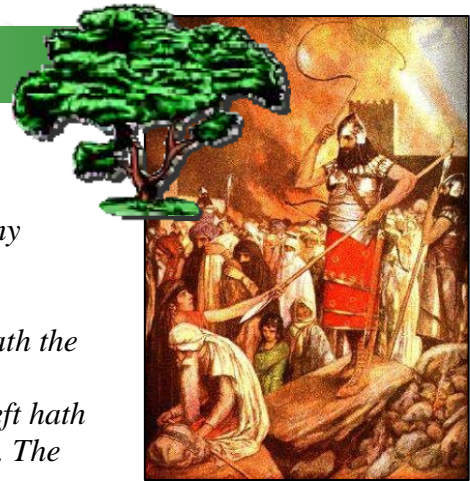


#1263 Israel as the Fig Tree – Habakkuk 3:17 and “the fig tree shall not blossom” is referring to the same event as the invasion of the Locust Army of Nebuchadnezzar’s Babylon in Joel 1 and 2 that causes the fig trees to languish

Key Understanding: The devastating results upon Judah because of the invasion by the “march kings” – the Chaldeans, meaning Nebuchadnezzar’s army – which were expected by Habakkuk and seen in Habakkuk 3:17, are described in similar terms as the results of the (same) invasion by the locust army of Nebuchadnezzar that is seen in Joel chapters 1 and 2. **The point is that there is a consistent use of the fig tree not budding/blossoming concerning the invasion of Judah by Babylon and the deportations and captivity of the inhabitants of Jerusalem and Judah.**

Habakkuk 3:17-18 (KJV) ALTHOUGH THE FIG TREE SHALL NOT BLOSSOM, *neither shall fruit be in the vines; the labour of the olive shall fail, and the fields shall yield no meat; the flock shall be cut off from the fold, and there shall be no herd in the stalls: {fail: Heb. lie} 18 Yet I will rejoice in the LORD, I will joy in the God of my salvation.*



Joel 1:4-12 (KJV) *That which the palmerworm hath left hath the locust eaten; and that which the locust hath left hath the cankerworm eaten; and that which the cankerworm hath left hath the caterpillar eaten. {That which the palmerworm...: Heb. The residue of the palmerworm}*

5 Awake, ye drunkards, and weep; and howl, all ye drinkers of wine, because of the new wine; for it is cut off from your mouth.

6 For a nation is come up upon my land, strong, and without number, whose teeth are the teeth of a lion, and he hath the cheek teeth of a great lion.

7 He hath laid my vine waste, AND BARKED THE FIG TREE: *he hath made it clean bare, and cast it away; the branches thereof are made*

white. {barked...: Heb. laid my fig tree for a barking} [NIV . . . It has laid waste my vines and ruined my fig trees.]

8 Lament like a virgin girded with sackcloth for the husband of her youth.

9 The meat offering and the drink offering is cut off from the house of the LORD; the priests, the LORD’S ministers, mourn.

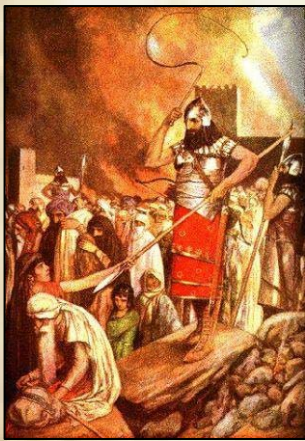
10 The field is wasted, the land mourneth; for the corn is wasted: the new wine is dried up, the oil languisheth.

11 Be ye ashamed, O ye husbandmen; howl, O ye vinedressers, for the wheat and for the barley; because the harvest of the field is perished.



[from Unsealing #971] The locusts are in modern day Israel, with the picture in the midst being an artist’s impression of Nebuchadnezzar’s army attacking Jerusalem in 587-586 B.C.

12 The vine is dried up, AND THE FIG TREE LANGUISHETH [NIV . . . the fig tree is withered]; *the pomegranate tree, the palm tree also, and the apple tree, even all the trees of the field, are withered: because joy is withered away from the sons of men.*



Nebuchadnezzar's army invading Judah can be seen in the Book of Habakkuk as the "march kings" and can be seen in the Book of Joel as the locust army. Each is associated with *the fig tree not budding/blossoming.*

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