

**#1269 Israel as the Fig Tree – The Cursed Fig Tree of Matthew 21 and its relationship to the May 14-15 1948, rebirth of Israel as a Fig Tree not Blossoming, part 1, The barren Fig Tree of Matthew 21:19 represents the spiritual condition of the Jewish nation at that time and the cursing of it symbolized what would be God’s dispersion of them from the land in 70 A.D.**

In Unsealing [#1259](#), as a part of the introduction to the discussion about the Parable of the Fig Tree in Matthew 24, we mentioned that on the Monday before the crucifixion, Jesus cursed a barren fig tree (Matthew 21:18-19; Mark 11:12-14):

On the **Monday** before the crucifixion, Jesus **curses a barren fig tree** (Matthew 21:18-19; Mark 11:12-14) and cleanses the temple (for the second time, Matthew 21:12-13; Mark 11:15-19; Luke 19:45-46).

*Matthew 21:17-19 (KJV) And he left them, and went out of the city into Bethany; and he lodged there.*

*18 Now in the morning as he returned into the city, he hungered.*

*19 And **WHEN HE SAW A FIG TREE in the way, he came to it, AND FOUND NOTHING THEREON, BUT LEAVES ONLY, and said unto it, Let no fruit grow on thee henceforward for ever. And presently the fig tree withered away.** {a fig tree: Gr. one fig tree}*



*Mark 11:12-14 (KJV) And on the morrow, when they were come from Bethany, he was hungry:*

*13 And seeing **A FIG TREE AFAR OFF HAVING LEAVES, he came, if haply he might find any thing thereon: and when he came to it, HE FOUND NOTHING BUT LEAVES; for the time of figs was not yet.***

*14 And Jesus answered and said unto it, No man eat fruit of thee hereafter for ever. And his disciples heard it.*



Jesus curses the barren fig tree

**Key Understanding: Many theologians correctly interpret the barren fig tree of Matthew 21:19 as representative of the Jews in Jerusalem and Judah at that time, existing as a fig tree and having leaves, but – as evidenced by their forthcoming rejection of the Messiah – not bearing fruit. Furthermore, the cursing of the fig tree with no fruit and its immediate withering and dying were essentially symbolic of the imminent dispersion of the Jews from the Promised Land by the Romans in 70 A.D. Thus, the (Matthew 21)**



The disciples pass by the cursed fig tree and see that it has already died

**cursed barren fig tree at the time of Jesus Christ and the subsequent dispersion of the Jews**

from the land of Israel in 70 A.D. are analogous to Habakkuk 3:17-18 – although the fig tree shall not blossom – in reference to the forthcoming invasion of Judah by Nebuchadnezzar’s Babylon and the taking of the Jews into captivity in Babylon.

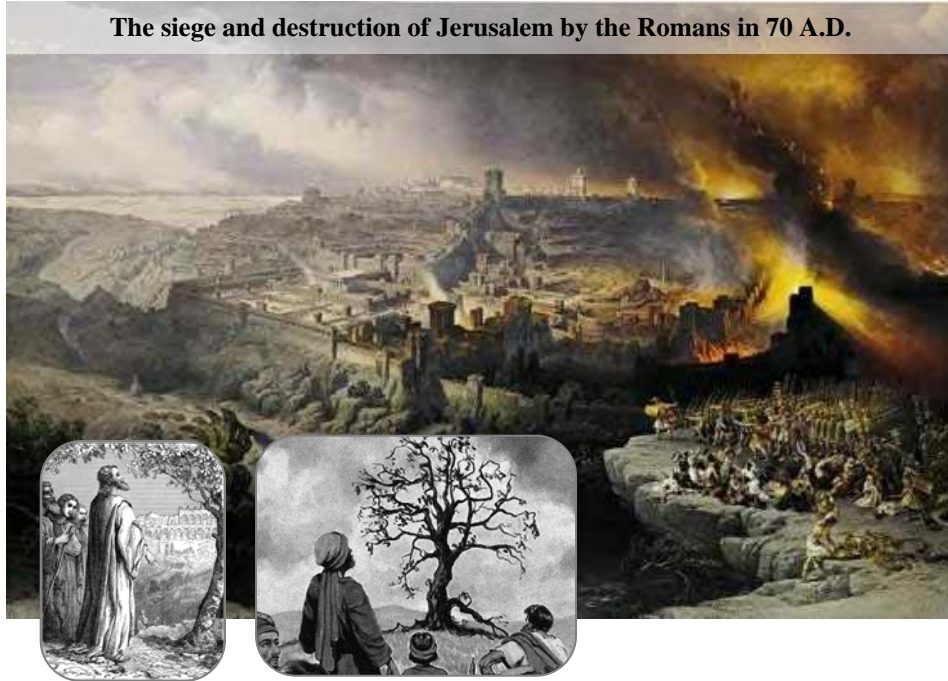
Jesus cursed the barren fig tree, which was representative of the Jews in Jerusalem and Judah at that time, *existing as a fig tree and having leaves, but – as evidenced by their forthcoming rejection of the Messiah – not bearing fruit*.



*Jews mocking Jesus*

The cursing of the fig tree and its immediate withering and dying were symbolic of the imminent dispersion of the Jews from the Promised Land by the Romans

**The siege and destruction of Jerusalem by the Romans in 70 A.D.**



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