SYMBOL	POSSIBLE MEANING
Tame olive tree	The house of Israel, God's covenant people
The vineyard	The world
Decay	Sin and apostasy
Lord and master of the vineyard	Jesus Christ
Pruning, digging, and nourishing	The Lord's efforts to help people receive the blessings of His Atonement
Servant of the master of the vineyard	The Lord's prophets
Branches	Groups of people
Wild olive tree	Gentiles—those who have not made covenants with the Lord. Later in the allegory, natural olive trees become wild, representing portions of the house of Israel that fall into apostasy.
Grafting and planting branches	The scattering and gathering of the Lord's covenant people. In addition, the grafting of wild branches into the tame olive tree represents the conversion of those who become part of the Lord's covenant people.
Burning branches	God's judgments on the wicked
Fruit	The lives or works of people