

~HEDGE (55)

- Orchards and vineyards were commonly surrounded by hedges, thick rows of thorny plants, to safeguard the area from thieves and the depredations of animals.
- And now, please, may I make known to you men what I am doing to my vineyard. There will be a removing of its **hedge**, and it must be destined for burning down. There must be a breaking down of its stone wall, and it must be destined for a place of trampling. (**Isaiah 5:5**)
- The Scriptures employ the expression put up a **hedge** in a figurative sense to denote the **giving of protection**.
- Have not you yourself put up a **hedge** about him and about his house and about everything that he has all around? The work of his hands you have blessed, and his livestock itself has spread abroad in the earth. (**Job 1:10**)
- On the other hand, **hedging** in is used to represent the rearing up of obstacles, or barriers, placing an individual or even a nation in a helpless and forsaken situation with no way out.
- Why does he give light to able-bodied man, whose way has been concealed, and whom God **hedges** in? (**Job 3:23**)
- Therefore here I am **hedging** your way about with thorns, and I will heap up a stone wall against her, so that her own roadways she will not find. (**Hosea 2:6**)
- My very path he has blocked with a stone wall, and I cannot pass over, and upon my roadways he puts darkness itself. (**Job 19:8**)
- He has blocked me up as with a stone wall, that I may not go forth. He has made my copper fetters heavy. (**Lamentations 3:7**)
- Also, when I call for aid and cry for help, he actually hampers my prayer. (**Lamentations 3:8**)
- He has blocked up my ways with hewn stone. My roadways he has twisted. (**Lamentations 3:9**)

- **With reference to the moral corruption existing among the Israelites of his day, Micah wrote that their most upright one is worse than a thorn **hedge**, that is, prickly, hurtful, and injurious.**
- **Their best one is like a brier, their most upright one is worse than a thorn **hedge**. The day of your watchmen, of your being given attention, must come. Now will occur the confounding of them. (Micah 7:4)**