

Jesus Taught Torah!

Baruch Haba
B'Shem Adonai

Mark 11 The Masses Welcome
Yeshua in God's name

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ON THE FIRST DAY OF THE WEEK BEFORE PASSOVER

- Now when they drew near Jerusalem, to Bethphage and Bethany, at the Mount of Olives, He sent two of His disciples; (Mark 11:1) and He said to them, "Go into the village opposite you; and as soon as you have entered it you will find a colt tied, on which no one has sat. Loose it and bring it. (Mark 11:2) "And if anyone says to you, 'Why are you doing this?' say, 'The Lord has need of it,' and immediately he will send it here." (Mark 11:3) So they went their way, and found the colt tied by the door outside on the street, and they loosed it. (Mark 11:4) But some of those who stood there said to them, "What are you doing, loosing the colt?" (Mark 11:5) And they spoke to them just as Jesus had commanded. So they let them go. (Mark 11:6)
- The king also said to them, "Take with you the servants of your lord, and have Solomon my son ride on my own mule, and take him down to Gihon. (1Kgs 1:33)
- He orchestrated and broadcast that He was the rightful king in the line of David, and the promised Messiah.
- "Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout, O daughter of Jerusalem! Behold, your King is coming to you; He is just and having salvation, Lowly and riding on a donkey, A colt, the foal of a donkey. (Zech 9:9)

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THE MASSES WELCOME YESHUA BARUCH HABA

- Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their clothes on it, and He sat on it. (Mark 11:7) And many spread their clothes on the road, and others cut down leafy branches from the trees and spread them on the road. (Mark 11:8) Then those who went before and those who followed cried out, saying: “Hosanna! ‘Blessed is He who comes in the name of the LORD!’ (Mark 11:9) Blessed is the kingdom of our father David That comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!” (Mark 11:10)
- Hoshianna -ישע = please save. Yeshua (Jesus) and Ye-shu-ah, salvation.
- And when He had come into Jerusalem, all the city was moved, saying, “Who is this?” the multitudes said, “This is Yeshua the prophet from Nazareth of Galilee.” (Matt 21:10-11)
- “I will praise You, For You have answered me, and have become my salvation [ישועה] Yeshu’ah] ...The stone which the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone [פנה]. This was the LORD's doing; It is marvelous in our eyes...Save now, I pray, [הושיעה] Hoshianna] O LORD; Blessed is he who comes in the name of the LORD! We have blessed you from the house of the LORD... You are my God, and I will praise You; You are my God, I will exalt You.” (Ps 118:18-28)

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YESHUA CURSED THE FIG TREE

- And Jesus went into Jerusalem and into the temple. So when He had looked around at all things, as the hour was already late, He went out to Bethany with the twelve. (Mark 11:11) Now the next day, when they had come out from Bethany, He was hungry. (Mark 11:12) And seeing from afar a fig tree having leaves, He went to see if perhaps He would find something on it. When He came to it, He found nothing but leaves, for it was not the season for figs. (Mark 11:13) In response Jesus said to it, “Let no one eat fruit from you ever again.” And His disciples heard it. (Mark 11:14)
- Jesus cursed the tree on Monday morning and then told the parable of the Fig Tree that afternoon or Tuesday.
- “A certain man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard, and he came seeking fruit on it and found none. Then he said to the keeper of his vineyard, ‘Look, for three years I have come seeking fruit on this fig tree and find none. Cut it down; why does it use up the ground?’ ‘Sir, let it alone this year also, until I dig around it and fertilize it. And if it bears fruit, well. But if not, after that you can cut it down.’” (Lk 13:6-9)
- “after two days is the Passover...the Son of Man will be...crucified.” (Matt 26:2)



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LEARN THIS PARABLE FROM THE FIG TREE

- “Now learn this parable from the **fig tree**: When its **branch** has already become tender and puts forth leaves, you know that summer is near. (Matt 24:32-33)
- “...I saw your fathers As the **firstfruits on the fig tree** in its first season. (Hos 9:10) (HOI)
- For a nation has come up against **My land**,...He has laid waste My vine, And **ruined My fig tree**; (Joel 1:6-7) (HOJ)
- Then the LORD said to me, "What do you see, Jeremiah?" And I said, "Figs, the good figs, very good; and the bad, very bad, which cannot be eaten, they are so bad....Thus says the LORD, the God of Israel: "Like these good figs, so will I acknowledge those who are carried away captive from Judah, whom I have sent out of this place for their own good, into the land of the Chaldeans...And as the **bad figs** which cannot be eaten...'surely thus says the LORD "so will I give up Zedekiah the king of Judah, his princes, the residue of Jerusalem... (Jer 24:3, 5, 8)

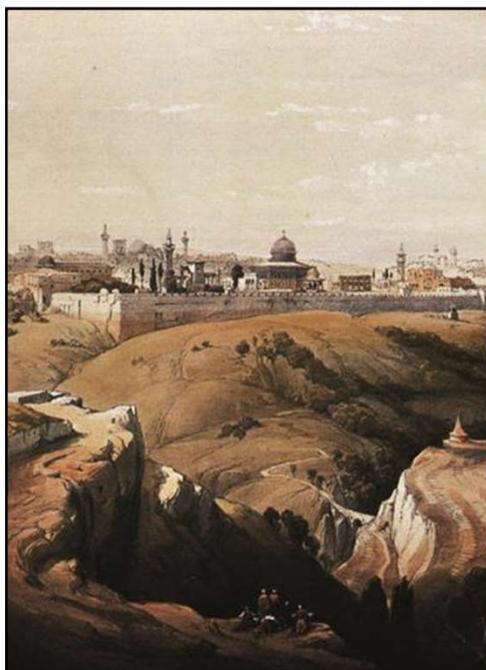
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JERUSALEM'S LEADERS' DESOLATE HOUSE (DIASPORA)

“O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the one who kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to her! How often I wanted to gather your children together, as a hen gathers her chicks under *her* wings, but you were **not willing!** (Matt 23:37) “See! Your house is left to you desolate; (Matt 23:38) the Romans destroyed Jerusalem in 70 AD and again in 135 AD. After the second Jewish revolt they were warned not to return to Jerusalem upon pain of death. They were then dispersed to the four corners of the earth—without a homeland for nearly 1900 years.



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David Roberts Jerusalem from Mt of Olives 1839

“MOUNTAINS OF ISRAEL, WHICH HAD BEEN A CONTINUAL WASTE.” (EZEK 38:8)

- “so that the coming generation of your children who rise up after you, and the foreigner who comes from a far land, would say, **when they see the plagues of that land and the sicknesses** which the LORD has laid on it: **(Deut 29:22)** ‘The whole land *is* brimstone, salt, and burning; it is **not sown, nor does it bear**, nor does any grass grow there, like the overthrow of Sodom and Gomorrah, Admah, and Zeboiim, which the LORD overthrew in His anger and His wrath.’ **(Deut 29:23)**
- American writer Mark Twain wrote this, in 1867, about the land of Israel, which at the time was called Palestine: “Palestine sits in sackcloth and ashes... the spell of a curse that has **withered its fields** and fettered its energies... Palestine is **desolate and unlovely**... It is a hopeless, dreary, heartbroken land.”

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NACHMANIDES: ISRAEL’S DESOLATION: A BLESSING IN DISGUISE

- “Six hundred years before Twain’s visit, another famous visitor with a nom de plume was struck by Jerusalem’s desolation. Rabbi Moses ben Nachman, known as Nachmanides (1194-1270), fled Christian Spain for the Land of Israel. After a long and perilous journey, Nachmanides arrived at the Port of Acre before traveling to Jerusalem in 1267, where he couldn’t even find nine other Jews to pray with. He wrote to his son, “Many are Israel’s forsaken places, and great is the desecration. The more sacred the place, the greater the devastation it has suffered. **Jerusalem is the most desolate place of all.**”
- Commenting on a verse in Leviticus that describes the curses that will befall the land of Israel, Nachmanides wrote that the devastation “constitutes a good tiding, proclaiming that during all our exiles, our land will not accept our enemies... Since the time that we left it, [the land] has not accepted any nation or people, and they all try to settle it... This is a great proof and assurance to us.”

<https://www.jpost.com/Opinion/Unto-the-nations-505760>

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ISRAEL HAD 660,000 DAYS WITH NO RAIN

- Rabbi Menachem Kohen of Brooklyn discovered that the land of Israel:
 - “suffered an unprecedented, severe and inexplicable (by anything other than supernatural explanations) drought that lasted from the first century until the 20th—a period of 1,800 years coinciding with the forced dispersion of the Jews.”
- Journalist Joseph Farah, prompted by the research of Rabbi Kohen, later discovered that only after the Jews returned did the rain begin to come:
 - “For 1,800 years, it hardly ever rained in Israel. This was the barren land discovered by Mark Twain. So-called “Palestine” was a wasteland—nobody lived there. There was no indigenous Arab population to speak of. It only came *after* the Jews came back. Beginning in AD 70 and lasting until the early 1900s— about 660,000 days—no rain.
 - I decided to check this out as best I could and examined the rainfall data for 150 years in Israel beginning in the early 1800s and leading up to the 1960s. What I found was astonishing— increasing rainfall almost every single year—with the heaviest rainfall coming in and around 1948 and 1967.” <https://www.wnd.com/2010/02/124106/>

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A HOUSE OF PRAYER FOR ALL GENTILES

- So they came to Jerusalem. Then Jesus went into the temple and began to drive out those who bought and sold in the temple, and overturned the tables of the money changers and the seats of those who sold doves. (Mark 11:15) And He would not allow anyone to carry wares through the temple. (Mark 11:16) Then He taught, saying to them, “Is it not written, ‘My house shall be called a house of prayer for all nations’ ? But you have made it a ‘den of thieves.’ ” (Mark 11:17)
- “Also the sons of the foreigner Who join themselves to the LORD, to serve Him, And to love the name of the LORD, to be His servants— Everyone who keeps from defiling the Sabbath, And holds fast My covenant— (Isa 56:6) Even them I will bring to My holy mountain, And make them joyful in My house of prayer. Their burnt offerings and their sacrifices Will be accepted on My altar; For My house shall be called a house of prayer for all nations.” (Isa 56:7) The Lord GOD, who gathers the outcasts of Israel, says, “Yet I will gather to him Others besides those who are gathered to him.” (Isa 56:8)
- And the scribes and chief priests heard it and sought how they might destroy Him; for they feared Him, because all the people were astonished at His teaching. (Mark 11:18) When evening had come, He went out of the city. (Mark 11:19)

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HAVE FAITH THAT GOD CAN RESTORE THE FIG TREE

- Now in the morning [Mon or Tues], as they passed by, they saw the fig tree dried up from the roots. (Mark 11:20) And Peter, remembering, said to Him, “Rabbi, look! The fig tree which You cursed has withered away.” (Mark 11:21)
- So Jesus answered and said to them, “Have faith in God. (Mark 11:22) “For assuredly, I say to you, **whoever says** to this **mountain**, ‘Be removed and be cast into the sea,’ and **does not doubt** in his heart, but **believes that those things he says will be done**, he will have whatever he says. “Therefore I say to you, whatever things you ask when you pray, **believe that you receive them, and you will have them.** – (Mark 11:23-24)
- “And whenever you stand praying, if you have anything against anyone, forgive him, that your Father in heaven may also forgive you your trespasses. (Mark 11:25) “But if you do not forgive, neither will your Father in heaven forgive your trespasses.” (Mark 11:26)

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BY WHAT AUTHORITY?

- Then they came again to Jerusalem. And as He was walking in the temple, the chief priests, the scribes, and the elders came to Him. (Mark 11:27) And they said to Him, “By what authority are You doing these things? And who gave You this authority to do these things?” (Mark 11:28) But Jesus answered and said to them, “I also will ask you one question; then answer Me, and I will tell you by what authority I do these things: (Mark 11:29) “The baptism of John—was it from heaven or from men? Answer Me.” (Mark 11:30)
- And they reasoned among themselves, saying, “If we say, ‘From heaven,’ He will say, ‘Why then did you not believe him?’ (Mark 11:31) “But if we say, ‘From men’”—they feared the people, for all counted John to have been a prophet indeed. (Mark 11:32) So they answered and said to Jesus, “We do not know.” And Jesus answered and said to them, “Neither will I tell you by what authority I do these things.” (Mark 11:33)

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AARONIC BLESSING

יְבָרֶכֶךָ יְהוָה
 וַיִּשְׁמְרֶךָ:
 יֵאָר יְהוָה פְּנֵיו
 אֵלֶיךָ וַיִּחַנֶּךָ:
 יִשָּׂא יְהוָה פְּנֵיו
 אֵלֶיךָ וַיִּשֶׂם לְךָ
 שָׁלוֹם:

“The LORD will bless you
 and keep you;
 The LORD will make His face
 shine upon you, And will be
 gracious to you; The LORD
 will lift up His countenance
 upon you, and will give you
 peace.” Num 6:24-26