

# The Parable of the Wicked Tenants

Luke 20:9-18

**God's  
INVESTMENT  
and expectation of  
RETURN  
from His people**



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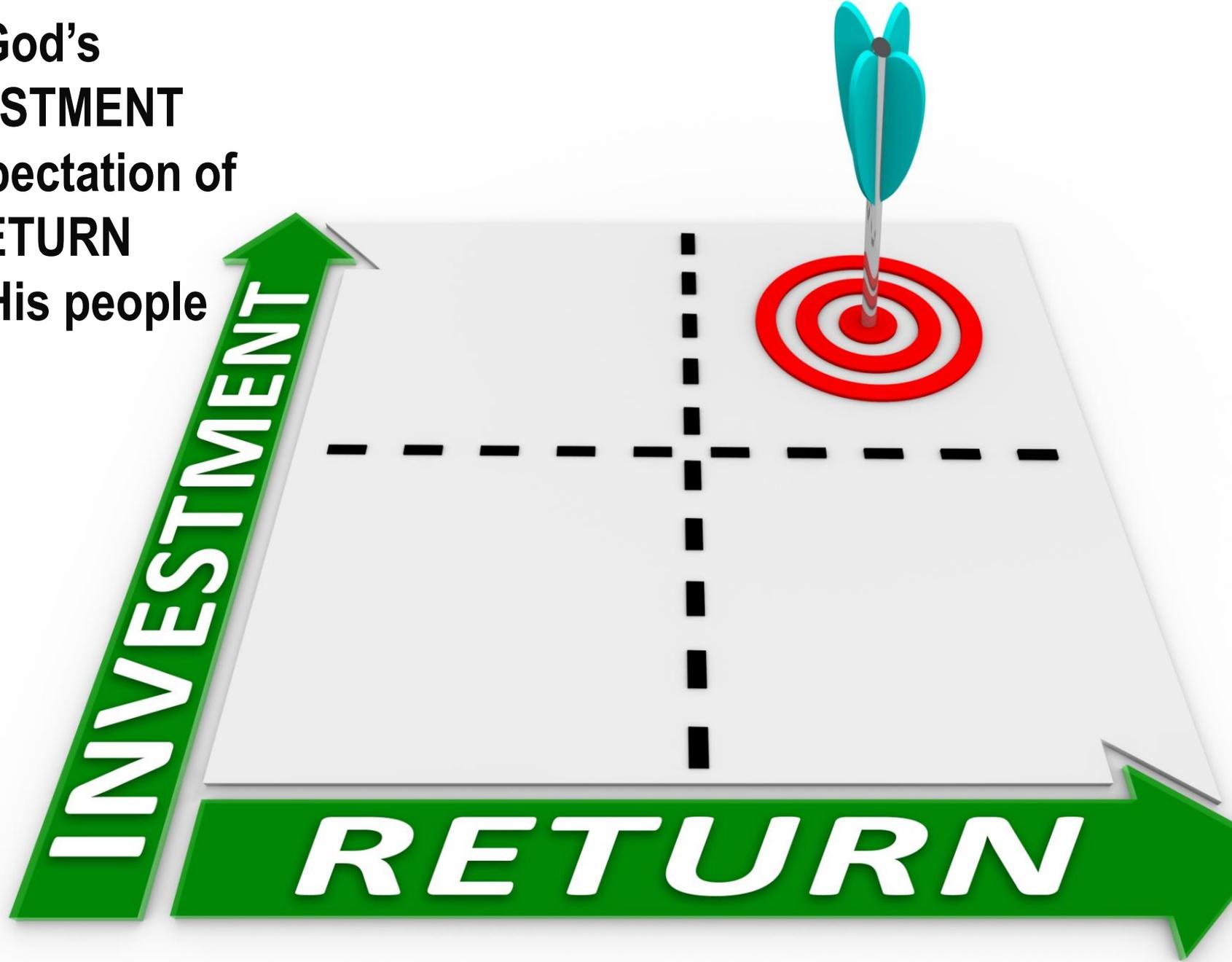
***<sup>9</sup> He went on to tell the people this parable: “A man planted a vineyard, rented it to some farmers and went away for a long time.”***

Period prior to John the Baptist

***10 At harvest time he sent a servant to the tenants so they would give him some of the fruit of the vineyard. But the tenants beat him and sent him away empty-handed.***

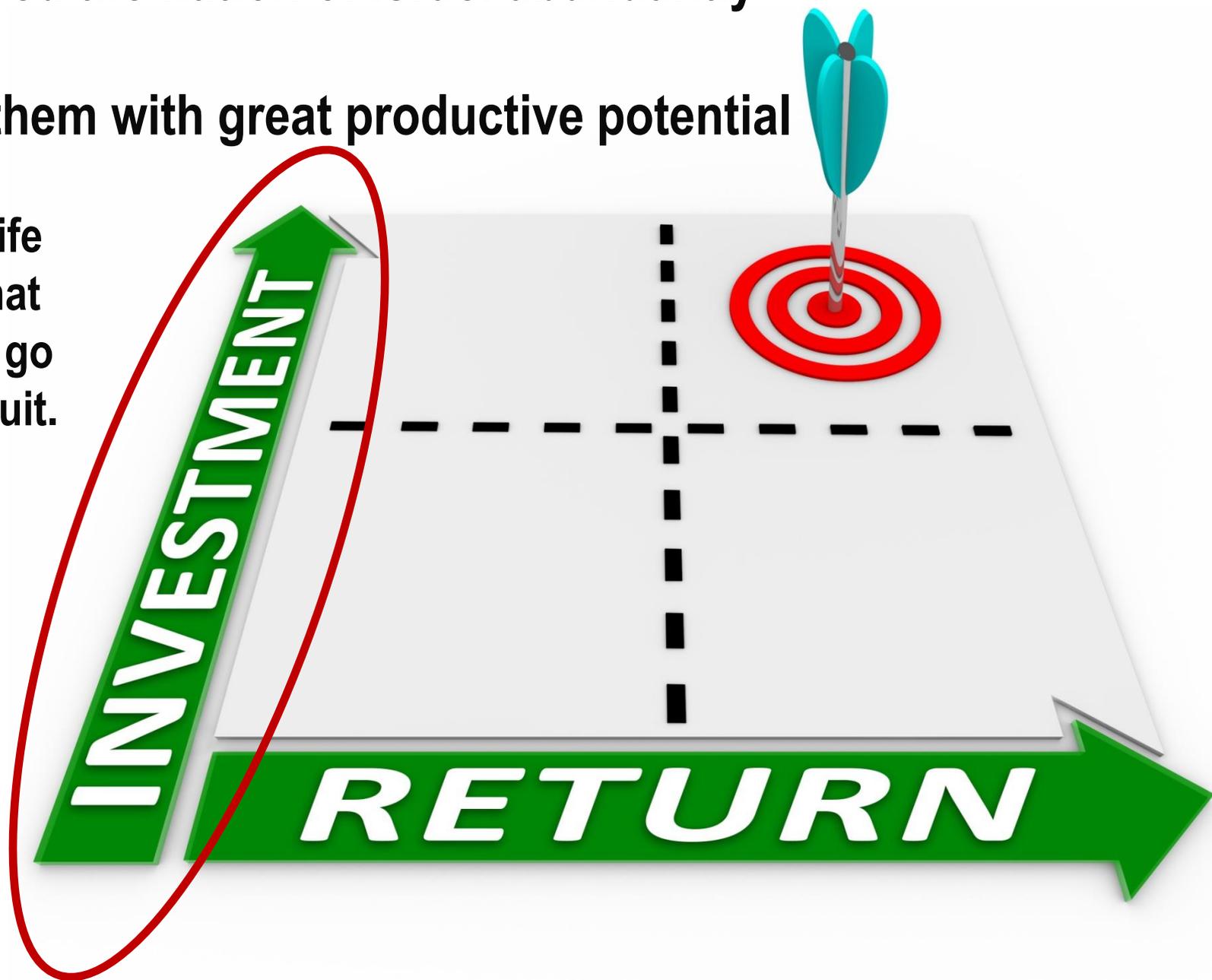
God and Israel's  
covenant relationship

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**God blessed the nation of Israel abundantly  
and  
invested them with great productive potential**

**God gave life  
and land that  
they might go  
and bear fruit.**



Fruits of  
righteousness  
and new life, the  
fruits of love,  
joy, and peace.



Obey His Word  
and return to Him a spiritual harvest out of their lives

*God blessed the nation of Israel abundantly  
and invested them with great productive potential*

**INVESTMENT**

**RETURN**



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***11 He sent another servant,  
but that one also they beat  
and treated shamefully  
and sent away empty-handed.***

Jesus likened  
the prophets to a series of servants

***12 He sent still a third, and they wounded him and threw him out.***

- The first messenger was beaten.
- The second messenger was not only beaten but also treated shamefully.
- The third messenger was permanently wounded.
- What would be the vineyard's owner's response to these ungrateful tenants?

## II. GOD'S WORD REJECTED 20:13-15a.

***13 “Then the owner of the vineyard said, ‘What shall I do? I will send my son, whom I love; perhaps they will respect him.’***

God's willingness to make Himself vulnerable by sending His Son in order to win His people back to Himself

***14 “But when the tenants saw him, they talked the matter over. ‘This is the heir,’ they said. ‘Let’s kill him, and the inheritance will be ours.’***

None of us falls into sin, but rather we walk into sin one step at a time

***15 So they threw him out of the vineyard and killed him.***

*“What then will the owner of the vineyard do to them?”*

The son is killed outside the vineyard or camp (Heb. 13:12-13)

### III. GOD'S SENTENCE GIVEN, 20:15b-16.

*15 So they threw him out of the vineyard and killed him.*

***“What then will the owner of the vineyard do to them?”***

***16 He will come and kill those tenants and give the vineyard to others.”When the people heard this, they said, “God forbid!”***

God gives the vineyard over to  
Gentiles

## IV. GOD'S CHOSEN STONE, 20:17-18.

***<sup>17</sup> Jesus looked directly at them and asked,  
“Then what is the meaning of that which is  
written:***

***““The stone the builders rejected  
has become the cornerstone””?***

Jesus' point was that He,  
the most important element in the Jewish nation,  
was being rejected, but ultimately would be  
supreme.

## ***Psalms 118 :22***

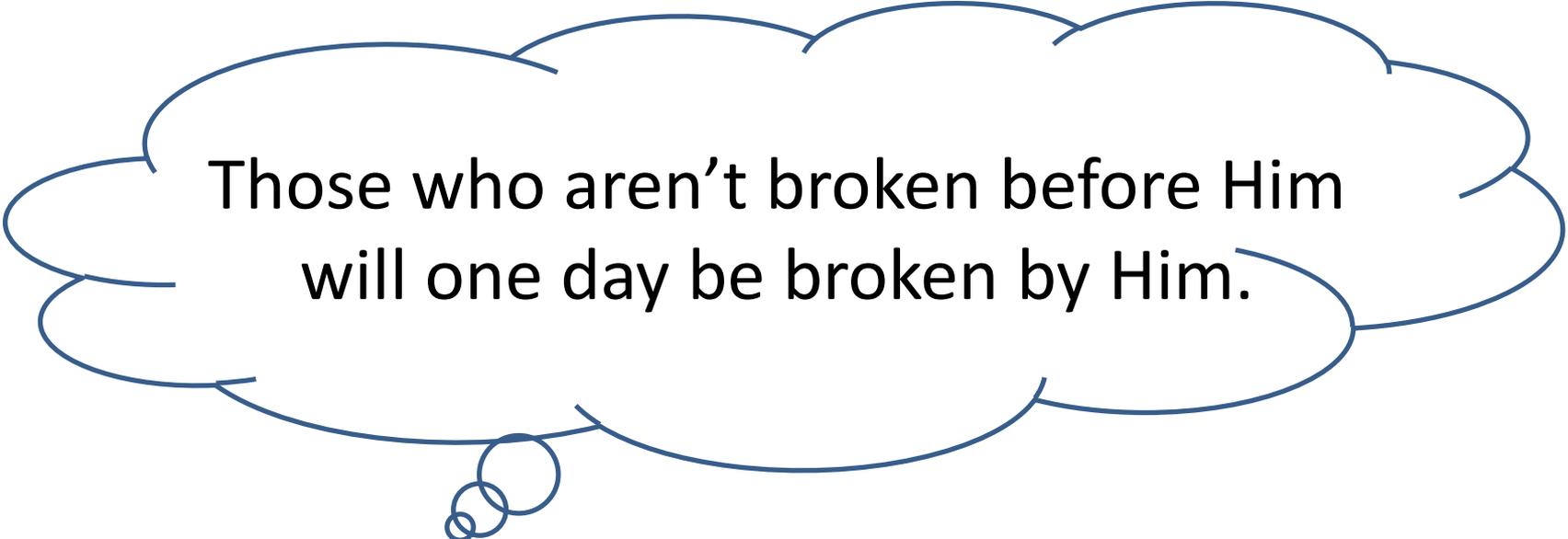
**22 The stone the builders rejected  
has become the cornerstone;**



**Jesus was rejected, but ultimately would be supreme.**

***18 Everyone who falls on that stone  
will be broken to pieces;  
anyone on whom it falls will be crushed.”***

Those who will not fall upon this stone in the  
brokenness of repentance  
will have that stone fall upon them in judgment.



Those who aren't broken before Him  
will one day be broken by Him.

See I lay a stone in Zion,  
a chosen and precious cornerstone,  
and the one who trusts in Him  
will never be put to shame"

1 Peter 2:6

1. Which area of your life need to be broken by God's precious chosen stone?
2. How will you cast your life upon Him now to be broken before Him in repentance and be saved?
3. Or will you wait too long and be broken or crushed by Him when He returns to judge the world?