

Sermon Outline
“Setting Aside National Israel”
Matthew 22:1-14

- I.** Jesus now tells a third parable about the removal of Israel
 - A.** The parable of two sons – 21:23-32
The leadership of Israel stands outside the covenant.
 - B.** The parable of the vineyard and its keepers – 21:33-46
Ethnic Israel is removed as the caretaker of God’s Kingdom
 - C.** Parable of the wedding feast – 22:1-14
The covenant community expanded beyond the nation

- II.** The connection with the previous parable
 - A.** God’s bountiful providence to his covenant people
 - A vineyard – 21:33
 - A sumptuous feast – 22:4
 - B.** God’s providential contact with his covenant people
 - Servants & son sent seeking tribute – 21:34-39
 - Servants sent with an invitation – 22:3-6
 - C.** Destruction for those who oppose the king
 - “Destroy those wicked men” – 21:41
 - The men and their city destroyed – 22:7
 - D.** The bounty given to others
 - The vineyard given to fruit-bearers 21:41 (*cf.* 43)
 - The invitation given to strangers 22:8-10

- III.** The parable of the wedding feast – broadening the Kingdom
 - A.** The original invitees are disqualified vv. 2-6
 - They ignored the invitation
 - They busied themselves with other matters
 - They killed the servants
 - B.** A verdict of judgment levied against them v. 7
 - The murderers destroyed
 - Their city burned
 - C.** New guests invited from among all sorts of men vv. 8-10
 - D.** The invitation is not without qualification vv. 11-14
 - The shame of nakedness must be covered
 - Rev 3:14-22 (*cf.* Gen 3:10-11)
 - Is 61:10 (*cf.* Ps 132:16)