

Learning From The Fig Tree

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The age that Jesus referred to as the End Times is upon us now, and it behoves everyone who wants to make heaven to "watch and pray" as well as act right to qualify for rapture (I Peter 4:7; Luke 21:34-36).

"Now learn a parable of the fig tree; When his branch is yet tender, and putteth forth leaves, ye know that summer is nigh: 33 So likewise ye, when ye shall see all these things, know that it is near, even at the doors. 34 Verily I say unto you, This generation shall not pass, till all these things be fulfilled. 35 Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away. 36 But of that day and hour knoweth no man, no, not the angels of heaven, but my Father only. 37 But as the days of Noe were, so shall also the coming of the Son of man be. 38 For as in the days that were before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noe entered into the ark, 39 And knew not until the flood came, and took them all away; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be. 40 Then shall two be in the field; the one shall be taken, and the other left. 41 Two women shall be grinding at the mill; the one shall be taken, and the other left. 42 Watch therefore: for ye know not what hour your Lord doth come. 43 But know this, that if the goodman of the house had known in what watch the thief would come, he would have watched, and would not have suffered his house to be broken up. 44 Therefore be ye also ready: for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of man cometh" (Matthew 24:32-44).

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"And he spake to them a parable; Behold the fig tree, and all the trees; 30 When they now shoot forth, ye see and know of your own selves that summer is now nigh at hand. 31 So likewise ye, when ye see these things come to pass, know ye that the kingdom of God is nigh at hand. 32 Verily I say unto you, This generation shall not pass away, till all be fulfilled. 33 Heaven and earth shall pass away: but my words shall not pass away" (Luke 21:29-33).

Jesus used the seasonal changes in fig trees (and all trees in Luke's account) as appropriate illustration to prepare us for the rapture and His soon return.

- Describe the seasonal changes that take place in fig trees (and all the trees in Luke), and point out what message they present to humanity both (a) naturally and (b) spiritually from Jesus' parable.
- 2) Which generation did Jesus say will not pass away till all things be fulfilled?
- How reliable is Jesus prophecy (and indeed all Bible prophecies) concerning the end times.
- 4) When will the rapture take place.
- 5) What will be the features characterising the rapture?
- 6) What should believers do in order to go in the rapture?

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