruit thereof I shall lay up against the season unto Mine own self.'

3:58 "And it came to pass that the Lord of the vineyard saith unto the Servant: 'Come, let us go to the nethermost parts of the vineyard and behold if the natural branches of the tree hath not brought forth much fruit also, That I may lay up of the fruit thereof against the season unto Mine own self.'

Parable of Olive Tree

3:59 "And it came to pass that they went forth whither the Master of the vineyard had hid the natural branches of the tree; And He saith unto the Servant, 'Behold these.'

3:60 "And He beheld the first, that it had brought forth much fruit, And He beheld also that it was good.

3:61 "And He saith unto the Servant: 'Take of the fruit thereof and lay it up against the season, that I may preserve it unto Mine own self;

Parable of Olive Tree

3:62 For behold, ' saith He, 'this long time have I nourished it and it hath brought forth much fruit.'

3:63 "And it came to pass that the Servant saith unto His Master: 'How comest Thou hither to plant this tree, or this branch of the tree? For behold, it was the poorest spot in all the land of Thy vineyard.'

3:64 "And the Lord of the vineyard saith unto Him: 'Counsel Me not; I knew that it was a poor spot of ground; Wherefore I said unto Thee, I have nourished it this long time, And Thou beholdest that it hath brought forth much fruit.'

Parable of Olive Tree

3:65 "And it came to pass that the Lord of the vineyard saith unto His Servant: 'Look hither; Behold, I have planted another branch of the tree also, And Thou knowest that this spot of ground was poorer than the first;

3:66 But behold the tree; I have nourished it this long time and it hath brought forth much fruit; Therefore, gather it and lay it up against the season, that I may preserve it unto Mine own self.'

Parable of Olive Tree

3:67 "And it came to pass that the Lord of the vineyard saith again unto His Servant: 'Look hither and behold another branch also which I have planted; Behold that I have nourished it also and it hath brought forth fruit.'

3:68 "And He saith unto the Servant: 'Look hither and behold the last; Behold, this have I planted in a good spot of ground, And I have nourished it this long time and only a part of the tree hath brought forth tame fruit, And the other part of the tree hath brought forth wild fruit; Behold, I have nourished this tree like unto the others.'

Parable of Olive Tree

3:69 "And it came to pass that the Lord of the vineyard saith unto the Servant: 'Pluck off the branches that have not brought forth good fruit and cast them into the fire.'

3:70 "But behold, the Servant saith unto Him: 'Let Us prune it and dig about it and nourish it a little longer, that perhaps it may bring forth good fruit unto Thee, that Thou canst lay it up against the season.'

Parable of Olive Tree

3:71 "And it came to pass that the Lord of the vineyard and the Servant of the Lord of the vineyard did nourish all the fruit of the vineyard.

3:72 "And it came to pass that a long time had passed away;
And the Lord of the vineyard saith unto His Servant:
'Come, let Us go down into the vineyard,
that We may labor again in the vineyard;

Parable of Olive Tree

3:73 For behold, the time draweth near and the end soon cometh;

Wherefore, I must lay up fruit against the season unto Mine own self.'

3:74 "And it came to pass that the Lord of the vineyard and the Servant went down into the vineyard; And They came to the tree whose natural branches had been broken off and the wild branches had been grafted in; And behold, all sorts of fruit did cumber the tree.

Parable of Olive Tree

3:75 "And it came to pass that the Lord of the vineyard did taste of the fruit, every sort according to its number;

3:76 And the Lord of the vineyard saith: 'Behold, this long time have We nourished this tree,
And I have laid up unto Myself against the season much fruit;

3:77 But behold, this time it hath brought forth much fruit and there is none of it which is good;

Parable of Olive Tree

3:78 And behold, there are all kinds of bad fruit, And it profiteth Me nothing, notwithstanding all Our labor; And now it grieveth Me that I should lose this tree.'

3:79 "And the Lord of the vineyard saith unto the Servant: 'What shall We do unto the tree, that I may preserve again good fruit thereof unto Mine own self?'

3:80 "And the Servant saith unto His Master: 'Behold, because Thou didst graft in the branches of the wild olive tree, they have nourished the roots, that they are alive and they have not perished; Wherefore, Thou beholdest that they are yet good.'

Parable of Olive Tree

3:81 "And it came to pass that the Lord of the vineyard saith unto His Servant:

The tree profiteth Me nothing,
And the roots thereof profiteth Me nothing,
so long as it shall bring forth evil fruit;

3:82 Nevertheless, I know that the roots are good and for
Mine own purpose I have preserved them;

And because of their much strength, they have hitherto brought forth from the wild branches good fruit,

Parable of Olive Tree

3:83 But behold, the wild branches have grown and have overrun the roots thereof;

And because that the wild branches have overcome the roots thereof, it hath brought forth much evil fruit;

3:84 And because that it hath brought forth so much evil fruit, Thou beholdest that it beginneth to perish,

And it will soon become ripened that it may be cast into the fire,

except We should do something for it to preserve it.'

Parable of Olive Tree

3:85 "And it came to pass that the Lord of the vineyard saith unto His Servant: 'Let Us go down into the nethermost parts of the vineyard and behold if the natural branches have also brought forth evil fruit.'

3:86 "And it came to pass that They went down into the nethermost parts of the vineyard.

Parable of Olive Tree

3:87 "And it came to pass that They beheld that the fruit of the natural branches had become corrupt also, yea, the first and the second and also the last; And they had all become corrupt;

3:88 And the wild fruit of the last had overcome that part of the tree which brought forth good fruit, even that the branch had withered away and died.

Parable of Olive Tree

3:89 "And it came to pass that the Lord of the vineyard wept and saith unto the Servant: ' What could I have done more for My vineyard?

3:90 Behold, I knew that all the fruit of the vineyard, save it were these, had become corrupted;

3:91 And now these which have once brought forth good fruit have also become corrupted;

Parable of Olive Tree

3:92 And now all the trees of My vineyard are good for nothing, save it be to be hewn down and cast into the fire;

3:93 And behold, this last, whose branch hath withered away, I did plant in a good spot of ground - Yea, even that which was choice unto Me above all other parts of the land of My vineyard;

Parable of Olive Tree

3:94 And Thou beheldest that I also cut down that which cumbered this spot of ground, that I might plant this tree in the stead thereof;

3:95 And Thou beheldest that a part thereof brought forth good fruit and a part thereof brought forth wild fruit;

3:96 And because that I plucked not the branches thereof and cast them into the fire, Behold, they have overcome the good branch, that it hath withered away.

Parable of Olive Tree

3:97 'And now behold, notwithstanding all the care which We have taken of My vineyard, The trees thereof hath become corrupted, that they bring forth no good fruit;

3:98 And these I had hope to preserve, to have laid up fruit thereof against the season unto Mine own self.

Parable of Olive Tree

3:99 'But behold, they have become like unto the wild olive tree and they are of no worth but to be hewn down and cast into the fire; And it grieveth Me that I should lose them;

3:100 But what could I have done more in My vineyard?

Parable of Olive Tree

3:101 Have I slackened Mine hand, that I have not nourished it?

3:102 Nay, I have nourished it
and I have digged it
and I have pruned it
and I have dunged it,
And I have stretched forth Mine hand almost all the
daylong,
And the end draweth nigh,

Parable of Olive Tree

3:103 And it grieveth Me that I should hew down all the trees of My vineyard and cast them into the fire, that they should be burned;

3:104 Who is it that hath corrupted My vineyard?'

Parable of Olive Tree

3:105 "And it came to pass that the Servant saith unto His Master: 'Is it not the loftiness of Thy vineyard?

3:106 Hath not the branches thereof overcome the roots which are good?

Parable of Olive Tree

3:107 And because that the branches have overcome the roots thereof - For behold, they grew faster than the strength of the roots thereof, taking strength unto themselves -

3:108 Behold I say, is not this the cause that the trees of Thy vineyard hath become corrupted?'

Parable of Olive Tree

Isaiah 2:11-12

The **lofty looks of man shall be humbled,**
and the haughtiness of men shall be bowed down,
and the LORD alone shall be exalted in that day.

**For the day of the LORD of hosts shall be upon every
one that is proud and lofty,**
and upon every one that is lifted up;
and he shall be brought low:

Parable of Olive Tree

3:109 "And it came to pass that the Lord of the vineyard saith unto the Servant: ' Let Us go to and hew down the trees of the vineyard and cast them into the fire, that they shall not cumber the ground of My vineyard, for I have done all - What could I have done more for My vineyard?'

3:110 "But behold, the Servant saith unto the Lord of the vineyard: 'Spare it a little longer.'

Parable of Olive Tree

3:111 "And the Lord saith: 'Yea, I will spare it a little longer, for it grieveth Me that I should lose the trees of My vineyard;

3:112 Wherefore, let Us take of the branches of these which I have planted in the nethermost parts of My vineyard and let Us graft them into the tree from whence they came;

Parable of Olive Tree

3:113 And let Us pluck from the tree those branches whose fruit is most bitter and graft in the natural branches of the tree in the stead thereof;

3:114 And this will I do that the tree may not perish, that perhaps I may preserve unto Myself the roots thereof for Mine own purpose.

Parable of Olive Tree

3:115 'And behold, the roots of the natural branches of the tree, which I planted whithersoever I would, are yet alive;

3:116 Wherefore, that I may preserve them also for Mine own purpose,

I will take of the branches of this tree and I will graft them in unto them;

Parable of Olive Tree

3:117 Yea, I will graft in unto them the branches of their mother tree, that I may preserve the roots also unto Mine own self, That when they shall be sufficiently strong, that perhaps they may bring forth good fruit unto Me and I may yet have glory in the fruit of My vineyard.

3:118 "And it came to pass that They took from the natural tree which had become wild and grafted in unto the natural trees which also had become wild;

Parable of Olive Tree

3:119 And They also took of the natural trees which had become wild and grafted into their mother tree.

3:120 "And the Lord of the vineyard saith unto the Servant:
'Pluck not the wild branches from the trees, save it be those which are most bitter, And in them Ye shall graft according to that which I have said;

Parable of Olive Tree

3:121 And We will nourish again the trees of the vineyard, And We will trim up the branches thereof, And We will pluck from the trees those branches which are ripened that must perish and cast them into the fire.

3:122 'And this I do that perhaps the roots thereof may take strength because of their goodness and because of the change of the branches, that the good may overcome the evil,

Parable of Olive Tree

3:123 And because that I have preserved the natural branches and the roots thereof, And that I have grafted in the natural branches again into their mother tree and have preserved the roots of their mother tree, That perhaps the trees of My vineyard may bring forth again good fruit,

3:124 And that I may have joy again in the fruit of My vineyard, And perhaps that I may rejoice exceedingly that I have preserved the roots and the branches of the first fruit.

Parable of Olive Tree

3:125 'Wherefore, go to and call servants that we may labor diligently with our mights in the vineyard, That we may prepare the way that I may bring forth again the natural fruit, which natural fruit is good and the most precious above all other fruit.

3:126 'Wherefore, let Us go to and labor with Our mights this last time, For behold, the end draweth nigh, And this is for the last time that I shall prune My vineyard;

Parable of Olive Tree

3:127 Graft in the branches; Begin at the last, that they may be first, and that the first may be last; And dig about the trees - both old and young, the first and the last, and the last and the first - That all may be nourished once again for the last time.

3:128 'Wherefore, dig about them and prune them and dung them once more for the last time, For the end draweth nigh;

Parable of Olive Tree

3:129 And if it so be that these last grafts shall grow and bring forth the natural fruit, then shall Ye prepare the way for them that they may grow;

3:130 And as they begin to grow, Ye shall clear away the branches which bring forth bitter fruit, according to the strength of the good and the size thereof;

Parable of Olive Tree

3:131 And Ye shall not clear away the bad thereof all at once, lest the roots thereof should be too strong for the graft, And the graft thereof shall perish and I lose the trees of My vineyard;

3:132 For it grieveth Me that I should lose the trees of My vineyard. 'Wherefore, Ye shall clear away the bad according as the good shall grow, That the root and the top may be equal in strength, until the good shall overcome the bad, And the bad be hewn down and cast into the fire, that they cumber not the ground of My vineyard; And thus will I sweep away the bad out of My vineyard.

Parable of Olive Tree

3:133 'And the branches of the natural tree will I graft in again into the natural tree;
And the branches of the natural tree will I graft into the natural branches of the tree;

3:134 And thus will I bring them together again, that they shall bring forth the natural fruit and they shall be one;

Jeremiah 32:

38 And they shall be my people,
and I will be their God:

39 And I will give them one heart and one way,
that they may fear me for ever.
For the good of them,
and of their children after them:

Parable of Olive Tree

3:135 And the bad shall be cast away, yea, even out of all the land of My vineyard;
For behold, only this once will I prune My vineyard.'

3:136 "And it came to pass that the Lord of the vineyard sent His Servant,
And the Servant went and did as the Lord had commanded Him and brought other servants, and they were few;

Parable of Olive Tree

3:137 And the Lord of the vineyard saith unto them:
'Go to and labor in the vineyard with your mights,

3:138 For behold, this is the last time that I shall
nourish My vineyard, For the end is nigh at hand and
the season speedily cometh;

3:139 And if ye labor with your mights with Me, ye
shall have joy in the fruit which I shall lay up unto
Myself against the time which will soon come.

Parable of Olive Tree

3:140 "And it came to pass that the servants did go to it and labor with their mights, **And the Lord of the vineyard labored also with them,** And they did obey the commandments of the Lord of the vineyard in all things;

3:141 And there began to be the natural fruit again in the vineyard, And the natural branches began to grow and thrive exceedingly,

Parable of Olive Tree

3 Nephi 9:59

And the powers of heaven shall be **in the midst** of this people,

Yea, even I will be in the midst of you.

3 Nephi 10:4 And then shall the powers of heaven come down among them,

And I also will be in the midst.

And then shall the work of the Father commence at that day, even when this gospel shall be preached among the remnant of this people.

Parable of Olive Tree

3:142 And the wild branches began to be plucked off and to be cast away, And they did keep the root and the top thereof equal, according to the strength thereof.

3:143 "And thus they labored with all diligence according to the commandments of the Lord of the vineyard, Even until the bad had been cast away out of the vineyard and the Lord had preserved unto Himself, that the trees had become again the natural fruit;

Parable of Olive Tree

3:144 And they became like unto one body, And the fruit were equal, And the Lord of the vineyard had preserved unto Himself the natural fruit which was most precious unto Him from the beginning.

3:145 "And it came to pass that when the Lord of the vineyard saw that His fruit was good and that His vineyard was no more corrupt, He calleth up His servants and saith unto them: 'Behold, for this last time have we nourished My vineyard, And thou beholdest that I have done according to My will,

Parable of Olive Tree

3:146 And I have preserved the natural fruit, that it is good, even like as it was in the beginning; And blessed art thou,

3:147 For because that ye have been diligent in laboring with Me in My vineyard and have kept My commandments,

And hath brought unto Me again the natural fruit, that My vineyard is no more corrupted and the bad is cast away,

Behold, ye shall have joy with Me because of the fruit of My vineyard.

Parable of Olive Tree

3:148 'For behold, for a long time will I lay up of the fruit of My vineyard unto Mine own self against the season which speedily cometh;

3:149 And for the last time have I nourished My vineyard and pruned it and dug about it and dunged it;

Parable of Olive Tree

3:150 Wherefore, I will lay up unto Mine own self of the fruit for a long time, according to that which I have spoken.

3:151 'And when the time cometh that evil fruit shall again come into My vineyard, Then will I cause the good and the bad to be gathered;

Parable of Olive Tree

3:152 And the good will I preserve unto Myself and the bad will I cast away into its own place;

3:153 And then cometh the season and the end, And My vineyard will I cause to be burned with fire.'"

Ether's Warning: The Conversation, The Decree, The Warning.

Ether 1:30-35

And **He had sworn in His wrath** unto the brother of Jared that **whoso should possess this Land of Promise from that time henceforth and forever should serve Him** the true and only God.

Or they should be swept off when the **fullness** of His wrath should come upon them.

And now we can behold the decrees of God concerning this land,

That it is a Land of Promise.

And whatsoever nation shall possess it shall serve God,

Or they shall be swept off when the fullness of His wrath shall come upon them.

And the fullness of His wrath cometh upon them when they are ripened in iniquity;

For behold, this is a land which is choice above all other lands.

Wherefore, he that doth possess it shall serve God or shall be swept off.

For it is the everlasting **decrees** of God.

Ether's Warning:

Ether 1:33-34 And it is not until **the fullness of iniquity** among the children of the land that they are swept off.

And this cometh unto you, O ye Gentiles, that ye may know the decrees of God.

That ye may **repent and not continue in your iniquities until the fullness be come.**

That ye may not bring down the fullness of the wrath of God upon you as the inhabitants of the land hath hitherto done.

Ether's Warning:

Ether 4:22

And thus the Lord did pour out His blessings upon this land, which was choice above all other lands.

And He commanded that whoso should possess the land should possess it unto the Lord
or they should be destroyed when they were ripened in iniquity;

For upon such, saith the Lord,
I will pour out the fullness of My wrath.

Ether 6:61 And thus we see that the Lord did visit them in the fullness of His wrath.

And their wickedness and abominations had prepared a way for their everlasting destruction.