

Fig Tree

Charles Lee Feinberg in Bakers Dictionary of Theology in the article on "Fig Tree" says that the barren fig tree (Luke 13.6-9), the budding fig tree (Mat. 24.32-35) and parallels), and the cursed fig tree (Mat. 21.18-22) are taken to mean the Jewish nation. The cursing of the fig tree by our Lord is best understood as condemnation upon appearance without reality. Having leaves, it should have had some fruit; the condemnation was not for barrenness but for falsity of profession (Trench, Notes on the Miracles, p. 349)

Scofield(1917) on Mk.11.1 "Bethphage" meaning house of unripe figs(see vs. 12,20), probably so called after the fig tree was crused. Scofield(1967) omits "probably so called after the fig tree was cursed."

Scofield(1917) on Mat. 21.19. Lit a solitary fig tree Lk.13.6-9 The withered fig tree is a parabolic miracle concerning Israel Cf. Mat. 24.32,33; a prophecy that Israel shall again bud. Scofield(1967) omits all this.

Interpreters Dictionary of the Bible notes that the fig tree and its fruit are referred to more than sixty times in the Bible. The majority of the references to the fig are metaphorical

Ellicott's Commentary on Mat. 24.32 And what our Lord teaches is that as surely as the fresh green foliage of the fig-tree is a sign of summer, so shall the signs of which He speaks portend the coming of the Son of man.