

## Pardesh Work Sheet

Then he began to speak to them in parables. 'A man planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a pit for the wine press, and built a watch-tower; then he leased it to tenants and went to another country. <sup>2</sup>When the season came, he sent a slave to the tenants to collect from them his share of the produce of the vineyard. <sup>3</sup>But they seized him, and beat him, and sent him away empty-handed. <sup>4</sup>And again he sent another slave to them; this one they beat over the head and insulted. <sup>5</sup>Then he sent another, and that one they killed. And so it was with many others; some they beat, and others they killed. <sup>6</sup>He had still one other, a beloved son. Finally he sent him to them, saying, "They will respect my son." <sup>7</sup>But those tenants said to one another, "This is the heir; come, let us kill him, and the inheritance will be ours." <sup>8</sup>So they seized him, killed him, and threw him out of the vineyard. <sup>9</sup>What then will the owner of the vineyard do? He will come and destroy the tenants and give the vineyard to others. <sup>10</sup>Have you not read this scripture:

"The stone that the builders rejected  
has become the cornerstone;  
<sup>11</sup>this was the Lord's doing,  
and it is amazing in our eyes"?' <sup>12</sup>

When they realized that he had told this parable against them, they wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowd. So they left him and went away.

*What is the plain meaning of the text? What do the words say?*

*What is the meaning within the text as a whole?*

*In the light of the text, how is the community expected to live now?*

*How does the text relate to the life of God?*