

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 Isael & hear the words of me a Prophet of the Lord

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

& 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 prune it & dig about it & nourish it that perhaps it may shoot forth young & tender branches & it perish not

& it came to pass <sup>that</sup> ~~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 somewhat a little young & tender branches but behold the main top thereof began to perish

& it came to pass that the master of the vineyard saw it & he sayeth unto his Servant 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 aft those mai<sup>n</sup> 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.*

<sup>1</sup>Behold, my **brethren**, do ye not remember to have read the words of the **p**rophet Zenos, which **he** spake unto the house of Israel, saying:

<sup>2</sup>Hearken, O ye house of **Israel**, **and** hear the words of me, a **p**rophet of the Lord.

<sup>3</sup>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**.

<sup>4</sup>**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 prune it, **and** dig about it, **and** nourish it, that perhaps it may shoot forth young **and** tender branches, **and** it perish not.

<sup>5</sup>**And** it came to pass **that** [ \_ \_ \_ ] he pruned it, **and** digged about it, **and** nourished it according to his word.

<sup>6</sup>**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.

<sup>7</sup>**And** it came to pass that the master of the vineyard saw it, **and** he **said** unto his **servant**: **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.

<sup>8</sup>**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; **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 inthe stead 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 lose 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 way watch the tree & nourish it according to my words

& these will I place in the nithermost 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 vineyard went his way & hid the natural branches of the tame Olive tree in the nithermost parts of the vineyard some in one & some in another according to his will & pleasure

& it cam<sup>e</sup> 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 <sup>may</sup> labour in the vineyard

& it came to pass that the Lord of the vineyard & also the servant went down into the vineyard to labour & it came to pass that the Servant sayeth unto his master behold look here behold 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 natural fruit

<sup>9</sup>Take 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.

<sup>10</sup>**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.

<sup>11</sup>**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; 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.

<sup>12</sup>Wherefore, go thy way; watch the tree, **and** nourish it, according to my words.

<sup>13</sup>**And** these will I place in the nethermost 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.

<sup>14</sup>**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.

<sup>15</sup>**And** 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.

<sup>16</sup>**And** 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; behold the tree.

<sup>17</sup>**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** begun to bear fruit. **And** he beheld that it was good; **and** the fruit thereof was like unto the natural fruit.

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& he sayeth unto the Servant behold the branches of the wild tree ~~have~~<sup>hath</sup> taken 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 branches 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 mush 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 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 ownself

& it came to pass that they went forth whither the master<sup>of the vineyard</sup> 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 this long time have I nourished it & it hath brought forth much<sup>fruit</sup>

& 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** 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 & thou 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 branch<sup>of the tree</sup> 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 therefore gather it & lay it up against the season that I may preserve it unto mine ownself

& 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

<sup>18</sup>**And he said** unto the **servant: Behold**, the branches of the wild tree **[X]have** taken hold of the moisture 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 branches **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~~ self.

<sup>19</sup>**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~~ of the vineyard, **and** behold if the natural branches of the tree **have** not brought forth much fruit also, that I may lay up of the fruit thereof against the **season**, unto mine own~~self~~ self.

<sup>20</sup>**And** it came to pass that they went forth whither 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~~ self; for behold, **said** he, this long time have I nourished it, **and** it hath brought forth much~~fruit~~ fruit.

<sup>21</sup>**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 vineyard.

<sup>22</sup>**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** thou beholdest that it hath brought forth much fruit.

<sup>23</sup>**And** it came to pass that the Lord of the vineyard **said** 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. **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 ownself.

<sup>24</sup>**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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& the servant sayeth 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 & 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 own purpose I have preserved them & because of their much strength they have hitherto brought forth from the wild branches good fruit

but behold the wild branches have grew & have overran the roots thereof & because that the wild branches have overcome the roots thereof it hath brought forth much evil fruit & because that it hath brought forth so much evil fruit thou beholdest that it b<sup>o</sup>gineth to perish & it will soon become ripened that it may be cast into the fire except we should do something for it to preserve 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 nithermost 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 last & 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 could I have done more for my vineyard

behold I knew that all the fruit of the vineyard save it were these had become corrupted & now these which have once brought 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

<sup>34</sup>**And** the servant **said** 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.

<sup>35</sup>**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.

<sup>36</sup>**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.

<sup>37</sup>**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; **and** because that it hath brought forth so much evil fruit thou beholdest that it **begin**eth 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.

<sup>38</sup>**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.

<sup>39</sup>**And** it came to pass that they went down into the **nethermost** 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 last; **and** they had all become corrupt.

<sup>40</sup>**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.

<sup>41</sup>**And** it came to pass that the Lord of the vineyard wept, **and said** unto the servant: **What** could I have done more for my vineyard?

<sup>42</sup>**Behold**, I knew that all the fruit of the vineyard, save it were these, had become corrupted. **And** now these which have once brought 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 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

& thou beholdest that I also cut down that which cumbered this spot of ground that I might plant this tree in the stead thereof

& thou beholdest that a part thereof brought forth good fruit & the part thereof brought forth wild fruit & because that I plucked 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 which 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 against the season unto mine ownself but behold they have become like unto the wild Olive 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 almost 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 burned 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** overcome 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

<sup>43</sup>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.

<sup>44</sup>And thou beholdest that I also cut down that which cumbered this spot of ground, that I might plant this tree in the stead thereof.

<sup>45</sup>And thou beholdest that a part thereof brought forth good fruit, and a part thereof brought forth wild fruit; and because  I plucked not the branches thereof and cast them into the fire, behold, they have overcome the good branch that it hath withered away.

<sup>46</sup>And now, behold, notwithstanding all the care which 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 against the season, unto mine own self. 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 lo se them.

<sup>47</sup>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 almost 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 burned. Who is it that has  corrupted my vineyard?

<sup>48</sup>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  the branches have overcome the roots thereof,  behold they grew faster than the strength of the roots, [ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ ] taking strength unto themselves. Behold, I say, is not this the cause that the trees of thy vineyard have become corrupted?

<sup>49</sup>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?

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but behold the servant saith unto the Lord of the vineyard spare it a little longer

& 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 most 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 whithersoever 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 mine ownself that when they shall be sufficiently strong that perhaps they may bring forth good fruit unto me & I<sup>may</sup> 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 natural trees which also had become wild

& they also took of the natural trees which had become wild & gr<sup>o</sup>fted 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~~<sup>which</sup> 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~~<sup>change</sup>~~nee~~ of the branches that the good may overcome the evil

<sup>50</sup>But, behold, the servant said[] unto the Lord of the vineyard: Spare it a little longer.

<sup>51</sup>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.

<sup>52</sup>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 most bitter, and graft in the natural branches of the tree in[]the[]stead thereof.

<sup>53</sup>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.

<sup>54</sup>And, behold, the roots of the natural branches of the tree which I planted whithersoever 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 mine own[]self, that when they shall be sufficiently strong [X] perhaps they may bring forth good fruit unto me, and I may yet have glory in the fruit of my vineyard.

<sup>55</sup>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.

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

<sup>57</sup>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.

<sup>58</sup>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.

<sup>59</sup>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 natural 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 sise thereof & ye shall not clear away the bad thereof & ye shall <sup>lest the roots thereof</sup> ~~not clear away~~ <sup>lest the roots thereof</sup> 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 untill 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

**60** 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; 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, according to the strength of the good and the size thereof; and ye shall not clear away the bad thereof[ X\_X ]all[ ]at[ ]once, [ ]lest the roots[ X\_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** 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.

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

& the branches of the natural tree will I graft into the natural branches of the natural tree & thus will I bring them together again that they shall bring forth the natural fruit & they shall be one

& <sup>the</sup>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 vineyard sent his servant & the servant went & did as the Lord had commanded him & brought other servants & they were few

& the Lord of the vineyard saith unto ~~him~~<sup>them</sup> go to & labour in the vineyard with your mights for behold this is the last time that I shall nourish my vineyard for the end is nigh at hand & the Season ~~see~~<sup>speedily</sup> cometh & if ye labour with your mights with me ye shall have joy in the fruit of which I shall lay up ~~for~~<sup>unto</sup> 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 natural fruit again in the vineyard & the natural branches began to grow & thrive exceedingly & the wild branches began to be plucked off & to be cast away & they did keep the root & the top thereof equal according to the strength thereof

& thus they laboured 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 & the Lord had preserved unto himself that the trees had become again the natural fruit & they became like unto one body & the fruit were equal & the Lord of the vineyard had preserved unto himself the natural fruit which was most precious unto him from the beginning

<sup>67</sup>And the branches of the natural tree will I graft in again into the natural tree;

<sup>68</sup>And the branches of the natural tree will I graft into the natural branches of the [X] tree; and thus will I bring them together again, that they shall bring forth the natural fruit, and they shall be one.

<sup>69</sup>And [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.

<sup>70</sup>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.

<sup>71</sup>And 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 nourish my vineyard; for the end is nigh at hand, and the season [\_ \_]speedily[\_] cometh; and if ye labo[\_]r with 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.

<sup>72</sup>And 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.

<sup>73</sup>And there began to be the natural fruit again in the vineyard; and the natural branches began to grow and thrive exceedingly; 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.

<sup>74</sup>And 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 fruits were equal; and the Lord of the vineyard had preserved unto himself the natural fruit, 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~~<sup>thou</sup> 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<sup>will</sup> 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 & dinged 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*—

<sup>75</sup>**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] ye have been diligent in labo[ ]ring 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.

<sup>76</sup>**F**or 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; **and** [ \_ \_ \_ ] for the last time have I nourished my vineyard, **and** pruned it, **and** dug about it, **and** dinged it; wherefore I will lay up unto mine ownself of the fruit, for a long time, according to that which I have spoken.

<sup>77</sup>**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; **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*.