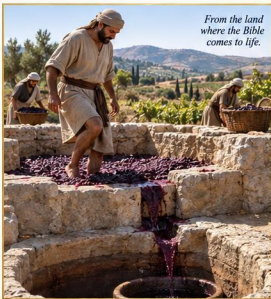


ANCIENT WINEMAKING IN BIBLE LANDS

How grapes became wine in ancient Judea

A fun look at the tools, process, and Bible-world history behind an ancient craft.

Archaeologists have uncovered many ancient stone winepresses in the land of Israel, helping us picture how people produced wine in Bible times. Grapes were often trodden by foot on an upper treading floor, and the juice flowed through a channel into a lower collecting vat. The liquid was then fermented and stored in clay jars or amphorae. Experimental archaeology and reconstruction projects have helped scholars better understand how this process worked more than 2,000 years ago. These discoveries bring everyday life in the Bible world into clearer view.



From the land where the Bible comes to life.



Ancient winepress found in Israel



Grapes and clay jars (amphorae)

FUN FACTS

- Stone winepresses were carved to let juice flow downhill by gravity.
- Grapes were commonly crushed by foot.
- Juice was collected in a lower vat before fermentation.
- Wine was stored in clay jars or amphorae.
- Vineyards and winepresses are often mentioned in Scripture.
- Archaeology helps Bible history feel more vivid and real.

WHY IT MATTERS

Discoveries like these help us understand daily life in Bible times—the farming, seasons, trade, and hard work behind everyday necessities. Wine was part of family life, hospitality, and the economy, and it is often used in Scripture as a picture of blessing, joy, and God's care. Seeing the real places and tools helps us better understand the culture, people, and powerful imagery found throughout God's Word.



SCRIPTURE

Isaiah 5:2

"...and also made a winepress therein..."

Psalms 104:14-15

"He causeth the grass to grow for the cattle, and herb for the service of man: that he may bring forth food out of the earth; And wine that maketh glad the heart of man..."

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PRAYER

Lord, thank You for the fruit of the earth and for the way history and archaeology help Your Word come alive to us. As we learn about everyday life in Bible times, deepen our gratitude for Your provision and our understanding of Scripture. Teach us to bear good fruit for Your glory.

In Jesus' name, Amen.

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PSALM 100:5