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Camphire In The Vineyards

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Worship Service: 9:30 a.m.

Bible Study: 10:45 a.m.

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Camphire In The Vineyards

Song of Solomon 1:14 My beloved *is* unto me *as* a cluster of camphire in the vineyards of Engedi.



Engedi

This morning the Holy Spirit directs our attention to the region of ***Engedi***. In his Old Testament *Bible History* Alfred Edersheim writes concerning Engedi, which was surrounded by desert wilderness, [There we see] “*the fountain of the goat,*’ which, leaping down a considerable height in a thin cascade, converts that desert into the most lovely oasis.” [It unfolds into] “a scene of tropical beauty and wealth . . . such as it is scarcely possible to describe.”

“Bounded by two perennial streams, between which the Engedi itself makes its way, it must of old have been a little paradise; the plain covered with palm-trees, the slopes up the mountains with the choicest vineyards of Judea, scented with camphire. Song of Solomon 1:14.”

“But all above was ‘wilderness’, bare round limestone hills rising from two hundred to four hundred feet, burrowed by numberless caves, to which the entrance is sometimes almost inaccessible.” It was in this area that David escaped from king Saul by hiding in a cave.

