

# Parable of the Trees

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**What interesting news stories have you seen that give you a sense that we are near the end of the Age?**

## **Over the top demonstrations of antisemitism...**

- Chants from college students on the East Coast: “There is no place to hide; Israel is committing genocide.”
- College students on the West Coast shout in unison: “There is no place to hide; we want Jewish genocide.”
- The attacks against Israel on October 7 have seemingly unleashed hatred reminiscent of 1939 Nazi Germany.
- Students in the East Coast incident above were attacking a college library where Jewish students were hiding in fear, while violent banging on locked doors was accompanied by the above choruses and the further demand: “Let us in! Let us in!”
- One young Jewish woman was told she should take off any jewelry with the Star of David so the pro-Palestinian protesters wouldn’t be triggered.
- Another young woman was told by a college official that she should perhaps go into the attic while the pro-Palestinian mob was trying to get into the library.
- The library in question is now being called the Anne Frank Library.

## **Amazon allegedly breaches own policy by selling ‘from the river to the sea’ anti-Israel products**

<https://worldisraelnews.com/amazon-allegedly-breaches-own-policy-by-selling-from-the-river-to-the-sea-anti-israel-products>

## **Why Do Young Americans Support Hamas? Look at TikTok.**

The app is digital fentanyl made by China. And it is brainwashing our youth against the country and our allies, argues Rep. Mike Gallagher.

<https://www.thefp.com/p/tik-tok-young-americans-hamas-mike-gallag>

## **Queers for Palestine: Identity Politics Most Absurd**

...“Queers for Palestine” attempts to meld LGBT advocacy with Palestinian liberation, a juxtaposition that has precipitated a whirlwind of criticism and ridicule, since LGBT rights scarcely exist within the Muslim world; and the Palestinian territories are no exception. The slogan has been widely satirized. Variations like “Chickens for KFC”

and “Blacks for the KKK” highlight its proponents’ basic lack of awareness of just how incompatible the values of the Western left are with those of the Islamic right they so readily champion.

<https://quillette.com/2023/11/02/queers-for-palestine/>

## **Obama draws moral equivalence between Hamas massacre and Israeli ‘occupation’**

When Israel faces “a barbaric attack from Hamas, Obama blames Israel”; Israeli MK rejects US talk of handing Gaza to Palestinian Authority

<https://www.israeltoday.co.il/read/obama-draws-moral-equivalence-between-hamas-massacre-and-israeli-occupation/>

## **‘Something has been unleashed in antisemites’: Hamas war sparks global antisemitism surge**

The war with Hamas that ensued after the October 7 terrorist attack, resulting in the massacre of over 1,400 Israelis, has sparked a rise in antisemitic incidents worldwide, following Israel’s response in Gaza. And there is a growing concern that this surge in antisemitism is a harbinger of more significant actions, as it has emboldened antisemites to express their sentiments more openly.

<https://www.ynetnews.com/article/rjfuzsboxa>

## **65-Year-Old Jewish Man Dead After Pro-Palestine Protestor Hit Him with Megaphone During Rally**

<https://www.thegatewaypundit.com/2023/11/just-65-years-old-jewish-man-died-after/>

## **The Ominous Era Of Destructive Jew Hatred Is Upon Us Again, And This Time, It’s Global**

Kristallnacht 1938 was localized to Germany, eventually spreading to greater Europe. Kristallnacht 2.0 is a global pogrom against the Jews!

<https://harbingersdaily.com/the-ominous-era-of-destructive-jew-hatred-is-upon-us-again-and-this-time-its-global/>

## Why has the Israel-Hamas War generated so much hatred toward Israel worldwide?

The Zechariah Effect...

*Zechariah 13:3 – it shall happen in that day that I will make Jerusalem a very heavy stone for all peoples; all who would heave it away will surely be cut in pieces, though all nations of the earth are gathered against it.*

The over-the-top expressions of hatred for the Jews reveal the spiritual nature of the phenomenon. Satan hates the Jews and he has inspired those who are his unwitting followers to also hate the Jews. There has been simmering hatred for the Jews for generations and this war has just been the catalyst to bring it out in the open.

## What is different about this recent explosion of antisemitism as opposed to others like the NAZIs?

The presence of the nation of Israel. Jesus gave us the Parable of the Fig Tree as an important sign in the Olivet Discourse:

*Matthew 24:32-34 – <sup>32</sup> “Now learn this parable from the fig tree: When its branch has already become tender and puts forth leaves, you know that summer is near. <sup>33</sup> So you also, when you see all these things, know that it is near—at the doors! <sup>34</sup> Assuredly, I say to you, this generation will by no means pass away till all these things take place.*

## How do we know the fig tree is symbolic of Israel?

We know that the fig tree is a symbol of Israel per Hosea 9:10 and Joel 2:21-25. Also, Jesus prepared His disciples for the Parable of the Fig Tree using one as an object lesson for Israel rejecting Him as Messiah by cursing it causing it to wither. The Olivet Discourse was given later in the same day the disciples noticed the withered fig tree.

## How have we seen leaves on the Israel Fig Tree?

Israel is showing signs of life. They became a nation again in 1948. Jews have been returning to the Land every year since. We've seen God deliver them in several existential wars. We've seen them adopt biblical Hebrew as their national language. And recently we've witnessed the Zechariah Effect.

## How does fulfillment of the following prophecies represent leaves coming on the Israel Fig Tree?

*“The Lord will scatter you among all peoples, from one end of the earth to the other...” (Deut 28:64)*

**Dispersion** — The Jews were warned repeatedly that they would be dispersed worldwide if they were not faithful to their covenant with God.

*“And among those nations you shall find no rest, and there shall be no resting place for the sole of your foot;*

*but there the Lord will give you a trembling heart, failing of eyes, and despair of soul” (Deuteronomy 28:65).*

**Persecution** — The Lord also warned the Jews that they would be persecuted wherever they went. This has certainly been the case from Haman's murderous plan in the book of Esther to Antiochus Epiphanies rages, the medieval crusades, Spanish Inquisition, Russian pogroms in the 1800's, Hitler's holocaust, and Islam's fanaticism.

*“the foreigner who comes from a distant land...will say, ‘All its land is brimstone and salt, a burning waste, unsown and unproductive, and no grass grows in it’” (Deuteronomy 29:22-23).*

**Desolation** — God promised that after their dispersion, their land would become “desolate” and their cities would become “waste”... Mark Twain in his 1867 book, “The Innocents Abroad” reported exactly that.

*For I am the LORD, I do not change; therefore you are not consumed, O sons of Jacob. (Malachi 3:6)*

**Preservation of Jewish Cultural Identity** – The uniqueness of the Jews has been preserved despite the Diaspora, the worldwide dispersion of the Jews that happened soon after the Romans sacked Jerusalem in 70AD. While most Jews are not religious, they have maintained their cultural heritage wherever they have gone. The Jews not being assimilated into local cultures for multiple centuries is unprecedented in history.

*Isaiah 66:22 – For just as the new heavens and the new earth which I make will endure before Me,” declares the Lord, So your offspring and your name will endure.*

*For I will take you from among the nations, gather you out of all countries, and bring you into your own land. (Ezekiel 36:24)*

**Regathering** – The most prolific prophecy in the Old Testament is about Israel returning to the land prior to the Messiah coming to establish His Millennial Kingdom. This prophecy of the return of the Jews refers to a re-gathering from multiple nations; it cannot refer to a return from captivity of the single nation of Babylon. The context here makes it clear that the Jews are returning to the land of Israel in unbelief. This is exactly what has been occurring; Israel is essentially a secular nation in the model of Europe and the United States.

Isaiah 66:7-8 – *Before she travailed, she brought forth; before her pain came, she gave birth to a boy. Who has heard such a thing? Who has seen such things? Can a land be born in one day? Can a nation be brought forth all at once?*

**Nationhood** — The prophets stated that when the people were regathered, the nation of Israel would be re-established. This occurred on May 14, 1948. This is the cornerstone prophetic event of our age. It is an event that prophetic scholars have pointed to for 400 years amid much scoffing and ridicule by those who did not believe that Israel would ever exist again as a nation.

Isaiah 35:1 – *The wilderness and the wasteland shall be glad for them, and the desert shall rejoice and blossom as the rose*

**Restoration of the Land of Israel** – Mark Twain visited the land of Israel in 1867 and published what he saw in his book, “Innocents Abroad.” He described the land as being a barren wasteland, devoid of both vegetation and human population. All that has changed with the Jews returning to the land. God has made the desert bloom increasing the rainfall over 450% since 1900. And He has even restored the forests with over 400 million trees since the Jews have returned to the land.

Zephaniah 3:9 – *For then I will restore to the peoples a pure language*

**Restoration of the Hebrew Language** – A pure language that was lost will be restored in the end times; Hebrew is the only language lost for everyday use that has ever been restored. There are fewer languages in the world than there once were and some have been effectively lost as a commonly spoken language like Latin. Languages and dialects are consolidating as the world seeks to work together more thus attempting to reverse what happened at the Tower of Babel.

### **Is the restoration of the Hebrew language self-fulfilling prophecy by zealous Zionists?**

Bible skeptics dismiss this that way. But why would a secular people feel the need to fulfill Bible prophecy just to prove it to be true? It would have been much easier for the Jews to consolidate their nation around a language that was already in use. English is the worldwide language of commerce, science and technology. It would have been a whole lot less trouble to just use English rather than resurrect and update Hebrew, but God ordained that Hebrew would be spoken in Israel when the Jews returned. This is powerful evidence that God is not done with Israel.

### **Who is the generation that will see the Lord’s return?**

The generation that sees Israel coming back to life, the leaves come on the fig tree.

### **Can we use this Parable to figure out when the Lord will return using the years of a generation?**

No, we can use it to tell what season we are in but not the specific time of the Lord’s return. And what constitutes the leaves? Is it their becoming a nation or their spiritual renewal? It seems like their spiritual renewal could be the ultimate intention here based on the context of the cursed fig tree. But then there is this:

### **What does Luke add to the Fig Tree Parable?**

Luke 21:29-30 – <sup>29</sup> *Then He spoke to them a parable: “Look at the fig tree, and all the trees. <sup>30</sup> When they are already budding, you see and know for yourselves that summer is now near.*

This is evidently a prophecy about the birth of many Gentile nations in the end times, at the same time that Israel is reborn as a sovereign state.

- Trees are symbolic of nations, kingdoms, and empires in several places in the Bible (Daniel 4:10-27; Ezekiel 17:22-24, 31:1-18; and Judges 9:1-21).

### **How have the trees representing the Gentile nations been putting on leaves?**

- Before the 20th century (1900), there were 44 countries that had achieved statehood.
- The 20th century (1900-2000) saw 147 new sovereign states added, with many splitting off from the United Kingdom, France, Spain, Portugal, and the Soviet Union.
- The first half of the 20th century (1900-1950) saw 38 new states created, while the second half (1950-2000) experienced an unprecedented addition of 109 new sovereign states.
- Only 5 nations have been recognized as sovereign states in the 21st century (2000 to date).

### **So, have the leaves come on all the trees yet?**

There were 75 states present in the world when Israel became a nation on May 14, 1948. After Israel’s rebirth as a nation, 120 nations have been recognized as independent, sovereign states.

- That and the emergence of the Zechariah Effect indicate we are the generation Jesus indicated would see His return.

### **How long is a generation?** (see Psalm 90:10)

1948+70,80 ...we’re in the season & fly away before 2028

Resources:

<https://www.raptureready.com/category/nearing-midnight/>  
<https://www.raptureready.com/2023/07/12/the-mysterious-prophecy-of-the-trees-by-michael-hile/>