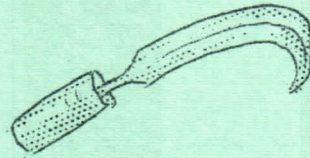


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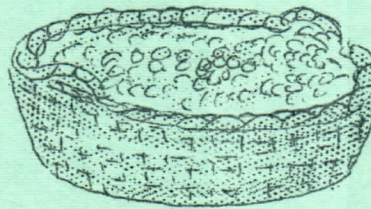
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The time to cut the grapes from the vine was in August or September - about the time that school starts. This was a happy time in Israel. Very often the families went to the vineyard to live. Friends and other workers came too. Everyone was glad when there were many grapes. This is how they did their work:

1. The bunches of grapes were cut with a small sickle.



2. The grapes were piled in large baskets.



3. Many of the grapes were eaten right there in the vineyard. God made a rule about this. God said that when a friend came to a man's vineyard, he could eat all the grapes he wanted but he must not carry off the grapes in his basket.

(See Deuteronomy 23:24)

4. Most of the grapes were carried to the winepress. Sometimes a donkey carried the baskets of grapes to the winepress.

