

# Luke 8:1-15

**Three major components found in this section:**

- 1) the kingdom of God being preached to the nation Israel.
- 2) the sower who sowed seed (the word of God).
- 3) the desired production of fruit from Israel.**



# Wormwood Shrubs – Deut. 29:18



**Amos 6:12** "...yet you have turned justice into poison  
and the fruit of righteousness into wormwood, ..."  
cf. Amos 5:7; Jeremiah 9:15; 23:15

## The problem with Israel in their past is that they did not bear fruit:

- **Hosea 9:16** Ephraim is stricken, their root is dried up, they will bear no fruit. Even though they bear children, I will slay the precious ones of their womb.
- **Hosea 10:1** Israel is a luxuriant vine; he produces fruit for himself. The more his fruit, the more altars he made; the richer his land, the better he made the sacred pillars.
- **Hosea 10:13** You have plowed wickedness, you have reaped injustice, you have eaten the fruit of lies. Because you have trusted in your way, in your numerous warriors,
- **Hosea 14:2** Take words with you and return to the Lord (shub). Say to Him, “Take away all iniquity and receive us graciously, that we may present the fruit of our lips.”
- **Hosea 14:8** O Ephraim, what more have I to do with idols? It is I who answer and look after you. I am like a luxuriant cypress; From Me comes your fruit.

**At the first advent, Jesus came seeking the fruitfulness of Israel, with John the Baptist announcing the need for it:**

- **Matthew 3:8** “Therefore bear fruit worthy of repentance”; (cf. Luke 3:8).
- **Matthew 3:10** “The axe is already laid at the root of the trees; therefore every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.”

# Jesus would curse a fig tree because it bore no fruit:

## Matthew 21:18–19

Now in the morning, when He was returning to the city, He became hungry. Seeing a lone fig tree by the road, He came to it and found nothing on it except leaves only; and He said to it, “No longer shall there ever be any fruit from you.” And at once the fig tree withered.



**No fruit on the vine or the fig tree was related to God's judgment on Israel:**

**Jeremiah 8:13**

“I will surely snatch them away,” declares the Lord;  
“There will be no grapes on the vine and no figs on the fig tree, and the leaf will wither; and what I have given them will pass away.”



**No fruit on the vine or the fig tree was related to God's judgment on Israel:**

**Hosea 2:12**

**"I will destroy her vines and fig trees, of which she said, 'These are my wages which my lovers have given me.' And I will make them a forest, and the beasts of the field will devour them."**



**Jesus' confrontation in Matthew 21:23–27 with Israel's religious leaders sets the stage for the following three parables:**

- 1) the parable of the two sons (21:28–32);
- 2) the parable of the landowner (21:33–46);
- 3) the parable of the marriage feast (22:1–14).



## **Zechariah 3:10**

**‘In that day,’  
declares the Lord  
of hosts, ‘every  
one of you will  
invite his neighbor  
to sit under his  
vine and under  
his fig tree.’**



## Soil #4

- **Luke 8:8** “Other seed fell into the good soil, and grew up, and produced a crop a hundred times as great.” As He said these things, He would call out, “He who has ears to hear, let him hear.”
- **Luke 8:15** “But the seed in the good soil, these are the ones who have heard the word in an honest and good heart, and hold it fast, and bear fruit with perseverance.”



**In the future kingdom, God the Sower will plant Israel in their land, and Israel will bear the fruit God desired of His covenant people:**

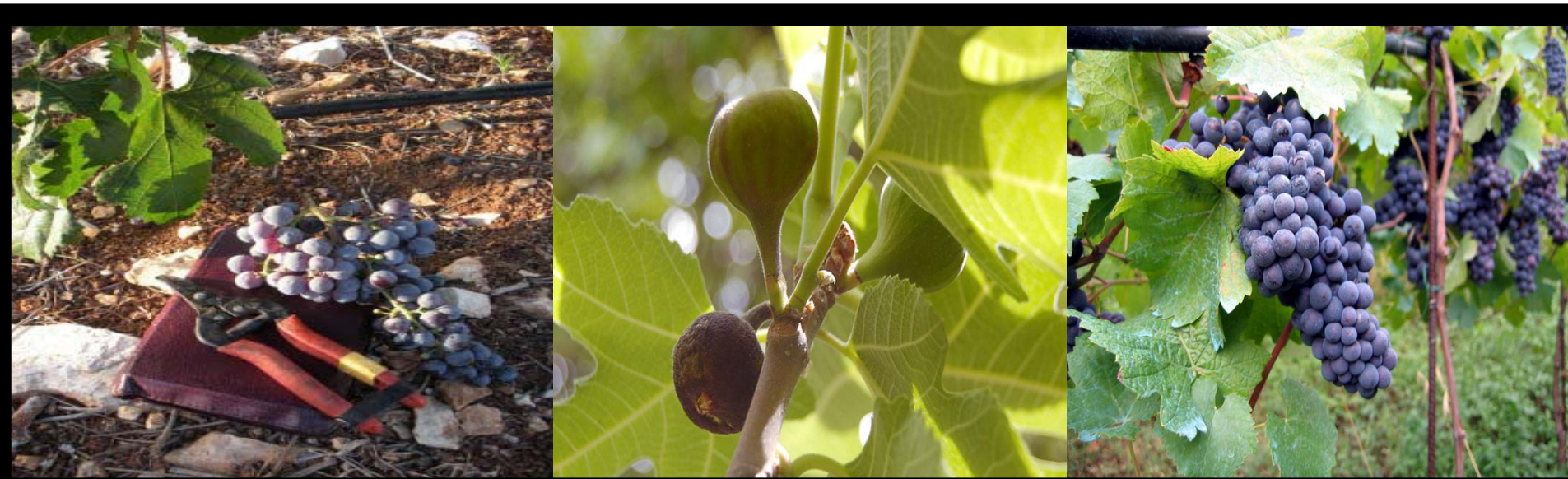
**Joel 2:22** “Do not fear, beasts of the field, for the pastures of the wilderness have turned green, for the tree has borne its fruit, the fig tree and the vine have yielded in full.”



**Isaiah 11:1** Then a shoot will spring from the stem of Jesse, and a branch from his roots will bear fruit.

**Isaiah 37:31** The surviving remnant of the house of Judah will again take root downward and bear fruit upward.

**Isaiah 45:8** Drip down, O heavens, from above, And let the clouds pour down righteousness; Let the earth open up and salvation bear fruit, and righteousness spring up with it. I, the Lord, have created it.



- **Ezekiel 17:8** “It was planted in good soil beside abundant waters, that it might yield branches and bear fruit and become a splendid vine.”
- **Ezekiel 17:23** “On the high mountain of Israel I will plant it, that it may bring forth boughs and bear fruit and become a stately cedar. And birds of every kind will nest under it; they will nest in the shade of its branches.”
- **Ezekiel 36:8** ‘But you, O mountains of Israel, you will put forth your branches and bear your fruit for My people Israel; for they will soon come.’
- **Ezekiel 47:12** “By the river on its bank, on one side and on the other, will grow all kinds of trees for food. Their leaves will not wither and their fruit will not fail. They will bear every month because their water flows from the sanctuary, and their fruit will be for food and their leaves for healing.”

## **Amos 9:13–15**

**“Behold, days are coming,” declares the Lord,  
“When the plowman will overtake the reaper  
and the treader of grapes him who sows seed;  
When the mountains will drip sweet wine  
and all the hills will be dissolved.**

**Also I will restore the captivity of My people Israel,  
and they will rebuild the ruined cities and live in them;  
They will also plant vineyards and drink their wine,  
and make gardens and eat their fruit.**

**I will also plant them on their land,  
and they will not again be rooted  
out from their land which I have given them,”  
says the Lord your God.**

# Parable of the Sower

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**God the  
Sower  
Anticipated**

Hosea 1:11,  
2:23  
(fruit desired-  
Hosea 9:16;  
10:1; 14:2,8  
cf. Deut. 29)

**Luke 8:1–15  
The Word of  
the Sower  
Offered**

(fruit desired)



**Parable of  
the Vineyard  
Matthew 21:33–46**

1. Christ rejected
2. Judgment predicted
3. Kingdom postponed (no fruit)



**Kingdom**

Israel planted  
in the Land  
(fruitful)



**Abrahamic  
Covenant  
Land  
Seed  
Blessing**

**Israel**

**...planted in the Promised Land**