

#1267 Israel as the Fig Tree – The contrast between the May 14-15, 1948, birth of Israel as the fig tree blossoming (and bearing fruit), with America playing the role as the second Media-Persia, vs. the May 14-15, 1948, birth of Israel as a fig tree with leaves, but not blossoming (nor bearing fruit), with America in its true role as the second Babylon, or Babylon the Great

Matthew 24:32-33 (KJV) Now learn A PARABLE OF THE FIG TREE; When his branch is yet tender, AND PUTTETH FORTH LEAVES, ye know that summer is nigh:
33 So likewise ye, when ye shall see all these things, know that it is near, even at the doors. {it: or, he}



Key Understanding: We are coming to the key question of whether the fig tree in the parable of the fig tree in Matthew 24:32-33, while it is referring to the birth of Israel on May 14-15, 1948, is like a fig tree that is without fruit, partly because it represents Israel being taken into spiritual captivity (i.e., the spiritual captivity of democracy) by America as Babylon the Great, or whether it is a fig tree that is blossoming due to America playing the role of a second ‘Cyrus the Great’ Media-Persia, and therefore the Lord’s Deliverer of Israel.

The second Babylon and the fig tree shall not blossom. When seen with eyes that America is Babylon the Great and that the Israel birthed on May 14-15, 1948, is not serving Jesus Christ whatsoever, it is clear that *Israel is a fig tree with leaves but no fruit*. Habakkuk 3:17-18 and Joel 1 – speaking of the historical impact of the first Babylon upon Judah and Jerusalem – are relevant to the situation:

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}

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.

The second Media-Persia and the fig tree blossoms. When seen with eyes that America is a *second* (but *counterfeit*) ‘Cyrus the Great’ Media-Persia that is the Deliverer of Israel, the May 14-15, 1948, birth of Israel represents a *fig tree that is blossoming*, after the pattern and spirit of the “good basket of figs” in Jeremiah 24.

Isaiah 44:28 (KJV) [Thus saith the Lord] THAT SAITH OF CYRUS, HE IS MY SHEPHERD, and shall perform all my pleasure: even saying to Jerusalem, Thou shalt be built; and to the temple, Thy foundation shall be laid.

Jeremiah 24:1-7 (KJV) The LORD shewed me, and, behold, TWO BASKETS OF FIGS were set before the temple of the LORD, after that Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon had carried away captive Jeconiah the son of Jehoiakim king of Judah, and the princes of Judah, with the carpenters and smiths, from Jerusalem, and had brought them to Babylon. [NIV . . . After Jehoiachin son of Jehoiakim king of Judah and the

officials, the craftsmen and the artisans of Judah were carried into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon by Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon, the LORD showed me two baskets of figs placed in front of the temple of the LORD.]

2 ONE BASKET HAD VERY GOOD FIGS, even like the figs that are first ripe: and THE OTHER BASKET HAD VERY NAUGHTY FIGS, which could not be eaten, they were so bad. {they...: Heb. for badness}

3 Then said the LORD unto me, What seest thou, Jeremiah? And I said, FIGS; THE GOOD FIGS, very good; and THE EVIL [FIGS], very evil, that cannot be eaten, they are so evil.

4 Again the word of the LORD came unto me, saying,

5 Thus saith the LORD, the God of Israel; Like these GOOD FIGS, so will I acknowledge them that are carried away captive of Judah, whom I have sent out of this place into the land of the Chaldeans for their good. {them...: Heb. the captivity}



*6 For I will set mine eyes upon them for good, and I will bring them again to this land: and I will build them, and not pull them down; and I will plant them, and not pluck them up.
[Only partially fulfilled through the restoration from Babylon, to be completely fulfilled upon the return of the Lord.]*

7 And I will give them an heart to know me, that I am the LORD: and they shall be my people, and I will be their God: for they shall return unto me with their whole heart.

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