

The Fig Tree Prophetic Isra'el

We've had a fig tree at our home for quite a few years now. It has always produced more figs than we could ever use. This year, its fruit is beyond comprehension, beyond measure! This one fig tree is producing 5 trees worth of fruit! Then we realized, it's tied to the war in Israel and the blessings of the open heavenly porthole I shared about last Shabbat. The fig tree is scripturally symbolic of Israel itself.

Hosea 9:10. "When I found Isra'el, it was like finding grapes in the desert; when I saw your ancestors, it was like seeing a fig tree's first figs in its first season. But as soon as they came to Ba'al-P'or, they dedicated themselves to something shameful; they became as loathsome as the thing they loved.

Biblical Eschatology is about Israel and the Chosen People! Eschatology is the biblical study of the end time destiny of both individuals and all creation, focusing on the end times or final events in kingdom concepts. Eschatology focus is upon the end time! It examines scriptures regarding the end of the world and the afterlife. Studying eschatology help us understand prophetic passages in the Bible and encourages us live accordingly, to be prepared and provisioned regarding soon coming events centered upon Israel (like the Ten Bridesmaids).

Israel is mentioned in the entire bible 500 times, 78 times in the Brit Chadesha alone! There are over 1,800 biblical prophecies contained in scripture that involves over 8,300 verse. The whole bible contains just over 31,000 verse so about 27% of scripture, or one third of the bible deals with prophecy (*Encyclopedia of Biblical Prophecy*). Of those prophecies, over 95% deal directly with Israel and the Jewish people. I can't tell you the number of books on Eschatology that never once mentions Israel! If you are reading a book about the bible and Israel isn't mentioned through it out! It's in error. The first recorded fruit in scripture is the fig.

Genesis 3:6-7. When the woman saw that the tree was good for food, that it had a pleasing appearance and that the tree was desirable for making one wise, she took some of its fruit and ate. She also gave some to her husband, who was with her; and he ate. ⁷ Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they realized that they were naked. So they sewed fig leaves together to make themselves loincloths.

ON an interesting side note, how did they know how to sew? Anyway, the fig is the only specific tree that we know for sure is mentioned in Gan Eden, the Garden of Eden. Fig in Hebrew is: "Teenah", fig tree, the fig fruit. Throughout the Scriptures, the fig is a symbol of prosperity, wellbeing, and security. Along with the vine, to sit under for plentiful shade, your own fig tree is the epitome of safety, peace and wellbeing in numerous scriptures. A mature fig tree it takes time to culture and nurture them—their maturity indicates that the gardener has been continuously and steadfastly there, tending to their growth over the years.

For Israel, exile and wandering has is a biblical byword for punishment and so sitting under your own vine and fig tree is a sign of blessing and security. Figs are one of the seven fruits of the Promise Land:

Deuteronomy 8:8. It is a land of wheat and barley, grapevines, fig trees and pomegranates; a land of olive oil and honey;

Figs are a symbol of security, prosperity, and protection from the sun by providing shade:

I Kings 5:5. From Dan to Be'er-Sheva, Y'hudah and Isra'el lived securely, every man under his vine and fig tree, throughout the lifetime of Shlomo.

The fig is also a source of healing as we see with King Hizkiyahu:

II Kings 20:5-7 (TLV). "Return, and say to Hezekiah the leader of My people, thus says Adonai, the God of your father David: 'I have heard your prayer and I have seen your tears. Behold, I am going to heal you. On the third day you will go up to the House of Adonai. ⁶ Then I will add 15 years to your life. I will deliver you and this city from the hand of the king of Assyria; I will defend this city for My own sake, and for My servant David's sake.'" ⁷ Then Isaiah said, "Take a cake of figs." So they took one and laid it on the boil, and he recovered.

Figs are known for their supernatural healing properties and health benefits, which include: Digestive Health: Figs are high in fiber, which aids digestion and good gut health. Nutrient-Rich: They are packed with antioxidants, potassium, and other essential nutrients that support overall health. Anti-Inflammatory: Figs have anti-inflammatory properties that can help reduce inflammation in the body. Heart Health: They help lower cholesterol levels and improve blood pressure. Bone Health: Figs are beneficial for bone strength due to their calcium and potassium content. A Fig poultice is a traditional remedy that has been used for centuries to treat various skin conditions. It is made by blending dried figs with vinegar, honey, and olive oil, and applying it to affected areas. This poultice is believed to have soothing, healing, and antibacterial properties, making it effective for treating wounds, boils, skin infections, bruises, burns, and insect bites. Yeshua says there is a prophetic lesson in the fig tree:

Matthew 24:32-33. "Now let the fig tree teach you its lesson: when its branches begin to sprout and leaves appear, you know that summer is approaching. ³³ In the same way, when you see all these things, you are to know that the time is near, right at the door.

Yeshua is speaking about eschatology, the study of the end times. Giving profound insight regarding the signs that will occur in the end He makes a direct correlation to the fig Tree: "Now let the fig tree teach you its lesson". What is the lesson of the fig tree? The lesson of the fig tree reveals that the signs of the end times, such as wars, famines, earthquakes, and the spread of the gospel, will indicate the nearness of Yeshua's return. Yeshua uses the fig tree's budding to

symbolize the approach of summer, and the signs He describes will herald His second coming and the end of the age. The parable emphasizes the importance of discernment and readiness, urging us to be spiritually prepared for Yeshua's return. The Fig Tree is very unique which is why is used on scripture! The fig tree produces fruits radically different from other fruit trees. The fig tree produces fruit twice a year, in the spring and in the fall:

The California Rare Fruit Growers association discusses the figs multiple harvests. First, the flowers of the fig tree are actually inside the fruit and grow at the ends of stems on the fig tree. There is a tiny little hole at the bottom of a fig that allows a fruit wasp to pollinate the figs. Figs are one of the highest plant sources of calcium and fiber. Dried figs are rich in fiber, copper, manganese, magnesium, potassium, calcium, and vitamin K, all vital to sustain human life. Figs have laxative properties and contain many antioxidants (Cancer fighting agents).

Two crops of figs are produced each year. The first or breva crop develops in the spring on last year's shoot growth. In contrast, the main fig crop develops on the current year's shoot growth and ripens in the late summer or fall. The second crop is generally superior in both quantity and quality than the breva crop.

Joel, speaking about the former and latter rains, is predicating the first outpouring of fruit on Shavuot 2,000 years ago. The second which is coming soon will be even greater.

Joel 2:22-23 (TLV). Do not be afraid, beasts of the field, for the desert pastures have sprouted, for the tree bears its fruit. Fig tree and vine yield their strength. ²³ So be glad, children of Zion, and rejoice in Adonai, your God. For He gives you the early rain for prosperity, Yes, He will bring down rain for you, the early and latter rain as before.

There is a profound understanding in the revelation of the fig tree fruit and its relationship to Israel. With the reestablishment of Israel as a nation in 1948, the fig tree has returned. When Adonai spoke to Jeremiah, He place two baskets of Figs before him. He spoke about good figs and the bad figs," The figs represent the people of Israel. There are good and bad figs, good and bad people.

Jeremiah 24:2-10. One of the baskets had in it very good figs, like those that ripen first; while the other basket had very bad figs, so bad that they were inedible. ³ Then ADONAI asked me, "Yirmeyahu, what do you see?" I answered, "Figs - the good figs are very good; but the bad ones are very bad, so bad they are inedible." ⁴ The word of ADONAI came to me: ⁵ "Here is what ADONAI the God of Isra'el says: 'I will regard the exiles from Y'hudah, whom I sent away from this place to the land of the Kasdim, as good, just as I do these good figs. ⁶ "'I will look after them for their good, I will bring them back to this land; I will build them up and not tear them down, plant them and not pull them up. ⁷ I will give them a heart to know me that I am ADONAI. They will be my people, and I will be their God; for they will return to me with all their heart.' ⁸ "But concerning the bad figs that are so bad as to be inedible, ADONAI says: 'I will make Tzidkiyahu the king of Y'hudah and his

leaders resemble them, likewise the rest of Yerushalayim remaining in this land and those living in the land of Egypt. ⁹ Everywhere I drive them I will make them an object of horror, repulsive to all the kingdoms of the earth, a disgrace, a byword, a laughingstock and a curse; ¹⁰ and I will send sword, famine and plague among them until they have disappeared from the land I gave them and their ancestors."

The good figs are brought back to reestablish and build up Jerusalem and the nation of Israel. They will have a heart to know Adonai and return with all their heart! They will once again produce fruit for Adonai, as believers, as emissaries of Messiah, as Talmidim! Then the word will once again go forth from Zion, the word of the Lord from Yerushalayim! This hasn't happened for almost 2,000 years. But it's now beginning. The fig tree is beginning to blossom. God revealed this through the prophet Hosea:

Hosea 3:4-5. For the people of Isra'el are going to be in seclusion for a long time without a king, prince, sacrifice, standing-stone, ritual vest or household gods. ⁵ Afterwards, the people of Isra'el will repent and seek ADONAI their God and David their king; they will come trembling to ADONAI and his goodness in the acharit-hayamim.

In this Messianic prophecy we see Israel repent and receive the Son of David, Yeshua, salvation which will usher in Yeshua's' glorious return! They will come trembling to the Lord and to His goodness !

We see this played out in Yeshua's ministry 2,000 years ago and the Feast Days! Yeshua was born on the 1st of Nisan, He was crucified, buried and resurrected over Passover and the Ha Bikkurim first fruits offering. Then 50 days later we experienced the outpouring of the Ruach HaKodesh, the Holy spirit on Shavuot (Pentecost)! This was the B'reva harvest, the first fruits of the fig tree. The Fall Feast days track Yeshua's return. He returns at the sounding of the Shofar (Yom Teruah), He judges during the ten Days of Awe between Yom Teruah and Yom Kippur. Yom Kippur is the final judgement and those who haven't received Yeshua have their names blotted out of the Book of life! Those whose names remain go to the wedding feast (Sukkot) four days later. This is preceded by the salvation of all Israel and worldwide harvest! The second, greatest harvest of the fig tree! The fig tree is blossoming.

The tree's branches are also a mirror of the tree's roots, and obviously a tree cannot bear fruit without its roots (Romans 11). What does that mean for Israel and the greater body? You can only go up in the Lord as much as you go down in the Lord! We are commanded to bear fruit:

John 15:8. This is how my Father is glorified -- in your bearing much fruit; this is how you will prove to be my talmidim.

To be fruitful and bear fruit can only be done if you are deeply rooted in Adonai. Your fruitfulness is based upon how well you're rooted, it's dependent on it. Your

fruits will not exceed your roots. It will only equal it. We are commanded to bear fruit. In John 15:2 Yeshua warns:

John 15:2. Every branch which is part of me but fails to bear fruit, he cuts off; and every branch that does bear fruit, he prunes, so that it may bear more fruit.

Think about this, in Matthew 21 Yeshua was hungry so he went to a fig tree and found it baren, without fruit in verse 19: "So he said to it, "May you never again bear fruit!" and immediately the fig tree dried up." Yeshua cursed the tree because it wasn't bearing fruit, John 15:2 says every branch that doesn't bear fruit is cut off! This isn't a light subject! How much fruit are you bearing?

To bear fruit one must go deeper into Adonai. You've got to get intimate with Him in order to be in His presence. You've got to get deeper in His love, and when you do, you will bear a second harvest fruit in your life. Your life is the fig tree. God called you to live a life of love, joy gentleness, Shalom, goodness, self-control and faithfulness. You can't give what you don't have. You can't give what you haven't received. A tree can only give what it receives. You've got to get into Adonai's presence. A tree cannot do it on its own, as Sha'ul said in I Corinthians 3:6 "So neither the planter nor the waterer is anything, only God who makes things grow"! Focus on growing from Adonai; focus on receiving from Him; get good at it. When there comes a famine, you won't wither if you're rooted in Adonai. We are encouraged to be patient and wait for the full harvest:

James 5:7. So, brothers, be patient until the Lord returns. See how the farmer waits for the precious "fruit of the earth" - he is patient over it until it receives the fall and spring rains.

Even more interesting, remember that the fig fruit comes from a shoot that grows out of the fig tree. This gives us some profound insight into messianic prophecy:

Isaiah 11:1-5. But a branch will emerge from the trunk of Yishai, a shoot will grow from his roots. ² The Spirit of ADONAI will rest on him, the Spirit of wisdom and understanding, the Spirit of counsel and power, the Spirit of knowledge and fearing ADONAI ³ he will be inspired by fearing ADONAI. He will not judge by what his eyes see or decide by what his ears hear, ⁴ but he will judge the impoverished justly; he will decide fairly for the humble of the land. He will strike the land with a rod from his mouth and slay the wicked with a breath from his lips. ⁵ Justice will be the belt around his waist, faithfulness the sash around his hips.

A Messianic Prophecy about Mashiach, it appears to be making a correlation to a fig tree fruit which comes from a shoot because Israel is an allegory or is also represented by the fig tree. It produced the Ha Bikkurim, the early first fruits, the first revival on Shavuot 2,000 years ago! Israel, represented as the fig tree in Yeshua's parable, produced an early first fruits, a spring harvest like the fig 2,000 years ago. You can read about it in Acts. That early harvest resulted in

the world being changed forever, and time itself was altered to reflect the birth and death of Yeshua. That first fruits of Jewish believers, Kefa (Peter), Ya'akov (James), Sha'ul (Paul) and the other Talmidim gave us the Good News, every time you open your bible and read the Brit Chadasha you are being disciplined by a Jewish believer, fruit of the first harvest. After that early first fruit the fig tree appears to be barren and without fruit. Israel, for the last two thousand years has been barren and without fruit but the fall is coming! We are coming into the fall fruit season, the second crop which is even greater than the first. The latter rains even stronger than the former, an outpouring even greater than that which was experienced 2,000 years ago on that Shavuot with the release of the Ruach HaKodesh! While we press into the second harvest, worldwide revival, we are to be tending to the fig tree (Israel) so that we will partake of that fruit:

Proverbs 27:18. Whoever tends the fig tree will eat its fruit, and he who is attentive to his master will be honored.

We are to be tending the fig tree and honor our master, Adonai! Israel is God's timeline, it reveals to us the seasons we are in and what is to come. Remember, no man knows the specific hour or day of Yeshua's return but we will know the season, how? The fig tree!!!!

Note the wording of the fig tree prophecy: Yeshua says that, when people see all the signs, then the end is near. What are all the signs? Here's what Yeshua lists in Matthew 24:

Many false messiahs will come (Matthew 24:5), there will be wars and rumors of wars (verse 6), nations (ethnos) will rise against each other (verse 7), there will be famines and earthquakes around the world (verse 7), Believers will face persecution and death (verse 9), many professed believers will turn away from the faith and betray each other (verse 10), many false prophets will deceive many people (verses 11), many people's love will grow cold because of increased distance from Torah (verse 12), the Good News will be preached to the whole world (verse 14), the abomination of desolation will stand in the holy place of the temple (verse 15; Daniel 9:27), there will be a time of great distress, unequaled in the history of the world (verse 21), there will be signs in the heavens affecting the sun, moon, and stars (verse 29), the sign of the Son of Man will appear in heaven (verse 30 [Yom Teruah 2017])

According to the fig tree prophecy:

Matthew 24:33. In the same way, when you see all these things, you are to know that the time is near, right at the door.

Those who see the beginning of these events will be the same people who see the end of these events. Those that see the beginning of the end, will see its end. When the signs begin (I believe they have), they will proceed quickly; they will

not drag on for many generations. Time is running short! These events have begun!

Today Israel is full of fig trees—huge, well developed, shady and mature. They produce two harvests of fruit a year, the early crop around Passover time in the spring, even before the leaves have unfurled, and the biggest, best, most juicy fruits come into their own in September, close to the biblical holidays of Yom Teruah, Yom Kippur and Sukkot (Feast of Trumpets, Day of Atonement and Feast of Tabernacles respectively). It is possible to consider that the flourishing of figs today in Israel is a Messianic sign in itself – the people are back in the land, the fig trees are abundant and plentiful, and the nation is now waiting for redemption and salvation to come. We know that this will be a spiritual revival, and all His people will welcome their Messiah Yeshua, saying “Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord”, or “Welcome Yeshua, our Messiah!”. Will Yeshua find us ready!