

# LESSON 13 ? Jacob 5-7

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(Objective: to help us better understand allegories and olive trees)

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Bad fruit kills good fruit	Nephites destroyed by Lamanites
Bearing good fruit	Adding life & strength to church
Branches	Groups of people
Decay	Apostasy
Dunging	Nourishing
Final nourishing	Gospel restoration / Gathering of Israel
Good fruit	Lives or works of good people
Grafting	Joining House of Israel through baptism
Loftiness of vineyard	Pride
Master of vineyard	Jesus Christ
Natural fruit restored	Millennium
Natural fruit	Eternal life
Plucking (burning)	Judgment / Justice
Pruning (digging)	Mercy, Patience, Long-suffering
Roots of tame tree	Covenant people / blood of Israel
Same tree, bad fruit	Lamanites
Same tree, good fruit	Nephites
Servants	Prophets & others called to serve
Sweeping away of bad	Second coming of Christ
Tame olive tree	The house of Israel (covenant people)
Transplant natural branches	Scattering of Israel throughout world
Vineyard burned	Final judgment / Earth restored
Vineyard	The world
Visit #1 of Master	Time before Christ's mortal ministry
Visit #2 of Master	Time of Christ
Visit #3 of Master	Time of apostasy and conditions of all churches
Visit #4 of Master	Last days leading to millennium
Wild corrupt fruit	Breaking covenants
Wild olive tree	Gentiles (not born into house of Israel)

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**Definition of grafting**

To put a shoot or bud from one tree into a slit in another tree so that it will grow there as a part of it.

(The World Book Dictionary)

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Supplement #1	Symbols of allegory .....	Lots of time can be spent reading and rereading this allegory
Jacob 5:3-4	What does master of vineyard find? .....	The tame tree began to decay, meaning what?
Jacob 5:4-14	What did master do about it? .....	Read and summarize each verse
Supplement #2	Definition of grafting .....	
Jacob 5:11, 18	Why graft in wild branches? .....	To preserve the House of Israel
Acts 10:34-35;44-48	When was gospel first taken to Gentiles?.....	Remember the conflict it caused within the church?
1 Nephi 10:12-13	Transplanting of tame branches represents?.....	Scattering of Israel
1 Nephi 2:19-20	What groups might this represent? .....	Tribes of Israel and Nephites / Lamanites
Amos 9:8-9	Why was Israel scattered? .....	"sinful kingdom"
Jacob 5	Why did master repeatedly work in vineyard? .....	Let members describe Christ's love for all his children
Jacob 5:15-18	During 2 <sup>nd</sup> visit, fate of tame tree? .....	Bearing good fruit means? How can new members help church?
Jacob 5:19-25	During 2 <sup>nd</sup> visit, fate of transplanted branches?.....	Poor & poorest grnd = Israel (good frt)/Good grnd = N & L (good & bad frt)
Jacob 5:29-32; 37-42	During 3 <sup>rd</sup> visit, fate of all fruit?.....	All fruit gone bad - apostasy
Jacob 5:48	What caused apostasy?.....	"Loftiness of vineyard" = pride / How does it prevent bearing of good fruit?
Jacob 5: 41, 47	What was master's response to corrupt fruit? .....	Lord wept / Does knowing the Lord loves us make a difference?
Jacob 5:49-52,61-64	During 4 <sup>th</sup> visit, how did master save vineyard? ....	Nourish, prune, transplant tame back / restore gospel, gather Israel
Jacob 5:61, 70	Who are other servants?.....	Prophets, and missionaries and you and me
Jacob 5:71, 74-75	What are results of their efforts?.....	How can we help? What are the rewards?

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Jacob 6:1	Following allegory, what did Jacob prophesy? .....	They would come to pass
Jacob 6:2	What time period did Jacob refer to?.....	The latter days. Does this allegory have meaning for us then?
Jacob 6:4-5	How will Savor recover Israel in the latter days?... "stretches forth his hands" "extends arm of mercy"	
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Jacob 6:11-12	What are responsibilities of those nourished? .....	Repent, enter gate, continue in way, "O be wise; what can I say more?"
Supplement #3	Joseph Fielding Smith .....	Because we have been nourished, we have obligation to nourish others

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