

behold my Brethren do ye not remember to have read the words of the Prophet Ze-nos which he spake unto the house of Israel saying

hearken O ye house of Isael & hear the words of me a Prophet of the Lord

for behold thus saith the Lord I will liken thee O house of Israel like unto a tame Olive tree which a man took & nourished in his vin-eyard & it grew & waxed old & began to decay

& it came to pass that the master of the vineyard went forth & he saw that his Olive tree began to decay & he sayeth I will pru-ne it & dig about it & nourish it that perhaps it may shoot forth young & tender bran-ches & it perish not

& it came to pass (that) ~~that~~ he pruned it & diged about it & nourished it according to his word

& it came to pass that after many days it began to put forth some-what a little young & tender branches but behold the main top thereof began to pe-rish

& it came to pass that the master of the vineyard saw it & he sayeth unto his Se-rvant it grieveth me that I should loose this tree wherefore go & pluck the branches from a wild Olive tree & bring them hither unto me & we will pluck *off* those mai(n) branches which are beginning to wither away & we will cast them into the fire that they may be burned

& behold saith the Lord of the vineyard I ~~take~~ take away many of these young & tender branches & I will graft them whithersoever I will & it mattereth not that if it so be that the root of this tree will perish I may preserve the fruit thereof unto myself wherefore I will take these young & tender branches & I will graft them **102** whithersoever I will

CHAPTER 5

Jacob quotes Zenos relative to the allegory of the tame and wild olive trees—They are a likeness of Israel and the Gentiles—The scattering and gathering of Israel are prefigured—Allusions are made to the Nephites and Lamanites and all the house of Israel—The Gentiles will be grafted into Israel—Eventually the vineyard will be burned. About 544–421 B.C.

¹Behold, my **brethren**, do ye not remember to have read the words of the **prophet Ze[-]nos**, which he spake unto the house of Israel, saying:

²Hearken, O ye house of **Israel**, **and** hear the words of me, a **prophet** of the Lord.

³For 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 vin[-]eyard; **and** it grew, **and** waxed old, **and** began to decay.

⁴**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 **said**: I will pru[-]ne it, **and** dig about it, **and** nourish it, that perhaps it may shoot forth young **and** tender bran[-]ches, **and** it perish not.

⁵**And** it came to pass **that [X]** he pruned it, **and** digged about it, **and** nourished it according to his word.

⁶**And** it came to pass that after many days it began to put forth some[-]what a little, young **and** tender branches; but behold, the main top thereof began to pe[-]rish.

⁷**And** it came to pass that the master of the vineyard saw it, **and** he **said** unto his **se[-]rvant**: **It** grieveth me that I should lo[-]se this tree; 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.

⁸**And** behold, saith the Lord of the vineyard, I **[X]** take away many of these young **and** tender branches, **and** I will graft them whithersoever I will; **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; wherefore, I will take these young **and** tender branches, **and** I will graft them whithersoever I will.

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take thou the branches of the wild Olive tree & graft them in inthestead thereof & these which I have plucked off I will cast into the fire & burn them that they may not cumber the ground of my vineyard

& it came to pass that the Servant of the Lord of the vineyard done according to the word of the Lord of the vineyard & grafted in the branches of the wild Olive tree

& the Lord of the vineyard caused that it should be diged about & pruned & nourished saying unto his Servant it grieveth me that I should lo-se this tree 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

wherefore go thy wa-y watch the tree & nourish it according to my words

& these will I place in the ni-thermost part of my vineyard whithersoever I will it mattereth not unto thee & I do it that I may preserve unto myself the natural branches of the tree & also that I may lay up fruit thereof against the Season unto myself for it grieveth me that I should lose this tree & the fruit thereof

& it came to pass that the Lord of the viney-ard went his way & hid the natural branches of the tame Olive tree in the nithermost pa-rts of the vineyard some in one & some in another according to his will & pleasure

& it cam(e) to pass that a long time passed away & the Lord of the vineyard sayeth unto his Servant come let us go down into the vineyard that we ~~m~~(may) labour in the vineyard

& it came to pass that the Lord of the vineyard & also the servant went down into the vineyard to labo-ur & it came to pass that the Servant sayeth unto his master behold look here beho-ld the tree

& it came to pass that the Lord of the vineyard looked & beheld the tree in thewhich the wild Olive branches had been grafted & it had sprang forth & began to bear fruit & he beheld that it was good & the fruit thereof was like unto the natu-ral fruit

⁹Take thou the branches of the wild olive tree, and graft them in, in [] the [] stead thereof; 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.

¹⁰And 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.

¹¹And 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 lo[-]se this tree; 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.

¹²Wherefore, go thy wa[-]y; watch the tree, and nourish it, according to my words.

¹³And these will I place in the ne[-]thermost part of my vineyard, whithersoever I will, it mattereth not unto thee; 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.

¹⁴And it came to pass that the Lord of the viney[-]ard went his way, and hid the natural branches of the tame olive tree in the nethermost pa[-]rts of the vineyard, some in one and some in another, according to his will and pleasure.

¹⁵And it came to pass that a long time passed away, and the Lord of the vineyard said unto his servant: Come, let us go down into the vineyard, that we [] may labo[]r in the vineyard.

¹⁶And it came to pass that the Lord of the vineyard, and also the servant, went down into the vineyard to labo[-][]r. And it came to pass that the servant said unto his master: Behold, look here; beho[-]ld the tree.

¹⁷And 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 begun to bear fruit. And he beheld that it was good; and the fruit thereof was like unto the natu[-]ral fruit.

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& he sayeth unto the Servant behold the branches of the wild tree ~~have~~(hath) ta-ken hold of the moister of the root thereof that the root thereof hath brought forth much strength & because of the much strength of the root thereof the wild branch-es hath brought forth tame fruit now if we had not grafted in these branches the tree thereof would have perished & now behold I shall lay up much fruit which the tree thereof hath brought forth & the fruit thereof I shall lay up against the Season unto mine ownself

& it came to pass that the Lord of the vineyard sayeth unto the servant come let us go to the nithermost parts of the vineyard & behold if the natural branch-es of the tree hath not brought forth much fruit also that I may lay up of the fruit th-ereof against the Season unto mine ownself

& it came to pass that they went forth wh-ither the master(of the vineyard) had hid the natural branches of the tree & he sayeth unto the servant behold these & he beheld the first that it had brought forth much fruit & he beheld also that it was good & he sayeth unto the servant take of the fruit thereof & lay it up against the Season that I may preserve it unto mine ownself for behold sayeth he th-is long time have I nourished it & it hath brought forth much(fruit)

& it came to pass that the servant sayeth 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 vine **103** (o)yard

& the Lord of the vineyard sayeth 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 & tho-u beholdest that it hath brought forth much fruit

& it came to pass that the Lord of the vineyard sayeth unto his servant look hither behold I have planted another branc-h(of the tree) also & thou knowest that this spot of ground was poorer then the first but behold the tree I have nourished it this long time & it hath brought forth much fruit there-fore gather it & lay it up against the season that I may preserve it unto mine own-self

& it came to pass that the Lord of the vineyard sayeth again unto his servant look hither & behold another branch also which I have planted behold that I have nourished also & it hath brought forth fruit

¹⁸**And** he **said** unto the **servant**: **Behold**, the branches of the wild tree **[X]have** ta[-]ken hold of the moist**ure** of the root thereof, that the root thereof hath brought forth much strength; **and** because of the much strength of the root thereof the wild branch[-]es **have** brought forth tame fruit. **Now**, if we had not grafted in these branches, the tree thereof would have perished. **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.

¹⁹**And** it came to pass that the Lord of the vineyard **said** unto the servant: **Come**, let us go to the **nethermost part**[-] of the vineyard, **and** behold if the natural branch[-]es of the tree **have** not brought forth much fruit also, that I may lay up of the fruit th[-]ereof against the **season**, unto mine own[-]self.

²⁰**And** it came to pass that they went forth wh[-]ither the master**[X_X_X]** had hid the natural branches of the tree, **and** he **said** unto the servant: **Behold** these; **and** he beheld the first that it had brought forth much fruit; **and** he beheld also that it was good. **And** he **said** unto the servant: **Take** of the fruit thereof, **and** lay it up against the **season**, that I may preserve it unto mine own[-]self; for behold, **said** he, th[-]is long time have I nourished it, **and** it hath brought forth much[-]fruit.

²¹**And** it came to pass that the servant **said** 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 vine(o)yard.

²²**And** the Lord of the vineyard **said** 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** tho[-]u beholdest that it hath brought forth much fruit.

²³**And** it came to pass that the Lord of the vineyard **said** unto his servant: **Look** hither; behold I have planted another branc[-]h[-]of the tree also; **and** thou knowest that this spot of ground was poorer **than** the first. **But**, behold the tree. I have nourished it this long time, **and** it hath brought forth much fruit; there[-]fore, gather it, **and** lay it up against the season, that I may preserve it unto mine own[-]self.

²⁴**And** it came to pass that the Lord of the vineyard **said** 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.

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& he sayeth unto the servant look hither & behold the last behold this have I planted in a good spot of ground & I have nourished it this long ti-me & only a part of the tree hath brought forth tame fruit & the other part of the tree ha-th brought forth wild fruit behold I have nourished this tree like unto the others

& it came to pass that the Lord of the vineyard sayeth unto the servant pluck off the branches that have not brought forth good fruit & cast them into the fire

but behold the serva-nt sayeth unto him let us prune it & dig about it & nourish it a little longer that per-haps it may bring forth good fruit unto thee that thou canst lay it up against the season

& it came to pass that the Lord of the vineyard & the servant of the Lord of the vineyard did nourish all the fruit of the vineyard

& it came to pass that a long time had passed away & the Lord of the vineyard sayeth unto his servant come let us go down in the vineyard that we may labour again in the vineyard for behold the time draweth near & the end soon cometh where-fore I must lay up fruit against the season unto mine ownself

& it came to pass that the Lord of the vineyard & the servant went down into the vineyard & they came to the tree wh-ose natural branches had been broken off & the wild branches had been grafted in & be-hold all sorts of fruit did cumber the tree

& it came to pass that the Lord of the vineyard did taste of the fruit every sort according to its number & the Lord of the vineyard sa-ith behold this long time have we nourished this tree & I have laid up unto myself again-st the season much fruit

but behold this time it hath brought forth much fruit & there is none of it which is good & behold there are all kinds of bad fruit & it profiteth me nothing notwithstanding all our labour & now it grieveth me that I should lose this tree

& the Lord of the vineyard sayeth unto the servant what shall we do unto the tree that I may preserve again good fruit thereof unto mine ownself

²⁵**And** he **said** 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 ti[-]me, **and** only a part of the tree hath brought forth tame fruit, **and** the other part of the tree ha[-]th brought forth wild fruit; behold, I have nourished this tree like unto the others.

²⁶**And** it came to pass that the Lord of the vineyard **said** unto the servant: **Pluck** off the branches that have not brought forth good fruit, **and** cast them into the fire.

²⁷**But** behold, the serva[-]nt **said** unto him: **Let** us prune it, **and** dig about it, **and** nourish it a little longer, that per[-]haps it may bring forth good fruit unto thee, that thou canst lay it up against the season.

²⁸**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.

²⁹**And** it came to pass that a long time had passed away, **and** the Lord of the vineyard **said** unto his servant: **Come**, let us go down **into** the vineyard, that we may labo[]r again in the vineyard. **For** behold, the time draweth near, **and** the end soon cometh; where[-]fore, I must lay up fruit against the season, unto mine own[]self.

³⁰**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 wh[-]ose natural branches had been broken off, **and** the wild branches had been grafted in; **and** be[-]hold all sorts of fruit did cumber the tree.

³¹**And** it came to pass that the Lord of the vineyard did taste of the fruit, every sort according to its number. **And** the Lord of the vineyard sa[-]id[]: **Behold**, this long time have we nourished this tree, **and** I have laid up unto myself again[-]st the season much fruit.

³²**But** behold, this time it hath brought forth much fruit, **and** there is none of it which is good. **And** behold, there are all kinds of bad fruit; **and** it profiteth me nothing, notwithstanding all our labo[]r; **and** now it grieveth me that I should lose this tree.

³³**And** the Lord of the vineyard **said** unto the servant: **What** shall we do unto the tree, that I may preserve again good fruit thereof unto mine own[]self?

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& the servant sayeth unto his master behold because thou didst graft in the branches of the wild Olive tree they have nou-rished the roots that they are alive & they have not perished wherefore thou beholdest that they are yet good

& it came to pass that the Lord of the vineyard sayeth unto his ~~serv~~ **104** servant the tree profiteth me nothing & the roots thereof profiteth me nothing so long as it shall bring forth evil fruit

nevertheless I know that the roots are good & for mine ow-n purpose I have preserved them & because of their much strength they have hitherto brou-ght forth from the wild branches good fruit

but behold the wild branches have grew & ha-ve overran the roots thereof & because that the wild branches have overcome the roots there-of it hath brought forth much evil fruit & because that it hath brought forth so mu-ch evil fruit thou beheldest that it begineth to perish & it will soon become rip-ened that it may be cast into the fire except we should do something for it to prese-rve it

& it came to pass that the Lord of the vineyard sayeth unto his servant let us go down into the nithermost parts of the vineyard & behold if the natural branches have also brought forth evil fruit

& it came to pass that they went down into the nither-most parts of the vineyard & it came to pass that they beheld that the fruit of the natural branches had become corrupt also yea the first & the second & also the las-t & they had all become corrupt

& 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 & died

& it came to pass that the Lord of the vineyard wept & sayeth unto the servant what co-uld I have done more for my vineyard

behold I knew that all the fruit of the vine-yard save it were these had become corrupted & now these which have once broug-ht forth good fruit have also become corrupted & now all the trees of my vineyard are good for nothing save it be to be hewn down & cast into the fire

³⁴**And** the servant **said** unto his master: **Behold**, because thou didst graft in the branches of the wild olive tree they have nou[-]rished the roots, that they are alive **and** they have not perished; wherefore thou beholdest that they are yet good.

³⁵**And** it came to pass that the Lord of the vineyard **said** unto his [_ _ _] servant: **The** tree profiteth me nothing, **and** the roots thereof profit[_ _] me nothing so long as it shall bring forth evil fruit.

³⁶Nevertheless, I know that the roots are good, **and** for mine ow[-]n purpose I have preserved them; **and** because of their much strength they have hitherto brou[-]ght forth, from the wild branches, good fruit.

³⁷**But** behold, the wild branches have **grown and** ha[-]ve overrun the roots thereof; **and** because that the wild branches have overcome the roots there[-]of it hath brought forth much evil fruit; **and** because that it hath brought forth so mu[-]ch evil fruit thou beholdest that it begineth to perish; **and** it will soon become rip[-]ened, that it may be cast into the fire, except we should do something for it to prese[-]rve it.

³⁸**And** it came to pass that the Lord of the vineyard **said** 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.

³⁹**And** it came to pass that they went down into the nether[-]most parts of the vineyard. **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 las[-]t; **and** they had all become corrupt.

⁴⁰**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.

⁴¹**And** it came to pass that the Lord of the vineyard wept, **and said** unto the servant: **What** co[-]uld I have done more for my vineyard?

⁴²**Behold**, I knew that all the fruit of the vine[-]yard, save it were these, had become corrupted. **And** now these which have once broug[-]ht forth good fruit have also become corrupted; **and** now all the trees of my vineyard are good for nothing save it be to be hewn down **and** cast into the fire.

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& behold this la-st 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

& thou beholdest that I also cut down that which cumbered this spot of ground that I mi-ght plant this tree inthestead thereof

& thou beholdest that a part thereof broug-ht forth good fruit & the part thereof brought forth wild fruit & because that I plu-cked not the branches thereof & cast them into the fire behold they have overcome the good branch that it hath withered away

& now behold notwithstanding all the care w-hich we have taken of my vineyard the trees thereof hath become corrupted that they bring forth no good fruit & these I have hope to preserve to have laid up fruit thereof aga-inst the season unto mine ownself but behold they have become like unto the wild Oli-ve tree & they are of no worth but to be hewn down & cast into the fire & it grieveth me that I should *loose them*

but what could I have done more in my vineyard have I *slackened* mine hand that I have not nourished it nay I have nourished it & *I have diged* it & I have pruned it & I have dunged it & I have stretched *forth* mine hand all-most all the day long & the end draweth nigh & it grieveth me that I should hew down all the trees of my vineyard & cast them into the fire that they should be burn-ed who is it that hath corrupted my vineyard

& it came to pass that the servant sayeth unto his master is it not the loftiness of thy vineyard hath not the branches thereof **105** overcame the roots which are good & 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* behold I say is not this the cause that the trees of thy vineyard *hath become* corrupted

& it came to pass that the Lord of the vineyard sayeth unto the servant let us go to & hew down the trees of the vineyard & 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

but behold the servant saith unto the Lord of the vineyard spare it a lit-tle longer

⁴³**And** behold this la[-]st, 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.

⁴⁴**And** thou beheldest that I also cut down that which cumbered this spot of ground, that I mi[-]ght plant this tree in[]the[]stead thereof.

⁴⁵**And** thou beheldest that a part thereof broug[-]ht forth good fruit, **and a** part thereof brought forth wild fruit; **and** because [X] I plu[-]cked not the branches thereof **and** cast them into the fire, behold, they have overcome the good branch that it hath withered away.

⁴⁶**And** now, behold, notwithstanding all the care w[-]hich we have taken of my vineyard, the trees thereof **have** become corrupted, that they bring forth no good fruit; **and** these I **had** hoped to preserve, to have laid up fruit thereof aga[-]inst the season, unto mine own[]self. **But**, behold, they have become like unto the wild oli[-]ve tree, **and** they are of no worth but to be hewn down **and** cast into the fire; **and** it grieveth me that I should lo[]se them.

⁴⁷**But** what could I have done more in my vineyard? **Have** I *slackened* mine hand, that I have not nourished it? **Nay**, I have nourished it, **and I have digged about** it, **and** I have pruned it, **and** I have dunged it; **and** I have stretched **forth** mine hand al[][-]most all the day long, **and** the end draweth nigh. **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 burn[-]ed. **Who** is it that has[] corrupted my vineyard?

⁴⁸**And** it came to pass that the servant **said** unto his master: **Is** it not the loftiness of thy vineyard—**have** not the branches thereof **overcome** the roots which are good? **And** because [X] the branches have overcome the roots thereof, [X] *behold they grew faster than* the strength of the roots, [_ _ _ _ _] tak[]ing *strength unto themselves*. **Behold**, I say, is not this the cause that the trees of thy vineyard **have become** corrupted?

⁴⁹**And** it came to pass that the Lord of the vineyard **said** 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?

⁵⁰**But**, behold, the servant said[] unto the Lord of the vineyard: **Spare** it a lit[-]tle longer.

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& the Lord saith yea I will spare it a little longer for it grieveth me that I should lose the trees of my vineyard

wherefore let us take of the branches of these which I have planted in the nithermost parts of my vineyard & let us graft them into the tree from whence they came & let us pluck from the tree those branches whose fruit is mo-st bitter & graft in the natural branches of the tree inthestead thereof

& this will I do that the tree may not perish that perhaps I may preserve unto myself the roots thereof for mine own purpose

& behold the roots of the natural branches of the tree which I planted whither-soever I would are yet alive wherefore that I may preserve them also for mine own purpose I will take of the branches of this tree & I will graft them in unto them yea I will graft in unto them the branches of their Mother tree that I may preserve the roots also unto m-ine ownself that when they shall be sufficiently strong that perhaps they may bring fo-rth good fruit unto me & I (may) yet have glory in the fruit of my vineyard

& it came to pass that they took from the natural tree which had become wild & grafted in unto the na-tural trees which also had become wild

& they also took of the natural trees which had become wild & grafted into their Mother tree

& the Lord of the vineyard sayeth unto the servant pluck not the wild branches from the trees save it be those ~~that~~ (which) are most bitter & in them ye shall *graft* according to that which I have said

& we will nourish again the *trees of* the vineyard & we will trim up the branches thereof & we will *pluck from the* trees those branches which are ripened that must perish & cast them *into* the fire

& this I do that perhaps the roots thereof may take strength because of their goodness & because of the ~~cha~~(change)~~nge~~ of the branches that the good may overcome the evil

⁵¹**And** the Lord said~~[]~~: **Yea**, I will spare it a little longer, for it grieveth me that I should lose the trees of my vineyard.

⁵²**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; **and** let us pluck from the tree those branches whose fruit is mo~~[-]~~st bitter, **and** graft in the natural branches of the tree in~~[]~~the~~[]~~stead thereof.

⁵³**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.

⁵⁴**And**, behold, the roots of the natural branches of the tree which I planted whither~~[-]~~soever I would are yet alive; 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. **Yea**, I will graft in unto them the branches of their **mother** tree, that I may preserve the roots also unto m~~[-]~~ine own~~[]~~self, that when they shall be sufficiently strong **[X]** perhaps they may bring fo~~[-]~~rth good fruit unto me, **and I may** yet have glory in the fruit of my vineyard.

⁵⁵**And** it came to pass that they took from the natural tree which had become wild, **and** grafted in unto the na~~[-]~~tural trees, which also had become wild.

⁵⁶**And** they also took of the natural trees which had become wild, **and** grafted into their **mother** tree.

⁵⁷**And** the Lord of the vineyard **said** unto the servant: **Pluck** not the wild branches from the trees, save it be those **[X] which** are most bitter; **and** in them ye shall *graft* according to that which I have said.

⁵⁸**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.

⁵⁹**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.

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& because that I have preserved the natural branches & the roots thereof & that I have grafted in the natur-al branches again into their Mother tree & have preserved the roots of their Mother tree that perhaps the trees of my vineyard may bring forth again good fruit & *that I may have joy again in the fruit of my vineyard* & perhaps that I *may rejoice exceedingly that I have preserved the roots & the branches of the first fruit*

wherefore go to & call servants that we may labour 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 & the most precious above all other fruit

wherefore let us go to & labour with our mights **106** this last time for behold the end draweth nigh & this is for the last time that I shall prune my vineyard

graft in the branches begin at the last that they may be first & that the first may be last & dig about the trees both Old & young the first & the last & the last & the first that all may be nourished once again for the last time

wherefore dig about them & prune them & dung them once more for the last time for the end draweth nigh & if it so be that these last grafts shall grow & bring forth the natural fruit then shall ye prepare the way for them that they may grow

& as they begin to grow ye shall clear away the branches which bring forth bitter fruit according to the strength of the good & the size thereof & ye shall not clear away the bad
~~ther(-eof) & the (-all) sis(at) e th(once) ereof & y(lest the roots) e shall (-thereof) not clear a(should) way to be to strong for the graft & the graft thereof shall perish & I lose the trees of my vineyard~~

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 & the top may be equal in strength until the good shall overcome the bad & the bad be hewn down & cast into the fire that they cumber not the ground of my vineyard & thus will I sweep away the bad out of my vineyard

& the branches of the natural tree will I graft in again into the natural tree

⁶⁰**And** because that I have preserved the natural branches **and** the roots thereof, **and** that I have grafted in the natur[-]al 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; **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—**

⁶¹**Wherefore, go to, and** call servants, that we may labo[]r diligently with our might[] 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.

⁶²**Wherefore, let us go to and** labo[]r with our might[] this last time, for behold the end draweth nigh, **and** this is for the last time that I shall prune my vineyard.

⁶³**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.

⁶⁴**Wherefore, dig about them, and** prune them, **and** dung them once more, for the last time, for the end draweth nigh[]. **And** if it **be so** that these last grafts shall grow, **and** bring forth the natural fruit, then shall ye prepare the way for them, that they may grow.

⁶⁵**And** as they begin to grow ye shall clear away the branches which bring forth bitter fruit, acco[-]rding to the strength of the good **and** the size thereof; **and** ye shall not clear away the bad
~~ther[-]eof[X_X]all[]at[]once, []X]lest the roots[]X]thereof [X_X_]should[] be too strong for the graft, and the graft thereof shall perish, and I lose the trees of my vineyard.~~

⁶⁶**F**or it grieveth me that I should lose the trees of my vineyard; wherefore ye shall clear away the bad according as the good sh[-]all grow, that the root **and** the top may be equal in strength, until[] the good shall ove[-]rcome 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.

⁶⁷**And** the branches of the natural tree will I graft in again into the natural tree;

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& the branc-hes of the natural tree will I graft into the natural branches of the ~~natural~~ tree & th-us will I bring them together again that they shall bring forth the natural fruit & they shall be one

& ~~(the) they~~ 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

& it came to pass that the Lord of the vineya-rd sent his servant & the servant *went & did as* the Lord had commanded him & brough(t) other servants & they were few

& the Lord of the vineyard saith unto ~~him~~(them) go to & labo-ur in the vineyard with your mights for behold this is the last time that I shall nour-ish my vineyard for the end is nigh at hand & the Season ~~sœ~~(speedily) cometh & if ye labour wi-th your mights with me ye shall have joy in the fruit ~~of~~ which I shall lay up ~~for~~(unto) myself against the time which will soon come

& it came to pass that the servants did go to it & labour with their mights & the Lord of the vineyard laboured also with them & they did obey the commandments of the Lord of the vineyard in all things

& there began to be the na-tural fruit again in the vineyard & the natural branches began to grow & thrive exceedin-gly & the wild branches began to be plucked off & to be cast away & they did keep the ro-ot & the top thereof equil according to the strength thereof

& thus they laboured with all diligence according to the commondments of the Lord of the vineyard even untill the bad had been cast away out of the vineyard & the Lord had preserved unto himself that the trees had become again the natural fruit & they became like unto one body & the fr-uit were equil & the Lord of the vineyard had preserved unto himself the natural fru-it which was most precious unto him from the beginning

⁶⁸And the branc[-]hes of the natural tree will I graft into the natural branches of the [X] tree; and th[-]us will I bring them together again, that they shall bring forth the natural fruit, and they shall be one.

⁶⁹And [X][X] 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.

⁷⁰And it came to pass that the Lord of the vineya[-]rd sent his servant; and the servant went and did as the Lord had commanded him, and brough(t) other servants; and they were few.

⁷¹And the Lord of the vineyard said[_] unto [X]them: Go to, and labo[-][_]r in the vineyard, with your might[_]. For behold, this is the last time that I shall nour[-]ish my vineyard; for the end is nigh at hand, and the season [_ _]speedily[_] cometh; and if ye labo[_]r wi[-]th your might[_] with me ye shall have joy in the fruit [X] which I shall lay up [X]unto myself against the time which will soon come.

⁷²And it came to pass that the servants did go [X_X] and labo[_]r with their mights; and the Lord of the vineyard labo[_]red also with them; and they did obey the commandments of the Lord of the vineyard in all things.

⁷³And there began to be the na[-]tural fruit again in the vineyard; and the natural branches began to grow and thrive exceedin[-]gly; and the wild branches began to be plucked off and to be cast away; and they did keep the ro[-]ot and the top thereof equal, according to the strength thereof.

⁷⁴And thus they labo[_]red, 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; and they became like unto one body; and the fr[-]uits were equal; and the Lord of the vineyard had preserved unto himself the natural fru[-]it, which was most precious unto him from the beginning.

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& it came to pass that when the Lord of the vineyard saw that his fruit was good & that his vineyard was no more corrupt he calleth up his servants & sayeth unto them behold for this last time **107** have we nourished my vineyard & thou beholdest that I have done according to my will & I have preserved the natural fruit that it is good even like as it was in the beginning & blessed art thou for because (that) ~~that~~ ye have been diligent in labouring with me in my vineyard & have kept my commandments & hath brought unto me again the natural fruit that my vineyard is no more corrupted & the bad is cast away behold ye shall have joy with me because of the fruit of my vineyard

for behold for a long time (will) I lay up of the fruit of my vineyard unto mine ownself against the Season which speedily cometh & ~~for~~ for the last time have I nourished my vineyard & pruned it & dug about it & dunged it wherefore I will lay up unto mine ownself of the fruit for a long time according to that which I have spoken

& when the time cometh that evil fruit shall again come into my vineyard then will I cause the good & the bad to be gathered & the good will I preserve unto myself & the bad will I cast away into *its own place* & then cometh the Season & the end & my vineyard will I cause *to be burned with* fire

⁷⁵**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 called[_] up his servants, **and said** unto them: **Behold**, for this last time have we nourished my vineyard; **and** thou beholdest that I have done according to my will; **and** I have preserved the natural fruit, that it is good, even like as it was in the beginning. **And** blessed art thou; for because [X][X] ye have been diligent in labouring with me in my vineyard, **and** have kept my commandments, **and have** 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.

⁷⁶**F**or behold, for a long time [] will I lay up of the fruit of my vineyard unto mine own [] self against the sea[-]son, which speedily cometh; **and** [_ _ _] for the last time have I nourished my vineyard, **and** pruned it, **and** dug about it, **and** dunged it; wherefore I will lay up unto mine own [-]self of the fruit, for a long time, according to that which I have spoken.

⁷⁷**And** when the time cometh that evil fruit shall again come into my vineyard, then will I cause [-]se the good **and** the bad to be gathered; **and** the good will I preserve unto myself, **and** the bad will I cast away into *its own place*. **And then** cometh the season **and** the end; **and** my vineyard will I cause *to be burned with* fire.