

"THE 41 PARABLES OF JESUS CHRIST"

28 general parables and 13 kingdom of heaven parables

Parable #31 – "THE BARREN FIG TREE"

[Luke 13:6-9](#)

The 18th of the 28 general parables

BACKGROUND:

In 445BC, with **one Bible week** equating to **seven years** (a prophetic year being 360 days), God commanded that **seventy weeks** each of **7 years**, would be determined upon Israel, that is ... **70 weeks x 7 years = 490 years** ([Daniel 9:24-27](#)).

This time frame is broken into **four** time periods of (a) **7 weeks** + (b) **62 weeks** + (c) the mystery church age of about 2,000 years + (d) **1 week = 70 weeks** and is explained as follows:

#1. **Seven** weeks of years is **7 x 7 = 49** years ... the time it takes to restore and build Jerusalem from 445BC to 396BC.

#2. **Sixty two** weeks of years is **62 x 7 = 434** years ... the time from the building of Jerusalem in 396BC to Christ being cut off at the cross in 32AD.

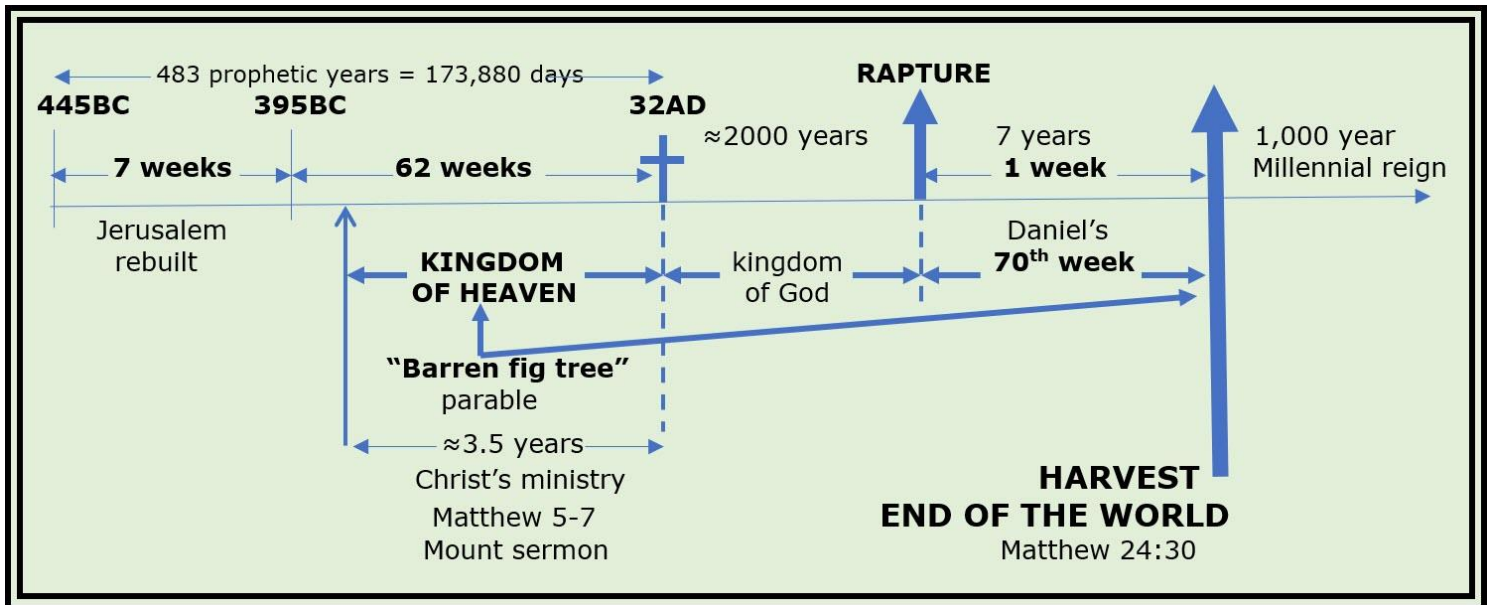
#3. The church age of approximately 2,000 years

#4. **One week** of years is **1 x 7 = 7** years ... this is the seven years of tribulation of God's wrath upon the earth, that takes place after the rapture ... called **Daniel's 70th week**.

The following **Timeline** will help (not drawn to scale):

[DANIEL 9:24-27](#)

*"Seventy weeks are determined upon thy people and upon thy holy city ... from the going forth of the commandment to restore and to build Jerusalem unto the Messiah the Prince shall be **seven weeks**, and **threescore and two weeks** ... after **threescore and two weeks** shall Messiah be cut off ... he shall confirm the covenant with many for **one week** ..."*



[Luke 13:6-9](#)

He spake also this parable; A **certain** man had a **fig tree** planted in his **vineyard**; and he came and sought fruit thereon, and found none. Then said he unto **the dresser** of his vineyard, Behold, **these three years** I come seeking fruit on this fig tree, and find none: cut it down; why **cumbereth** it the ground? And he answering said unto him, Lord, **let it alone this year also**, till I shall **dig about it**, and **dung it**: And if it **bear fruit**, well: and if not, then after that thou shalt **cut it down**.

certain man = God the Father

fig tree = Israel is known by the olive and the fig tree. The fig is used by God when **detecting Israel's fruit**. The olive tree represents the Spirit of God, the oil.

vineyard = Israel

the dresser of the vine = Jesus Christ

cumbereth = hampered, hindered, obstructed, burdened, takes up space, useless

dig and dung it = Jesus preached, healed and fed people

cut it down = this was **not** uproot the plant ... to pull it out of the ground. Christ was a man of sorrows being constantly rejected and disappointed with Israel bearing no fruit ([John 5:40](#)).

Lesson:

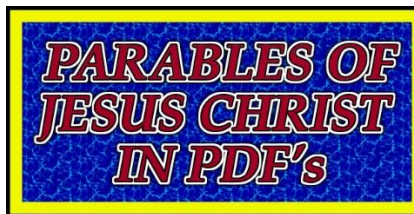
People misread and misunderstand this as they do with the passage in Romans, thinking that this is the same as being eternally lost ([Romans 11:17](#)) ... for both Christians and Israel.

Christ is coming back for Israel in Revelation chapter 19 ... the branches have been cut off but the root is still there ([1 Kings 8:57](#); [Psalm 27:9](#); [Hebrews 13:5](#)) ... they have **NOT** been cast away forever.

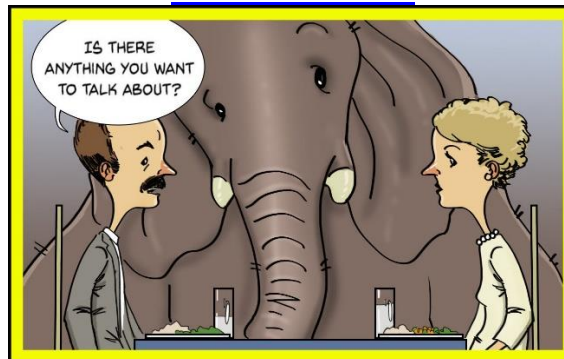
Christ poured out his life, his everything, for Israel, but they would not come to him to have life.

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