

#1272 Israel as the Fig Tree – All the Trees are Leafing, and All the Trees were Withered



Review: On the Tuesday before the crucifixion, the disciples pass by the cursed fig tree and see that it has already died (Matthew 21:20-22; Mark 11:20-24). On that day as well was what is known as the Olivet discourse. Jesus had

departed from the temple and gone to the Mount of Olives. The disciples then asked him about the sign of his coming, and of the end of the world. As a part of the extensive answer given by Jesus, he spoke of **the parable of the fig tree**.



*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}*

*Luke 21:29-31 (KJV) And HE SPAKE TO THEM A PARABLE; BEHOLD THE FIG TREE, and ALL THE TREES; [Note: Luke differs from what is seen in Matthew and Mark because it also adds . . . *and all the trees.*]
30 WHEN THEY NOW SHOOT FORTH, ye see and know of your own selves that summer is now nigh at hand.*

31 So likewise ye, when ye see these things come to pass, know ye that the kingdom of God is nigh at hand.



Luke 21:29-31 extends beyond the leafing of the fig tree to all the trees leafing

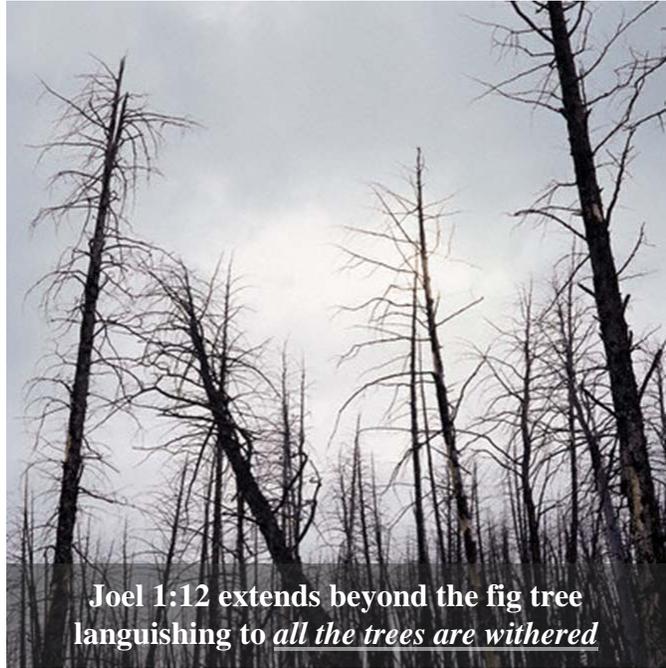
Key Understanding: *All the trees are leafing, and all the trees were withered.* Further proof that the passages of *the parable of the fig tree* – which indeed references the rebirth of the nation of Israel – are meant to be scripturally and prophetically tied all the way back to *the fig tree shall not blossom* at the time of Nebuchadnezzar’s invasion of Judah, comes with the fact that Luke 21:29-31 (above) extends beyond the leafing of the fig tree to all the trees leafing, linking it with Joel 1:12 (below), which extends beyond the fig tree languishing to all the trees are withered. (In the next Unsealing, we will discuss what this means.)

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 cankermoth 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.* [NIV . . . all the trees of the field – are dried up. Surely the joy of mankind is withered away.]



Joel 1:12 extends beyond the fig tree languishing to *all the trees are withered*

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