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Psalm 80:8

You brought a vine out of Egypt;  
you drove out the nations and planted it.

Isaiah 5:1-2

My beloved had a vineyard on a very fertile hill.  
He dug it and cleared it of stones,  
and planted it with choice vines.  
He built a watchtower in the midst of it,  
and hewed out a wine vat in it...

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Genesis 12:1-3

Now the LORD said to Abram:

“Go from your country  
and your kindred and your father’s house  
to the land that I will show you.”

Genesis 12:1-3

“And I will make of you a great nation,  
and I will bless you  
and make your name great,  
so that you will be a blessing.

“I will bless those who bless you,  
and him who dishonors you I will curse,  
and in you all the families of the earth  
shall be blessed.”

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Genesis 26:4

In your Seed  
all the nations of the earth  
shall be blessed.

Deuteronomy 4:32-40

“For ask now of the days that are past,  
which were before you, since the day  
that God created man on the earth,  
and ask from one end of heaven to the other,  
whether such a great thing as this  
has ever happened or was ever heard of.

“Did any people ever hear the voice of a god  
speaking out of the midst of the fire,  
as you have heard, and still live?”

Deuteronomy 4:32-40

“Or has any god ever attempted to go  
and take a nation for himself  
from the midst of another nation,  
by trials, by signs, by wonders, and by war,  
by a mighty hand and an outstretched arm,  
and by great deeds of terror,  
all of which the LORD your God did for you  
in Egypt before your eyes?”

Deuteronomy 4:32-40

“To you it was shown,  
that you might know that the LORD is God;  
there is no other besides him.

“Out of heaven he let you hear his voice,  
that he might discipline you.  
And on earth he let you see his great fire,  
and you heard his words  
out of the midst of the fire.”

Deuteronomy 4:32-40

“And because he loved your fathers  
and chose their offspring after them  
and brought you out of Egypt  
with his own presence, by his great power,  
driving out before you nations  
greater and mightier than yourselves,  
to bring you in, to give you their land  
for an inheritance, as it is this day:  
know therefore today, and lay it to your heart,  
that the LORD is God  
in heaven above and on the earth beneath;  
there is no other.”

Deuteronomy 4:32-40

“Therefore you shall keep his statutes  
and his commandments,  
which I command you today,  
that it may go well with you  
and with your children after you,  
and that you may prolong your days in the land  
that the LORD your God is giving you for all time.”

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Mark 12:4-5

“Again he sent to them another servant,  
and they struck him on the head  
and treated him shamefully.

“And he sent another,  
and him they killed.

“And so with many others:  
some they beat,  
and some they killed.”

2 Kings 17:13

The LORD warned Israel and Judah  
by every prophet and every seer, saying,  
“Turn from your evil ways  
and keep my commandments and my statutes,  
in accordance with all the Law  
that I commanded your fathers,  
and that I sent to you by my servants  
the prophets.”

2 Chronicles 24:19

He sent prophets among them  
to bring them back to the LORD.

These testified against them,  
but they would not pay attention.

Nehemiah 9:26

“Nevertheless, they were disobedient  
and rebelled against you  
and cast your law behind their back  
and killed your prophets,  
who had warned them  
in order to turn them back to you,  
and they committed great blasphemies.”

Mark 12:6

“He had still one other, a beloved son.  
Finally he sent him to them, saying,  
‘They will respect my son.’”

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Matthew 3:16-17

And when Jesus was baptized,  
immediately he went up from the water,  
and behold, the heavens were opened to him,  
and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove  
and coming to rest on him;  
and behold, a voice from heaven said,

“This is my beloved Son,  
with whom I am well pleased.”

Matthew 17:5

He was still speaking when,  
behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them,  
and a voice from the cloud said,

“This is my beloved Son,  
with whom I am well pleased.  
Listen to him.”

Hebrews 1:1-2

Long ago, at many times and in many ways,  
God spoke to our fathers by the prophets,  
but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son,  
whom he appointed the heir of all things,  
through whom also he created the world.

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Mark 12:7-8

“But those tenants said to one another,  
‘This is the heir. Come, let us kill him,  
and the inheritance will be ours.’

“And they took him and killed him  
and threw him out of the vineyard.”

1 Thessalonians 2:15

They killed both the Lord Jesus  
and the prophets, and drove us out,  
and displease God and oppose all mankind  
by hindering us from speaking to the Gentiles  
that they might be saved –  
so as always to fill up the measure of their sins.  
But God's wrath has come upon them at last!

Mark 12:9

“What will the owner of the vineyard do..?

“He will come and destroy the tenants  
and give the vineyard to others.”

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2 Chronicles 36:15-16

The LORD, the God of their fathers,  
sent persistently to them by his messengers,  
because he had compassion on his people  
and on his dwelling place.

But they kept mocking the messengers of God,  
despising his words and scoffing at his prophets,  
until the wrath of the LORD rose against his people,  
until there was no remedy.

Acts 13:46

And Paul and Barnabas spoke out boldly, saying,  
“It was necessary that the word of God  
be spoken first to you.  
Since you thrust it aside  
and judge yourselves unworthy of eternal life,  
behold, we are turning to the Gentiles.”

Mark 12:10-11

“Have you not read this Scripture:

‘The stone that the builders rejected  
has become the cornerstone.

This was the Lord’s doing,  
and it is marvelous in our eyes?’”

Acts 4:11-12

“This Jesus is the stone  
that was rejected by you, the builders,  
which has become the cornerstone.  
And there is salvation in no one else,  
for there is no other name under heaven  
given among men by which  
we must be saved.”

Mark 12:12

And they were seeking to arrest him  
but feared the people,  
for they perceived that he had told  
the parable against them.

So they left him and went away.

1 Peter 2:4-10

As you come to him, a living stone rejected by men  
but in the sight of God chosen and precious,  
you yourselves like living stones are being built up  
as a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood,  
to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God  
through Jesus Christ.

1 Peter 2:4-10

For it stands in Scripture:  
“Behold, I am laying in Zion a stone,  
a cornerstone chosen and precious,  
and whoever believes in him  
will not be put to shame.”

So the honor is for you who believe...

1 Peter 2:4-10

But for those who do not believe,  
“The stone that the builders rejected  
has become the cornerstone,” and  
“a stone of stumbling, and a rock of offense.”

They stumble because they disobey the word,  
as they were destined to do.

1 Peter 2:4-10

But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood,  
a holy nation, a people for his own possession,  
that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who  
called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.

Once you were not a people,  
but now you are God's people.

Once you had not received mercy,  
but now you have received mercy.