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Chapters 21 & 22

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“All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.

¹⁹ Go therefore and ***make disciples*** of all nations,
baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,
²⁰ teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you.
And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

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a 'check the boxes', nor an accomplishment.*

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*It's being a surrendered follower
of a glorious Christ...*

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...Who not only has the answers to the questions of life, but Who is the answer.

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- In Matthew 13:10 Jesus explained that His use of parables had a two-fold purpose:
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 - to conceal the truth from those who were indifferent.

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Isaiah 5:1-7

- ¹ Let me sing for my beloved my love song concerning his vineyard:
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he built a watchtower in the midst of it, and hewed out a wine vat in it;
and he looked for it to yield grapes, but it yielded wild grapes.
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judge between me and my vineyard.
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Prophet	Death	Date
Isaiah	Sawn in half by King Manassah of Judah	750 BC
Jeremiah	Stoned by Israelites in Egypt	600 BC
Ezekiel	Martyred during the exile in Babylon	590 BC
Micah	Killed by King Jehoram of Israel	700 BC
Amos	Tortured by Amaziah the Priest	750 BC
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I will also command the clouds that they rain no rain upon it.

⁷ For the vineyard of the Lord of hosts is the house of Israel,
and the men of Judah are his pleasant planting;
and he looked for justice, but behold, bloodshed;
for righteousness, but behold, an outcry!

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19 Open to me the gates of righteousness,
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20 This is the gate of the Lord;
the righteous shall enter through it.

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The Son, who was killed and then defeated death, turns out to be the only hope we have for the reclamation of our lives!

