

Wine in the Bible

A BIBLICAL REFERENCE TO ANCIENT GRAPE GROWING AND WINEMAKING

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One would be hard pressed to find a person who came of age in the west who hadn't heard of the New Testament account of water being turned into wine. After all, Jesus' first miracle is one of Western civilization's formative symbols. But what most don't know is how important wine and its production was to ancient Israelites, and how its inextricable place in their lives is reflected in the Biblical narrative.

Jabier Marquinez gives readers a unique insight into this historical

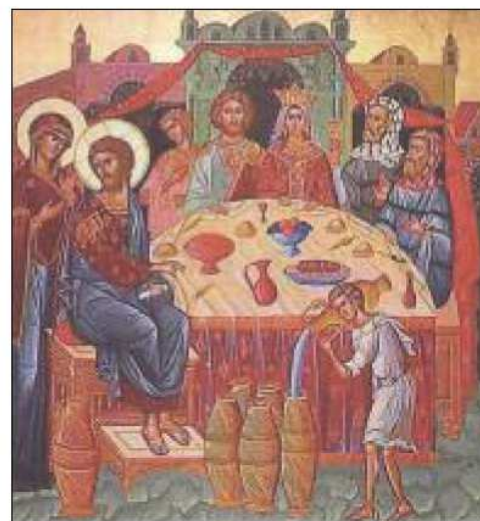
winemaking world with direct references from the Old and New Testament which relay such intricate details as:

- Specific vineyard practices from grafting and pruning to watering and fertilizing.
- Ethical labor agreements with foreign vineyard workers.
- Vineyard pests and proper abatement techniques.
- Harvesting, blending and storage procedures.
- Ancient winery technology.
- The use of wine as medicine and dyes.
- Why a farmer with an active vineyard was entitled to a military service exemption.

Wine in the Bible is

a fascinating examination of the daily working lives and practices of Bible-era winemakers and wine drinkers.

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"Wine" in the Bible

"WINE" IN HEBREW

Yayim Wine

Tirosh Must or must-wine

Shekar Strong wine

Chemer Sparkling wine or sparkling fermented drink

Asir Sweet, new wine

Shemar Aged wine

Mamsak/Mesekh/Meezeg Mixed wine

Chomets Vinegar

"WINE" IN GREEK

Oinos Wine

Gleukos Sweet, new wine

Sikera Strong drink (spirits)

Oxos Vinegar