The FIG TREE PROPHECY





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ONE OF THE MOST ENDURING PROPHETIC PROSPECTIVES IS CALLED



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AND ITS FORECAST IS FOR A 2028 SECOND COMING

AN END-TIMES PARABLE

any prophetic students of the Bible seek to understand the mystery of this parable revealed by Jesus at the end of His ministry. The reason we explore this parable is the same as those who have come before us. The correct understanding of this parable and it is not about the Fig Tree.

In the Gospel narratives that speak of the Fig Tree, the focus seems to be on the generation that see's, or is coincidentally born at the time of the rebirth of the Fig Tree which is Israel. This event happened on May 14th 1948. The message in all the narratives is the same, "that the generation that sees the event happen, will not pass away until Jesus returns" to put a stop to the seven year tribulation spoken of by Daniel. Upon His coming He will destroy the enemies of Israel, administer the sheep and goat judgment, and establish His 1000 year Kingdom. Only one generation will see all the events in the book of Revelation and prophecies from Daniel, Ezekiel and Joel to name a few, actually happen in their lifetime. It all starts with the budding of a Fig Tree May 14, 1948.



Psalm 90:10 (NASB), "As for the days of our life, they contain seventy years, or if due to strength, eighty years, Yet their pride is only trouble and tragedy; For it quickly passes, and we disappear."

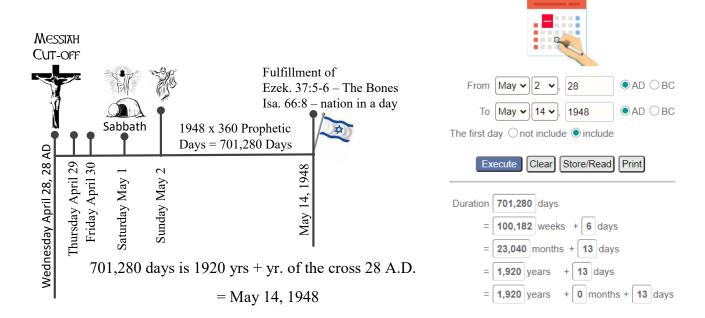
The Lord has actually given us an expected life span of 70 years and in the case of good health 80 years. It is recognized that there are always exceptions where people have lived longer lives and even into 100+ years, but we speak of normal life expectancy. If you take the 80 years and add them to 1948 you would come to the year 2028.

We know that the modern state of Israel was established May 14, 1948. That date is permanently set in stone and will never change. If you were to take the year 1948 and multiply it

¹ https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uTcolD_P89g&t=1s

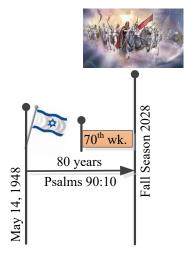
by 360 prophetic years, you would end up with 701,280 days. On Sunday May 2, 28 A.D. Jesus ascended to His Father for there was one last thing to do on our behalf, ie: that was to place His own blood on the heavenly Mercy Seat (Heb. 8:5, 9:23-26) and then He came back. Using the date May 2nd, 28 A.D., and add the 701,280 days to it, you come to the exact day Israel was also raised from the dead (fulfilling Ezek.37:5-6; Isa. 66:8) and was born again as a nation.

The rebirth of Israel was to be **THE SIGN** and the beginning of the birth pains. Now we can determine the **TIME AND THE SEASON** of His coming.



Using the date of May 14th, 1948 if we then add the average life span of 80 years, then that generation who saw Israel become a nation will also see His return to set up His Millennial Kingdom. What a day that will be. This is expected in the fall of 2028.

Even though the date of Israel's rebirth is fixed, could it be possible that we will see Jesus's 2nd coming in 2030? The generation that saw Israel become a nation would be 82 by then, but it would be possible? By 2033 that special generation would be 85 and maybe a small handful of them would be all that is left. All these dates are possible, but ultimately they miss the mark and the intention of the parable.



The one that matches the Biblical revelation seems to be the 80 years beginning in 1948 and ending in 2028. In my opinion any other dates are unlikely and are not the correct

understanding of the parable. The scenario I have just described is the most common end-times understanding of the Parable of the Fig Tree.

THE CURSING OF THE FIG TREE

Matthew 21:18-19 (NASB), ¹⁸ "Now in the early morning, when He was returning to the city, He became hungry. ¹⁹ And seeing a lone fig tree by the road, He came to it and found nothing on it except leaves alone; and He said to it, "No longer shall there ever be *any* fruit from you." And at once the fig tree withered.

The cursing of the Fig Tree found in Matthew 21 has nothing to do with the Fig Tree Prophecy, they are two separate events. What links them together is that Jesus used the Fig Tree as a picture of Israel.

The cursed Fig Tree was a picture of Israel then, fruitless and therefore useless. Two days after Jesus cursed the Fig Tree, He was in

Jerusalem on trial for His life. Pilate would find no wrong in Him, but under pressure from the crowd that had gathered at his palace, he then asked them "Whom would you have me release to you, Barabbas or Jesus who is called Christ?" (Mat. 27:17-25). The people chose Barabbas v21. I believe Pilate was a little surprised, so he asked the crowd, "What shall I do with Jesus" and the people yelled back "Let Him be crucified."

In essence, they rejected the Son of God. The Fig Tree nation stopped believing in the Son of God and the promises made to them. Their ancestors in the wilderness did the same thing. They stopped believing wanted to kill Moses and Aaron, to which God

responded by adding to their time in the desert, making their wondering 40 years total.

Fig Tree nation would only last another 42 years until the Roman General Titus (who would later become the Caesar of Rome) would destroy the Jews and the city of Jerusalem in 70 A.D., fulfilling Jesus' prophecy in Matthew 24:3. The Jews would be killed and scattered throughout the world. As a nation they withered and died, but God would always have a remnant of His people ready when called upon to return (to make "Aliyah" [Hebrew, ah-lee-ah]² back to their promise land.

The cursing of the Fig Tree is more of a broken Israel. By means of their rejection of God's Son they withered away and would not bear any fruit for 1920 years (701,280 days). They would have only the memory of their Temple to console them.

² Aliyah – The Jewish act of immigration back to Israel, either as individuals or in groups.

Forty days after the crucifixion, on the Feast of Pentecost, the Holy Spirit descended on the disciples and the CHURCH AGE began. Two Thousand years later we still wait ...

ISRAEL SHALL RISE AGAIN ... The Sign

The Fig-tree is a New Testament symbol of Israel and was used by Jesus Himself. As Jesus and His disciples were on the Mount of Olives, the Disciples came to Him and asked a threefold question,

Matthew 24:3 (NASB), ³ And as He was sitting on the Mount of Olives, the disciples came to Him privately, saying, "Tell us, when will these things happen, and what will be the sign of Your coming, and of the end of the age?"

- 1. Tell us, when shall these things happen?
- 2. What shall be the **SIGN** of Your Coming?
- 3. And of the end of the world (Age)?

In Matthew 24:3 we see that Jesus answered the three questions His disciples asked. In His answer to their question "What shall be the **SIGN** of Your Coming?" Jesus mentioned three signs.

- 1. When shall these things happen? Beginning in v4 Jesus begins to tell the disciples of the conditions of the world prior to His coming, many will come in His name and mislead many; you will hear of wars and rumors of wars, but do not be frightened for the end is not yet. Nation will rise against nation, kingdom against kingdom in various places, there will be famines and earthquakes, but all these are just the beginning of the birth pains. In verse 9 Jesus begins to speak directly of the tribulation, "Then they will deliver you to tribulations and they will kill you and you will be hated by all nations for my name sake. In v15 Jesus actually mentions the ABOMINATION OF DESOLATION spoken of by Daniel, telling them to flee into the wilderness (Petra). Many more signs are given in this chapter; I share a small portion to point out the answer to the first question focusing on the coming tribulation that the angel Gabriel told to Daniel. As Daniel tells us, when we see the Abomination of Desolation by the Antichrist then know that there will be 1260 days until that great day when Jesus returns. It will also be the end of the 80 year generation that saw the budding of the Fig Tree.
- 2. What shall be the sign of your coming? The second sign of His coming according to Jesus, begins with v29 and its time frame is clearly given ... immediately after the tribulation of those days. Jesus speaks of His coming in the clouds and the gathering of His elect (Tribulation Saints) together. Verse 32 Jesus tells us of the Parable of the Fig Tree, because it is at this time that the 80 year generation has come to pass.

3. And of the end of the age?

THE SIGN OF HIS COMING³

Since the Fig Tree is Israel, then the parable of Matthew 24:32-35 is meant to notify us and the generation that witnesses the rebirth of the State of Israel will not pass away till all the signs spoken of concerning His coming will be fulfilled and He (Jesus) will return to set up His Kingdom. The Fig Tree that withered and died is gone. For 1920 years after the crucifixion it miraculously comes back to life.

The Parable of the Fig Tree

Luke 21:29-33 (NASB), ²⁹ And He told them a parable: "<u>Look at the fig tree and all the trees</u>: ³⁰ as soon as <u>they put forth leaves</u>, you see for yourselves and know that summer is now near. ³¹ So you too, when you see these things happening, recognize that the <u>kingdom of God is near</u>. ³² Truly I say to you, <u>this generation will not pass away</u> until all things take place. ³³ Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will not pass away.

Matthew 24:32-35 (NASB), ³² "Now learn the parable from the fig tree: as soon as its branch has become tender and sprouts its leaves, you know that summer is near; ³³ so you too, when you see all these things, recognize that He is near, right at the door. ³⁴ Truly I say to you, this generation will not pass away until all these things take place. ³⁵ Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will not pass away.

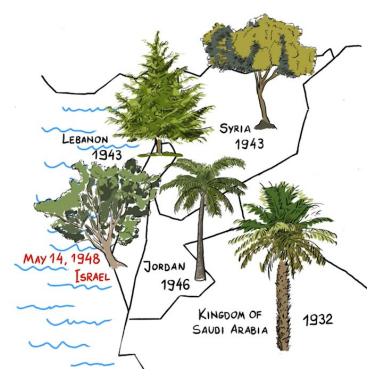
In the passage in Luke, Jesus speaks of the time when the Fig Tree and ALL THE TREES put forth their leaves (come to life), and all these things come to pass. When YOU SEE THESE THINGS know that the kingdom (His coming) is near. The "YOU" here is speaking of that generation that sees the events happen (the budding of the Fig Tree and all the trees) will not pass away before He returns. In the passage from Luke, Jesus answers in more detail the disciple's questions. He gives wisdom and understanding to those who seek. We are the church age that has seen and will continue to see ALL THESE THINGS come to pass.

The events found in Luke 21:29-33 (The Tree nations) have come to pass as shown below in the diagram. Israel and her neighbors and all the trees have now bloomed in the desert. That one special generation lives on and God's Holy Calendar of End-Time events continues its count down. Eighty years later we have a Moed (Moedim {appointed time}) with our Messiah in the clouds.

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³ Matthew 21:18-19; Mark 11:12-14; Mark 11:19-20

THE BUDDING OF THE FIG TREE (and all the trees)





As to when these things will happen!

"Now learn the parable from the fig tree ... When you see these things know that the kingdom is near."

- The Date Palm Saudi Arabia 1932
- The Cedar Tree Lebanon 1943
- The Olive Tree Syria 1943
- The Palm Tree Jordan 1946
- The Fig Tree Israel 1948

Remember that the key to the parable is that all these things will take place in one generation. Both passages in Luke and Matthew emphasize two things, 1. This generation will not pass away till all the signs given have come to pass, 2. His words will not pass away. When you add to this the message from Psalm 90:10 as to the "80" years of man and add them to 1948, we can then see a clear picture of the promise of His word. I believe we can see clearly the **SEASON OF HIS COMING**, How can we miss it?

If we begin to look at the generation that saw Israel be reborn in 1948 and look at the events of these past 73 years since then, we can see the Olive Discourse has come to life before the eyes of that generation. Today, 73 years later, we have all had a ringside seat to prophecy, seeing more prophecy come to pass than in all the history of mankind.

Now is the time that the **BRIDE OF CHRIST** needs to **MAKE THEMSELVES READY**, because John 14:1-3 "v3... and if I go and prepare a place for you, I am coming again and will take you to Myself, so that where I am, *there* you also will be" is not years away, but months away.



The parable of the Fig Tree is a parable of Israel coming back to life and a generation of people who came to life with it, all for a period of 80 years. Israel and that generation was made for such a time as this. God's Prophetic Calendar marks another prophetic event has come, and all the earth will rejoice as King Yeshua Jesus will soon sit on His throne in Jerusalem.

Israel is reborn and will produce its fruit and be a light to the nations just as it was prophesied. When does this happen ... It happens immediately after the time of Jacob's trouble when Christ sets up His kingdom in Jerusalem, and Israel is no longer the tail, but the head of all the nations of the world. This I see as the answer to the disciple's third question. This is the end of one age and the beginning of a new age, the **Perfect Age** and the **DISPENSATION of RIGHTEOUS**⁴ reigns and we study war no more.

Now we understand the Parable of the Fig Tree.



⁴ The Ages to come ... Eph.2:7 Eternity and the Omega Age