Ezekiel 15:1-16:6

Beginning in Chapter 15, God uses the image of a vine branch and asks a series of rhetorical questions, centering on how the wood of the vine is the _____ choice for doing anything

People do not use it to make anything or even hang things from it and they would do even less with it if the wood was _____ already from a fire, which illustrates the current state of God's people in exile

Just as the wood of the vine is _____ to be useless without question and is destined to be firewood, God will put most of His people into the same pile

Those who are in this pile have the same defect: the _____ of faith is not present in their words and actions, so without God they snap like a twig

In Chapter 16, the very common _____ between idolatry and adultery is introduced, linking God's people with a faithless bride

However, God begins long before the bride was of marrying age, starting with the _____ of the bride's parents, who both were tainted by other cultures' gods

Instead of receiving _____ care after her birth, the baby is left to be cold, dirty, and neglected out in the open, while hoping for a miracle to save herself

Then, God is depicted as a passerby, who sees or hears the child and _____ not only physical life to her, but also spiritual life