

TREES IN SCRIPTURE

INTRODUCTION

A tree is the largest of all living organisms. Trees can get very old. A giant tree requires a particularly strong structure, especially in the trunk. The roots grow downwards in search of water, but the branches and leaves grow upwards, towards the sun.

Trees are the lungs of the earth. During the day it releases the oxygen we live on. At night it functions the other way around when it releases carbon dioxide. So the tree needs light to produce oxygen.

Conifers are adapted to the cold and can grow high on the mountains, but broadleaf trees grow in the sheltered valleys.

In the Word, man is often compared to a tree. The Word begins and ends with the Tree of life (Gen. 2:16 – 17, Rev. 2:7, Rev. 22:2).

We are talking about the family tree of people and one can say that the Tree of Life is the "family tree" of Elohim. The tree of the knowledge of good and evil on the other side then corresponds to the "family tree of Satan", he who is the opponent of YaHUAH.

THE TREE IN WHICH THE SERPENT IS

Satan seduced Eve by assuring her that her eyes would be opened if she ate from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, for his power and reproduction lay in that tree. Mental knowledge is human reasoning, as it is without the Spirit of Elohim. One can compare it to the teenage phase that a child goes through when he is still growing up. Teenagers can be quite rebellious because they think they know better than their parents. As created beings we are also the "children" of Elohim while man has also fallen into the pitfall of "knowing better".

Elohim forbade Adam and Eve to eat from the tree of knowledge of good and evil, because He knew what it would do to them. It would be like "poison" to them as spiritual beings. He said that they would die. He did not say that He would kill them, but that they would "die". Death means that the soul and the body separate from each other. The second death means a second separation, namely to be separated from Elohim forever.

Gen. 2:17 but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, you shall not eat thereof; for the day you eat of it you will **surely die**.

The serpent presented them with a **twisted interpretation** of the command to deceive them, so that they could die spiritually and became part of his "family tree" which is accompanied by the corruption of the physical realm.

Gen. 3:2 And the woman said unto the serpent, We may eat of the fruit of the trees of the garden:

Gen. 3:3 But of the fruit of the tree which *is* in the midst of the garden, Elohim hath said, Ye shall not eat of it, neither shall ye touch it, **lest ye die**.

Gen. 3:4 And the serpent said unto the woman, Ye **shall not surely die**:

Gen. 3:5 For Elohim doth know that in the day ye eat thereof, then **your eyes shall be opened**, and ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil.

They believed the serpent and ate of the forbidden fruit of "his tree" which closed their eyes to YaHUAH's spiritual realm which is connected to the Tree of Life (they died to YaHUAH's spiritual realm), but their eyes were opened for the realm in which the Serpent was cast out into, namely the physical realm in which the serpent presents a deceptive **counterfeit** of YaHUAH's spiritual realm.

People are often curious to know what is going on in the supernatural and can thus be drawn into the realm of the Serpent where their eyes then "open" to the occultic realm. It's the tree of knowledge of good and evil. (Also see: [KABBALAH](#))

Gen. 3:6 And when the woman saw that the tree *was* good for food, and that it *was* pleasant to the eyes, and a tree to be desired to make *one* wise, she took of the fruit thereof, and did eat, and gave also unto her husband with her; and he did eat.

Gen. 3:7 And **the eyes of them both were opened**, and they knew that they *were* naked; and they sewed fig leaves together, and made themselves aprons.

What is then wrong with the knowledge of good and evil. We must be able to distinguish, don't we?

As with a teenager who wants to be independent, people by nature usually want to decide for themselves what is good and what is bad. It's the "self" that is the problem. Then man no longer needs Elohim. He can manage himself now. The biggest reason that prevents people from coming to rebirth and salvation is that "self" and then Elohim must bring one to a place where the "self" can no longer help, which then makes the person willing to ask to hear from YaHUAH, as to be dependent on Him and to receive His grace ... but only after man has tried to work out his own salvation by doing his own will. It is the one great sin from the beginning from which all sin originates.

Eph. 2:8 For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that **not of yourselves**: *it is the gift of Elohim*:

Eph. 2:9 **Not of works**, lest any man should boast.

Good works and religious deeds do not save us, that is just relying on the "self" again. To receive salvation one has to replace the "relying on the self" to that what YaHUSA has done for me ... firstly with regard to eternal life and then for every situation in my life. One must first admit that one cannot do it yourself, but that YaHUSA can because He has already done it. It is a personal matter that each person has to deal with individually. Forget about the person next to you, now it is just you alone with YaHUSA Elohim. He is a very personal Elohim.

As YaHUAH walked with Adam and Eve in the garden, He wants to have a personal relationship with each of us. That is where the real life is to be found. His life makes man alive, it is like "fuel" that flows from Him all the time. He is our spiritual "oxygen".

But it's so nice to just be independent. It is nice to organise my own life, to live as I feel I want to live, whereas if I depend on Elohim, or even on other people, I always have to wait and I have no certainty how a matter will turn out. It is having to be like a child in the house again who has to watch when my parents are going to do or not do this or that for me. It is more tempting to be in control of my own life.

This sin of Adam and Eve is described in 1 John 2.

1 John 2:15 Love not the world, neither the things *that are* in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him.

1 John 2:16 For all that *is* in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, **is not of the Father**, but is of the world.

1 John 2:17 And **the world passeth away**, and **the lust thereof**: but he that doeth the will of Elohim abideth for ever.

Adam and Eve were created innocent but then that innocence was tested. If they had not failed, they would have had righteousness forever. But they failed and therefore all people are born "earthy" and without righteousness because the sin of Adam and Eve penetrated to all people via that tree of the knowledge of good and evil (Rom. 5:12). That is why YaHUsa came as the Last Adam to cancel it so that man could once again have an opportunity to become an imperishable "heavenly being" like Adam and Eve were before they sinned.

1 Cor. 15:45 And so it is written, The **first man** Adam was made a living soul; the **last Adam was made a quickening spirit.**

1 Cor. 15:46 Howbeit that *was* not first which is spiritual, but that which is natural; and afterward that which is spiritual.

1 Cor. 15:47 The first man *is* of the earth, earthy: **the second man is the Master from heaven.**

1 Cor. 15:48 As *is* the earthly, such *are* they also that are earthly: and as *is* the heavenly, such *are* they also that are heavenly.

1 Cor. 15:49 And as we have borne **the image of the earthly**, we shall also bear the **image of the heavenly.**

1 Cor. 15:50 Now this I say, brethren, that **flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of Elohim; neither doth corruption inherit incorruption.**

THE TREE IN WHICH THE LIFE IS

Adam and Eve's sin penetrated to all people, but YaHUsa came as the last Adam, as the "Tree of life", to make it possible for people to once again share in the spiritual immortality. (*Watch the following very short video: [THE TREE OF LIFE](#)*)

All humans originate from the first two humans and is therefore "of one blood".

Acts 17:26 And hath made of **one blood** all nations of men for to dwell on all the face of the earth, and hath determined the times before appointed, and the bounds of their habitation

It was also through the sin of one man that all humans were contaminated with sin.

Rom. 5:12 Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so **death passed upon all men**, for that **all have sinned**

But YaHUsa was on the other hand a life-giving Spirit.

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When YaHUsa was born on earth 2 000 years ago, He was at the same time Elohim and He was also Man. He came to intercept the human race as the **offspring** of the first Adam, to transfer it to the **spiritual lineage** of Himself as Messiah ... for those who would accept Him.

John 1:12 But as many as **received Him**, to them gave He power to become the **sons of Elohim**, *even to them that believe on His name:*

John 1:13 Which were born, **not of blood**, nor of the will of the **flesh**, nor of the will of man, but of Elohim.

YaHUsa's quickening takes place when we are born "again" by means of His incorruptible seed (sperma, G4701, G4687, G4690) just as when He was supernaturally begotten in Mary by the Set Apart Spirit.

1 Pet. 1:23 Being born again, **not of corruptible seed**, but of **incorruptible seed** (G4701, "sporah", *from G4687; a sowing, that is, (by implication) parentage: - seed*), by the word of Elohim, which liveth and abideth for ever.

Gal. 3:16 Now to Abraham and **his seed** were the promises made. He saith not, And to seeds, as of many; but as **of one**, And to thy seed (G4690 "sperma", *from G4687 something sown, that is, seed including the male "sperm"; by implication offspring; specifically a remnant*), **which is Messiah**.

The sin they committed immediately made Adam and Eve **self-conscious** (they saw that they were now naked/"**arom**"), because the **glory of Elohim** with which they were clothed was now gone and they therfore hid from Elohim. They were now no longer in His presence, because of the serpent's slyness ("**arum**"). In the Hebrew, there is therefore, this play on words: to be caught by Satan's slyness ("**arum**"), causes spiritual nakedness ("**arom**").

Before the fall man was crowned with **honour and glory**, which was like spiritual clothing.

Ps. 8:4 What is man, that thou art mindful of him? and the son of man, that thou visitest him?

Ps. 8:5 For thou hast made him a little lower than the angels, and hast crowned him with **glory and honour**. (*compare Heb. 2:6 – 8*)

All the animals have a covering, one could say that each animal wears a "coat". But Adam and Eve were now naked because their spiritual covering was gone. They lacked the **glory of Elohim**, which was like a "garment" for them. Now they had to be artificially clothed. The "self" immediately takes effect and they made themselves clothes of fig leaves. It is symbolic of man's own plans for salvation.

Rom. 3:23 For all have sinned, and **come short of the glory of Elohim**

Gen. 3:7 And the eyes of them both were opened, and they knew that **they were naked**; and they **sewed fig leaves** together, and made themselves aprons.

But Elohim intervened and made them clothes of skin. For that to happen there probably would have flown animal blood, which already pointed to the Lamb of Elohim who would shed His innocent blood for us so that we could be **clothed with Him**.

Gen. 3:21 Unto Adam also and to his wife did YaHUAH Elohim make **coats of skins**, and clothed them.

Rom. 13:14 But **put ye on the Master YaHUSAH Messiah**, and make not provision for the flesh, to *fulfil* the lusts *thereof*.

There is no salvation for man without YaHUSAH Messiah, no eternal life.

1 John 5:12 He that **hath the Son** hath life; and he that hath **not** the Son of Elohim hath not life.

YaHUSAH (His glory) is the only clothing that is truly a covering for us in the Spirit. Physically speaking, we have to cover ourselves with clothes that come from the world's factories (which are like a type of fig leaf) and this constantly reminds one of the fact that Adam and Eve's sin penetrated us too. It is only by grace that we can put on the spiritual garments made available to us by YaHUSAH, the Lamb slain for us. We just have to take it, put it on and never take it off again.

John 6:37 All that the Father giveth Me shall come to Me; and him **that cometh to Me** I will in no wise cast out.

We are within its reach through YaHUSAH as the "Seed" ("sperma"). If we do not do it, one automatically remains part of the seducing Serpent's line. His seed is the Son of Perdition, the Antichrist. John said that since his time there have been many "antichrists", namely those who did not accept YaHUSAH as the Messiah and were therefore not of His seed. (See also: [THE ELEVENTH HORN](#))

1 John 2:18 Little children, it is the last time: and as ye have heard that antichrist shall come, even now are there **many antichrists**; whereby we know that it is the last time.

1 John 2:19 **They went out from us**, but they **were not of us**; for if they had been of us, they would *no doubt* have continued with us: but *they went out*, that they might be made manifest that they were not all of us.

Antichrists lead people away from YaHUSAH as the Anointed One of Elohim. They are also "seducers" like the Serpent was. They are of the Serpent's seed.

2 John 1:7 For **many deceivers** are entered into the world, who **confess not** that YaHUSAH Messiah is come in the flesh. This is a deceiver and an antichrist.

2 John 1:8 Look to yourselves, that we lose not those things which we have wrought, but that we receive a full reward.

2 John 1:9 Whosoever transgresseth, and **abideth not** in the doctrine of Messiah, hath not Elohim. He that abideth in the doctrine of Messiah, **he hath both the Father and the Son**.

2 John 1:10 If there come any unto you, and bring not this doctrine, receive him not into your house, neither bid him God speed:

2 John 1:11 For he that biddeth him God speed is partaker of his evil deeds.

However, when man is "clothed" by Elohim, namely by His Spirit, the Serpent's head is crushed by YaHUSAH who is from the woman's seed. The One who made the promise is Himself also the Fulfiller of the promise.

Gen. 3:15 And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall **bruise thy head**, and thou shalt bruise his heel.

RE-ADMISSION TO THE GARDEN AND THE TREE OF LIFE

Genesis is the book of "beginnings" and Revelation is the book of the "end". Genesis 1 - 3 corresponds to Open. 21 – 22.

The tree of life and the water of life are the two great central themes of the New Earth. In Genesis they could eat from the tree of life, but not after they have sinned and were then banished from the garden. In Revelation, man again has a right to the tree of life (Rev. 22:14). Man is then restored to Paradise.

In the Tabernacle the Holy of Holies corresponds to Paradise. The curtain that led to it was decorated with two cherubs as a reference to the cherubs who had to guard the entrance to Paradise so that man could not enter there again. The priests were also not allowed to enter the Holy of Holies, only the high priest once a year after he sacrificed for himself and the people (as a type of YaHUsa who would come to remove the barrier to Paradise for us).

Gen. 3:24 So he drove out the man; and he placed at the east of the garden of Eden **Cherubims**, and a flaming sword which turned every way, **to keep the way of the tree of life**.

This is reflected in the curtain of the tabernacle/temple.

Ex. 26:31 And thou shalt make a **vail** of blue, and purple, and scarlet, and fine twined linen of cunning work: **with cherubims** shall it be made

When that curtain was torn when YaHUsa breathed out His last breath, the way to Paradise was opened again for those who are in YaHUsa Messiah.

Matt. 27:50 YaHUsa, when He had cried again with a loud voice, **yielded up the ghost**.

Matt. 27:51 And, behold, the **veil of the temple was rent in twain** from the top to the bottom; and the earth did quake, and the rocks rent

Heb. 10:19 Having therefore, brethren, boldness to enter into the holiest by the blood **of YaHUsa**,

Heb. 10:20 By a new and living way, which he hath consecrated for us, **through the veil**, that is to say, **His flesh**;

Heb. 10:21 And *having* an **high Priest** over the house of Elohim

Darkness has its own counterfeit of the tree of life, but has turned it upside down and therefore it is actually the "tree of knowledge of good and evil" to which he still invites humanity. Just think of the Christmas tree.

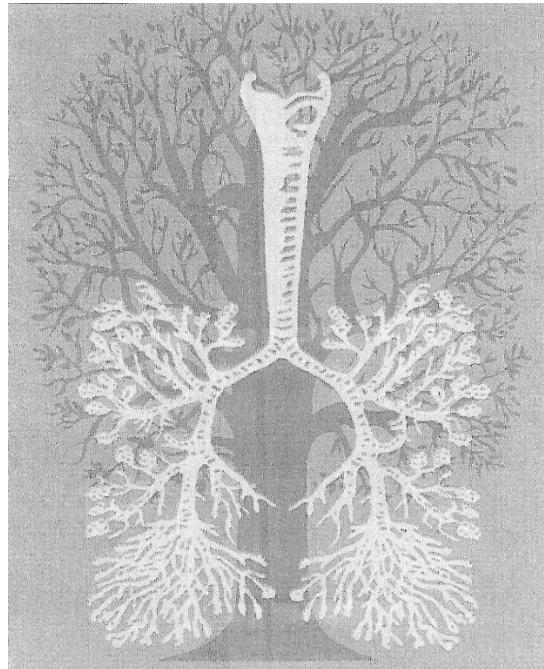
Adam and Eve have lost their contact, their awareness of God's presence after the fall, because they hid from Him. In its place came **self-awareness**. Darkness' tree is about the "Self", i.e. humanism.

Man is spirit, soul and body. As far as YaHUsaH is concerned, His Spirit only operates if someone is born again. Darkness operates as far as the soul and body are concerned, but he can fake "spirit". It is then

the occult, which can have an apparent "beautiful" side where Darkness presents itself as YaHUAH's Spirit. As has been rightly noted, it is then called "*the beautiful side of evil*".

THE INVERTED TREE IN THE HUMAN BODY

The lungs in the human body look like an upside down tree. Trees clean the earth of toxic gas and provide us with oxygen. Our lungs therefore work like "inverted" trees. It cleanses our bodies of carbon dioxide. Without oxygen we are dead. We must be able to breathe.



Spiritually, we "breathe" through the Set Apart Spirit if we are born again, but there are occult new age religions that concentrate a lot on physical breathing, such as for example yoga. Contact is then made with the Serpent's alternative tree of knowledge of good and evil and this tree can then be climbed by following all kinds of methods. These are the paths by which Satan draws people into his field via the emotions, will or mind.

Among these are also the imitations of the gifts of the Set Apart Spirit. Supernatural things are then experienced as if they are "Spirit", but are actually fakes in the soul area of which Darkness is the source. It operates like an inverted tree, because the roots are now "planted in heaven" according to such teachings and the branches and leaves cover the earth. The yogis stand on their heads to relate to this, because for them the roots are compared to the human head, the trunk to the body and the branches to the limbs, while the core of the wood is the heart. The leaves and fruits are what is done, good or bad. If the yogi now stands on his head, he supposedly takes the life and energy from the earth with the so-called roots of his head.

There are pagan religions that believe that there is a tree in the center of the earth. In Egypt it was a palm tree, but for Rome it was a pine tree. They believe it is the biggest tree in the whole earth. This tree is

like a connection between the earth and heaven for them. That is why "sacred tree trunks" were also worshipped. The pillars and needles erected in many places in the world also serve as such "trees".

This tree, which is then worshiped in this way and which is a point of contact with the Evil One, is called the "cosmic tree", which supposedly supports the heavens and thus connects the earth and the sky. It serves as a fake "tree of life".

However, the Tabernacle is point of contact between heaven and earth and was given as a **meeting place** between Elohim and man. The tabernacle is therefore a type of the garden of Eden where Elohim walked with Man. This was no longer possible after the fall, and Elohim then placed His presence within man's reach via the Tabernacle. (See also: [YAHUSHA OUR TABERNACLE](#) and [THE BIRTH OF YAHUSHA MESSIAH DURING THE FESTIVAL OF TABERNACLES](#) and [PROPHETIC SIGNS IN THE HEAVENS DURING YAHUSHA'S BIRTH](#))

The golden candlestick of the tabernacle was shaped like a tree. It had branches and fruits and leaves and then it also gave light, because there were no windows in that room. The light tells us something. This takes us to Zech. 4, the two olive trees and the golden lampstand. This whole section is about the two witnesses who bring light in the midst of the darkness of this world, which is spiritual light that is essential to be able to be alive spiritually. If a tree is in the light, it produces oxygen. (See also: [REVELATION 11 AND THE TWO WITNESSES](#))

In ancient times, a friendship was made with a covenant of 9 rituals, the last of which was to plant a tree as a memorial of this covenant. YaHUsa is our Covenant Tree. He is the Tree of life, He is the Candlestick that drives out darkness. In Him we see the light, because He is light. He is our "oxygen" and makes us spiritually alive. Only through Him will we be able to "live" forever. Without Him we are spiritually dead, but in Him we also become part of the Tree of Life.

John 1:4 In Him was life; and the life was the light of men.

John 1:5 And the light shineth in darkness; and the darkness comprehended it not.

THE CHRISTMAS TREE

Now we are back at the Christmas tree. (See also: [THE TRUE ORIGIN OF CHRISTMAS](#) and [BABYLON, PAGAN CUSTOMS AND THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN](#))

Jer. 10:2 Thus saith YaHUsaH, **Learn not the way of the heathen**, and be not dismayed at the signs of heaven; for the heathen are dismayed at them.

Jer. 10:3 For the customs of the people *are* vain: for **one cutteth a tree out of the forest**, the work of the hands of the workman, with the axe.

Jer. 10:4 They **deck it with silver and with gold**; they **fasten it with nails and with hammers**, that it move not.

As already said, it was first a palm tree in Egypt, but Rome changed it to a pine tree. According to "The Two Babylons" (by Alexander Hislop), the mother of Adonis as the sun god, changed into a tree and in that state produced her son as a branch ("Man, the branch"). This is where the "Yule" log fits in. It is burned in the fire the night before Christmas and then the next day the Christmas tree is the resurrected son of this mother, as a sprout or branch of "god" and is then also the tree that brings all the gifts to man.

The Christmas tree is actually a commemoration of the covenant that Satan has with man because of the fall, for those who are not born again. So is the kiss under the "mistletoe". It is a branch of this tree as the "divine" offspring that "comes from heaven and then grows on an earthly tree". Scripture says "Kiss the Son" (Ps. 2:12), but in this way Darkness is being "kissed".

THE POSITIVE

Let us look at the positive side. If we took part in the reconciliation by "kissing" YaHUsa Messiah, then we are regenerated by the imperishable seed ("speiro/sperma") of Elohim and then we are part of YaHUsa's family tree, which is the Tree of Life. That is why He says that we will be "known by our fruits". This is the fruit by the Set Apart Spirit (Gal. 5:22). These are all tree related terms. He will also "plant" us as a "planting" of YaHUaH to bear fruit at the right time for His glorification.

1 Pet. 1:23 Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of **incorruptible**, by the word of Elohim, which liveth and abideth for ever.

Is. 61:3 To appoint unto them that mourn in Zion, to give unto them beauty for ashes, the oil of joy for mourning, the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness; that they might be called trees of righteousness, the **planting** of YaHUaH, that he might be glorified.

THE SYMBOLISM OF DIFFERENT TREE TYPES IN THE WORD

Other tree types are also used symbolically in Scripture.

The **palm tree** represents the believer's life in the midst of extreme opposition like the palm tree that grows in the barren desert. It sends its roots deep down for a great distance until it finds water, after which it can then flourish. Thus the believer who discovers the secret place of communion with YaHUaH, who then drinks the water of life from the Word of Elohim and who then walks with the Spirit of YaHUsa, is a radiant believer in the midst of the "desert" of this world.

Ps. 92:12 The **righteous shall flourish like the palm tree**: he shall grow like a **cedar** in Lebanon.

Ps. 92:13 Those that be **planted** in the house of YaHUaH shall flourish in the courts of our Elohim.

Ps. 92:14 They shall still **bring forth fruit** in old age; they shall be fat and **flourishing**;

Ps. 92:15 To shew that YaHUaH is upright: *He is my rock, and there is no unrighteousness in Him.*

The **Palm tree** and cedar tree are mentioned together in Ps. 92:13, because the cedar tree is a strong tree. The righteous will be a strong, persistent believer who has certainty about eternal life. Cedars grow in high places, in forests or plantations and thus also represent the community of believers where believers protect each other.

The **Cedar tree** represents power and strength, perseverance, eternity and immortality. Its wood was used liberally in the temple. After David took Jebus from the Jebusites and it became the fortress of Zion, David's house was also built with cedar wood (2 Sam. 5:11). It is therefore accompanied by the strength and opulence of royalty ... in other words, with a kingdom. In the book of Ezekiel, the kingdom of Assyria was compared to a cedar tree because of its strength at that time (Ezek. 31:3).

However, YaHUAH made Ezekiel to prophesy about the **kingdom of heaven** also by comparing it to a cedar branch. YaHUsa came to announce the **kingdom of Elohim** and explained it when He was on earth (Matt. 13:13 – 58).

Ezek. 17:22 Thus saith the YaHUAH Elohim; I will also take of the **highest branch of the high cedar**, and will set *it*; I will crop off from the top of his young twigs a tender one, and will plant *it* upon an **high mountain and eminent**: (*Messiah and the Kingdom of Elohim, compare Ps. 2:6*)

Ezek. 17:23 In the mountain of the height of Israel will I plant it: and it shall bring forth boughs, and bear fruit, and be a goodly cedar: and under it shall dwell all fowl of every wing; in the shadow of the branches thereof shall they dwell.

Ezek. 17:24 And all the trees of the field shall know that I YaHUAH have brought down the high tree, have exalted the low tree, have dried up the green tree, and have made the dry tree to flourish: I YaHUAH have spoken and have done *it*.

The **Oak tree** is often found for a person with a strong character. The oak tree is the hardest and strongest in the forest. It represents **strong leaders**, but is also accompanied by sadness, because Deborah was buried under an oak tree (Gen. 35:8) and Absolom also died in an oak tree (2 Sam. 18:14). Saul was buried under an oak tree (1 Chron. 10:12). The bitterness of the tree is thus compared to the bitterness of death.

The **Fig tree** represents Israel as priesthood. YaHUsa cursed a fig tree when it did not bear fruit, but was full of leaves, such was Israel's priesthood at that time. It was fruitless. The Pharisees took the lead and misled the people, while the temple was a place of trading.

The **Vineyard** represented Israel as a kingdom. Physical Israel was continued spiritually in YaHUsa as the True Vine.

Firstly the **Olive Tree** represented Israel as the anointed people and finally YaHUsa as the Anointed One continued the symbol of the Olive Tree, because He is "Israel" in the spiritual. Just like physical Israel, He was called out of Egypt as a "son" (Hos. 11:1, Matt. 2:13 - 15). The Olive Tree of Rom. 11 explains how physical Israel (the Jews as representative of Israel) did not want to accept YaHUsa and was then cut off as branches. They were no longer Israel, but those who did accept Him whether they were Jews or whether they were from the nations, these became part of the Olive Tree as a Spiritual Israel. This is [Scriptural Israel](#). (Compare: [THE OLIVE TREE](#))

Then there are also trees like the willow tree, the myrtle tree and the thorn tree in the Word. Everyone speaks for himself as a type of person.

SCRIPTURAL SIMILARITIES REGARDING TREES

We are plantings of YaHUAH, like trees in His garden. We bear fruit, give life and coolness and are full of the character traits of a living tree ... a "tree of life".

Ps. 1:1 Blessed *is* the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful.

Ps. 1:2 But his delight *is* in the law of YaHUAH; and in His law doth he meditate day and night.

Ps. 1:3 And he shall be **like a tree planted by the rivers of water**, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season; his leaf also shall not wither; and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper.

Ps. 1:4 The ungodly *are* not so: but *are* like the chaff which the wind driveth away.

Prov. 11:30 The fruit of the righteous *is a tree of life*; and he that winneth souls *is wise*.

Matt. 12:33 Either make the tree good, and his fruit good; or else make the tree corrupt, and his fruit corrupt: for **the tree is known by his fruit**.

Gal. 5:22 But the **fruit** of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith,

Song. 2:3 As the **apple tree** among the trees of the wood, so *is* my Beloved among the sons. I sat down under his shadow with great delight, and his fruit *was* sweet to my taste.

But there are also “plantings” that do not honour YaHUAH, like Nebuchadnezzar and those who, like irrational animals, understand things in the natural way (Jude verse 10 – 12).

Jude 1:12 These are spots in your feasts of charity, when they feast with you, feeding themselves without fear: clouds *they are* without water, carried about of winds; **trees** whose **fruit** withereth, **without fruit, twice dead**, plucked up **by the roots**:

Dan 4:10 Thus *were* the visions of mine head in my bed; I saw, and behold **a tree in the midst of the earth**, and the height thereof *was* great. (*Nebuchadnezzar and his kingdom was here compared to a tree, also see Dan. 4:20 – 22*)

Dan 4:11 The tree grew, and was strong, and the height thereof reached unto heaven, and the sight thereof to the end of all the earth:

Dan 4:12 The leaves thereof *were* fair, and the fruit thereof much, and in it *was* meat for all: the beasts of the field had shadow under it, and the fowls of the heaven dwelt in the boughs thereof, and all flesh was fed of it.

Dan 4:13 I saw in the visions of my head upon my bed, and, behold, a watcher and an holy one came down from heaven;

Dan 4:14 He cried aloud, and said thus, Hew down the tree, and cut off his branches, shake off his leaves, and scatter his fruit: let the beasts get away from under it, and the fowls from his branches:

Dan 4:15 Nevertheless leave the stump of his roots in the earth, even with a band of iron and brass, in the tender grass of the field; and let it be wet with the dew of heaven, and *let* his portion *be* with the beasts in the grass of the earth:

Dan 4:16 Let his heart be changed from man's, and let a beast's heart be given unto him; and let seven times pass over him.

Dan 4:17 This matter *is* by the decree of the watchers, and the demand by the word of the holy ones: to the intent that the living may know that the most High ruleth in the kingdom of men, and giveth it to whomsoever he will, and setteth up over it the basest of men.

Dan 4:18 **This dream I king Nebuchadnezzar have seen.** Now thou, O Belteshazzar, declare the interpretation thereof, forasmuch as all the wise *men* of my kingdom are not able to make known unto me the interpretation: but thou *art* able; for the spirit of the holy gods *is* in thee.

Without good fruit, one can also be "cut down" as a tree.

Luke 3:9 And now also the axe is laid unto the root of the trees: **every tree** therefore which **bringeth not forth good fruit** is **hewn down**, and **cast into the fire**.

SUMMARY

Man is received and born in sin (Ps. 51:7) as part of the Serpent's family tree. However, YaHUsa came to make us part of His family tree, the Tree of Life.

If we have become part of the Tree of life, we display as tempting fruits the message of the good news of the Kingdom of Heaven, the Eternal life, to draw closer to those who are still sitting in darkness and the shadow of death (Ps. 107:10, Is. 42:7 , Luke 1:70).

It had been YaHUsa's command that we should make "disciples" (Matt. 28:18 - 20). In this way, the Tree of Life can be brought back within the reach of a lost world and YaHUsa's family tree can be expanded.

As branches of the Tree of life, may we be actively working with zeal in the Kingdom of Heaven and bring forth fruits worthy of repentance to the glorification of YaHUsa, Luke 3:8.

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