

~FRUIT (1298)

[English, crop, outgrowth, produce]

- God went on to create **fruit** trees, yielding **fruit**, according to their kinds, the seed of which was in the **fruit**, to serve as food for all mankind.
- And God went on to say; Let the earth cause grass to shoot forth, vegetation bearing seed, **fruit** trees yielding fruit according to their kinds, the seed of which is in it, upon the earth. And it came to be so. ([Genesis 1:11](#))
- And the earth began to put forth grass, vegetation bearing seed according to its kind and trees yielding **fruit**, the seed of which is in it according to its kind. Then God saw that it was good. ([Genesis 1:12](#))
- And God went on to say; Here I have given to you all vegetation bearing seed which is on the surface of the whole earth and every tree on which there is the **fruit** of a tree bearing seed. To you let it serve as food. ([Genesis 1:29](#))
- The woman told Satan the Devil that of the **fruit** trees of the Garden of Eden she was allowed to eat.
- At this the woman said to the serpent; Of the **fruit** of the trees of the garden we may eat. ([Genesis 3:2](#))
- But as for the **fruit** of the tree in the middle of the garden, show was not allowed to eat.
- But as for eating of the **fruit** of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, God has said; You must not eat from it, no, you must not touch it that you do not die. ([Genesis 3:3](#))
- This tree was attractive to the eye of Eve and so she started taking of its **fruit**.
- Consequently the woman saw that the tree was good for food and that it was something to be longed for to the eyes, yes, the tree was desirable to look upon. So she began taking of its **fruit** and eating it. Afterward she gave some also to her husband

when with her and he began eating it. ([Genesis 3:6](#))

- Later Adam reproved her for going against Yehowah God's stated command.
- And the man went on to say; The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me **fruit** from the tree and so I ate. ([Genesis 3:12](#))
- When once Adam partook of the **fruit** also he became like Yehowah God nations knowing good and bad.
- And Yehowah God went on to say; Here the man has become like one of us in knowing good and bad, and now in order, that he may not put his hand out and actually take **fruit** also from the tree of life and eat and live to time indefinite. ([Genesis 3:22](#))
- Jacob's anger blazed against Rachel when she tried to blame him for her barrenness, for Yehowah God had withheld the **fruit** of the belly from her up to then.
- At this Jacob's anger burned against Rachel and he said; Am I in the place of God, who has held back the **fruit** of the belly from you? ([Genesis 30:2](#))
- Joseph is spoken of prophetically as the offshoot of a **fruit** bearing tree by the fountain.
- Offshoot of a **fruit** bearing tree, Joseph is the offshoot of a fruit bearing tree by the fountain, that propels its branches up over a wall. ([Genesis 49:22](#))
- The plague of locusts came against Egypt and consumed all her **fruit** trees, taking everything that the hail had left standing.
- And they went covering the visible surface of the entire land, and the land grew dark, and they went on eating up all the vegetation of the land and all the **fruit** of the trees that the hail had left, and there was left nothing green on the trees or on the vegetation of the field in all the land of Egypt. ([Exodus 10:15](#))
- In the fourth year Israelites were first allowed to use the **fruit** of a **fruit**-bearing tree at the temple, and in the fifth year they could eat of its fruit themselves.

- But in the fourth year all its **fruit** will become a holy thing of festal exultation to Yehowah. (**Leviticus 19:24**)
- And in the fifth year you may eat its **fruit** in order to add its produce to yourselves. I am Yehowah your God. (**Leviticus 19:25**)
- During the festival of booths Israelites were to dwell under booths made from the **fruit** of splendid trees, their branches.
- And you must take for yourselves on the first day the **fruit** of splendid trees, the fronds of palm trees and the boughs of branchy trees and poplars of the torrent valley, and you must rejoice before Yehowah your God seven days. (**Leviticus 23:40**)
- Under Yehowah God's blessing Israel would experience that the **fruit** tree would give its yield.
- I shall also certainly give your showers of rain at their proper time, and the land will indeed give its yield, and the tree of the field will give its **fruit**. (**Leviticus 26:4**)
- If they lacked Yehowah God's blessing then their cultivation efforts would be expended for nothing, the trees would not give their **fruit**.
- And your power will simply be expended for nothing, as your earth will not give its yield, and the tree of the earth will not give its **fruit**. (**Leviticus 26:20**)
- Every tenth part of the **fruit** trees was given to the house of Yehowah God, it was something holy.
- And every tenth part of the land, out of the seed of the land and the **fruit** of the tree, belongs to Yehowah. It is something holy to Yehowah. (**Leviticus 27:30**)
- One of the blessings of Yehowah God was to bless their **fruit** trees, and all the **fruitage** of their soil.
- And he will certainly love you and bless you and multiply you and bless the **fruit** of your belly and the fruit of your soil, your grain and your new wine and your oil, the young of your cows and the

progeny of your flock, on the soil that he swore to your forefathers to give to you. ([Deuteronomy 7:13](#))

- Blessed will be the **fruit** of your belly and the fruit of your ground and the fruit of your domestic beast, the young of your cattle and the progeny of your flock. ([Deuteronomy 28:4](#))
- Yehowah will also make you overflow indeed with prosperity in the **fruit** of your belly and the fruit of your domestic animals and the fruitage of your ground, on the ground that Yehowah swore to your forefathers to give you. ([Deuteronomy 28:11](#))
- Correspondingly a malediction was that Yehowah God would curse the **fruit** of their belly, and **fruit** of their ground, for disobedience.
- Cursed will be the **fruit** of your belly and the fruitage of your ground, the young of your cattle and the progeny of your flock. ([Deuteronomy 28:18](#))
- And they will certainly eat the **fruit** of your domestic animals and the fruitage of your ground until you have been annihilated, and they will let no grain, new wine or oil, no young of your cattle or progeny of your flock, remain for you until they have destroyed you. ([Deuteronomy 28:51](#))
- Then you will have to eat the **fruit** of your belly, the flesh of your sons and your daughters, whom Yehowah your God has given you, because of the tightness and stress with which your enemy will hem you in. ([Deuteronomy 28:53](#))
- Among the people of Israel there should be no apostate, like the root bearing **fruit** of a poisonous plant and wormwood.
- That there may not be among you a man or a woman or a family or a tribe whose heart is turning today away from Yehowah our God to go and serve the gods of those nations, that there may not be among you a root bearing the **fruit** of a poisonous plant and wormwood. ([Deuteronomy 29:18](#))
- Part of the blessing of Yehowah God was to multiply his people and the fruit of their belly and domestic animals.
- And Yehowah your God will indeed make you have more than enough in every work of your hand, in the **fruit** of your belly and

the fruit of your domestic animals and the fruitage of your soil, resulting in prosperity, because Yehowah will again exult over you for good, just as he exulted over your forefathers.
(Deuteronomy 30:9)

- Ziba brought out to David and his men a hundred loads of summer **fruit**.
- When David himself had crossed over a little beyond the summit, there was Ziba the attendant of Mephibosheth to meet him with a couple of asses saddled and upon them two hundred loaves of bread and a hundred cakes of raisins and a hundred loads of summer **fruit** and a large jar of wine. (2 Samuel 16:1)
- Then the king said to Ziba; What do these things mean on your part? To this Ziba said; The asses are for the household of the king to ride, and the bread and the load of summer **fruit** are for the young men to eat, and the wine is for the one tired out in the wilderness to drink. (2 Samuel 16:2)
- A righteous man will certainly become like a tree planted by streams of water, bearing fine **fruitage** in due season.
- And he will certainly become like a tree planted by streams of water, that gives its own **fruit** in its season and the foliage of which does not wither, and everything he does will succeed. (Psalms 1:3)
- In Yehowah God's New Order there will come to be plenty of grain overflowing in surplus upon the earth, and the **fruit** of his people will be as in Lebanon.
- There will come to be plenty of grain on the earth, on the top of the mountains there will be an overflow. His **fruit** will be as in Lebanon, and those who are from the city will blossom like the vegetation of the earth. (Psalms 72:16)
- The Psalmist calls for all the fruit trees of the open field to exult in Yehowah God.
- You mountains and all you hills, you **fruit** trees and all you cedars. (Psalms 148:9)
- The mouth of the righteous one bears the **fruit** of wisdom.

- The mouth of the righteous one, it bears the **fruit** of wisdom, but the tongue of perverseness will be cut off. (**Proverbs 10:31**)
- The one watching over an orchard will eat its **fruitage**.
- He that is safeguarding the fig tree will himself eat its **fruit**, and he that is guarding his master will be honored. (**Proverbs 27:18**)
- Through congregator planted all sorts of fruit **trees** and gardens for himself.
- I made gardens and parks for myself, and I planted in them **fruit** trees of all sorts. (**Ecclesiastes 2:5**)
- The shepherd girl described her shepherd boy one as an apple tree among the trees of the forest.
- Like an apple tree among the trees of the forest, so is my dear one among the sons. His shade I have passionately desired, and there I have sat down, and his **fruit** has been sweet to my palate. (**Song of Solomon 2:3**)
- I have said; I shall go up on the palm tree, that I may take hold of its **fruit** stalks of dates. And, please, may your breasts become like clusters of the vine, and the fragrance of your nose like apples. (**Song of Solomon 7:8**)
- Should Philistia rejoice, because the one striking them with the staff, Judah, has been disciplined? Worse is coming! First will come Assyria out of the north and then Babylon. The one who has disciplined Judah, will in turn come and discipline them. They too have practiced many wrongs.
- Do not rejoice, O Philistia, any one of you, just because the staff of the one striking you has been broken. For out of the root of the serpent there will come forth a poisonous snake, and its **fruit** will be a flying fiery snake. (**Isaiah 14:29**)
- Thus the destruction of Jerusalem, would atone for the error of Jacob, and the remnant of returning ones would be the only good **fruitage** of this action. When Yehowah crushed his temple with its altar, this would in effect pull down all of the sacred poles and incense stands, for he would depopulate the land in its entirety, so that such

badness could not rise up again. Later a cleansed remnant could return to a land, cleansed of such defiling idolatry.

- Therefore by this means the error of Jacob will be atoned for, and this is all the **fruit** when he takes away his sin, when he makes all the stones of the altar like chalkstones that have been pulverized, so that the sacred poles and the incense stands will not rise up. ([Isaiah 27:9](#))
- After the complete destruction of all false religion, Babylon and Satan's system, Yehowah will collect or gather together his chosen ones, from one end of symbolic Canaan, our earth, to its other end, in the same this, that the Israelites used rods to beat the olive trees and the ripe **fruit** would fall and be gathered. In this way, all of the ripe **fruitage** of the earth will be gathered.
- And it must occur in that day that Yehowah will beat off the **fruit**, from the flowing stream of the River to the torrent valley of Egypt, and so you yourselves will be picked up one after the other, O sons of Israel. ([Isaiah 27:12](#))
- Most of the sects of Christendom today, are unconcerned about the presence and coming of the Son of Man during this generation. However, in just a little over a year's time the conditions will go from plenty to famine. The **fruit** will disappear, that has come into them for so long now.
- Within a year and some days you careless ones will be agitated, because the grape picking will have come to an end but no **fruit** gathering will come in. ([Isaiah 32:10](#))
- What Yehowah wants from his people is sincere praise. Through him, **Jesus**, let us always offer to God a sacrifice of praise, that is, the **fruit** of lips which make public declaration to his name. ([Hebrews 13:15](#)) Once Yehowah removes all false religion from the earth, that resounding voice of praise will start to come forth, and will build to a mighty shout. At that time, unending peace will be the possession of all, both those who have been far away from Yehowah and those near. Yehowah will then heal the spiritual sicknesses of mankind, that have led to physical sickness, violence and depravity.
- I am creating the **fruit** of the lips. Continuous peace there will be to the one that is far away and to the one that is near, Yehowah has said; and I will heal him. ([Isaiah 57:19](#))

- Under good shepherds and the unified and clear instructions coming from Yehowah's righteous **sprout**, **his servant David**, his people will progress mightily, and bear much righteous spiritual **fruitage** in all the earth. They will not look backwards, to the Ark of the Covenant, where God's commandments were kept concealed from the face of the people, but they will be living God's commandments daily, and all of his good promises will be the reality of their existence. No more will they call to heart God's promises, for they will live them daily.

- And it must occur that you will become many and certainly bear **fruit** in the land in those days, is the utterance of Yehowah. No more will they say; The ark of the covenant of Yehowah! Nor will it come up into the heart, nor will they remember it or miss it, and no more will it be made. (**Jeremiah 3:16**)

- Judah was like a luxuriant olive tree, abundant in **fruit** and beautiful in form. Yet, because she turned to other gods he set a fire blazing against her, and broke her branches, her national form. She might survive such treatment, but she would be forever changed and would not produce **fruit** for some time.

- A luxuriant olive tree, pretty with **fruit** and in form, is what Yehowah has called your name. With sound of the great roaring, he has set a fire blazing against her, and they have broken its branches. (**Jeremiah 11:16**)

- Likewise, in our day, Yehowah planted his organization, and they took root and prospered. For a time they produced good **fruitage** and so he blessed them. His word, the preaching of the Good News of the Kingdom, has proved to be near in their mouths, but their works, that which ends up in the kidneys, are far removed.

- You have planted them. They have also taken root. They keep going ahead. They have also produced **fruit**. You are near in their mouth, but far away from their kidneys. (**Jeremiah 12:2**)

- Yehowah our creator is also the source of water, and he repeatedly uses water in the Bible record, to represent spiritual truths, understanding and insight from him. Therefore, ones who depend on him and trust in him, will never run short of the waters of truth, through which true spiritual growth occurs. Such a one will always be well-watered and will continue to produce both **fruitage** and foliage year round.

- And he will certainly become like a tree planted by the waters, that sends out its roots right by the watercourse, and he will not see when heat comes, but his foliage will actually prove to be luxuriant. And in the year of drought he will not become anxious, nor will he leave off from producing **fruit**. (**Jeremiah 17:8**)
- Yehowah's purpose for his people was for them to have a strong place for them to grow and for them to bear **fruit** and become a strong people again, there in exile.
- To a good field, by vast waters, it was already transplanted, in order to produce boughs and to bear **fruit**, to become a majestic vine. (**Ezekiel 17:8**)
- Will those rebellious ones who work against Yehowah's provisions somehow meet with success? Such a disloyal vine could easily be uprooted and its **fruit** ruined. Will it then not just dry up and die from having no root? Should the one who originally planted it allow it to continue growing on his soil after thus reaching out disloyally?
- Say; This is what the Sovereign Lord Yehowah has said; Will it have success? Will not someone tear out its very roots and make its very **fruit** scaly? And must not all its freshly plucked sprouts become dry? It will become dry. Neither by a great arm nor by a multitudinous people will it have to be lifted up from its roots. (**Ezekiel 17:9**)
- Yehowah would be the one to make the ruler of his choice prosper and grow. Through the rulership of this righteous twig or sprout Yehowah will bring comfort or shade to his people through verdant foliage of deep understanding. Among his branches all of the righteous ones will reside, producing fine **fruitage** to his praise.
- On the mountain of the height of Israel I shall transplant it, and it will certainly bear boughs and produce **fruit** and become a majestic cedar. And under it there will actually reside all the birds of every wing, in the shadow of its foliage they will reside. (**Ezekiel 17:23**)
- Again Yehowah draws an analogy to the mother, his earthly organization being like a vine in the blood of Israel's sons. She is a

fruitful vine, one planted by waters and full of branches, because she has God's word the Bible to freely water her and to make her grow and produce much **fruit** due to her abundance of water.

- Your mother was like a vine in your blood, planted by waters. A bearer of **fruit** and full of branches she became because of abundant water. ([Ezekiel 19:10](#))
- Both Israel and Judah were uprooted in fury by military aggressions of enemy nations. The **east wind**, **represented Babylon to Israel's east, which through several conquests of Israel brought her national vine to ruin, and dried up her spiritual fruitage**. Her king Zedekiah, her strong rod was torn off when he was captured. His sons were all killed before him and then he was blinded. Her **strong rod, became dry because never again would a man of David's lineage rule there as king in Jerusalem**.
- But she was finally uprooted in fury. To the earth she was thrown, and there was an east wind that dried up her **fruit**. Her strong rod was torn off and became dry. Fire itself devoured it. ([Ezekiel 19:12](#))
- In ancient Judah the wicked kings sacrificed their own sons to Molech and Chemosh and thus destroyed their firstborns, their shoots, their first and finest **fruitage**. Because of this the lineage of Israel became weak providing no strong rulers for her. In our day the Governing Body of Jehovah's Witnesses has tried to destroy young anointed ones coming forth, removing many through disfellowshipping. This wicked practice will likewise cause her downfall, for there will be no spiritually strong ruler in her to lead her in a fine way, similar to ancient Israel.
- And fire proceeded to come forth from her rod. It devoured her very shoots, her very **fruit**, and there proved to be in her no strong rod, no scepter for ruling. That is a dirge, and it will become a dirge. ([Ezekiel 19:14](#))
- Alongside the torrent on this side and on that side will come up **trees, strong supporters of true worship**. They will help others to grow strong by their **fruitage** of giving of themselves and planting seeds of truth in all of their righteous offspring. Their **leafage, appearance before others**, will not wither for lack of water because the water for them comes from the sanctuary continuously. The trees take in the

water of truth and new understanding and produce **fruitage** of good works and foliage of true understanding for the healing of the nations.

- And alongside the torrent there will come up, along its bank on this side and on that side, all sorts of trees for food. Their leafage will not wither, nor will their **fruitage** be consumed. In their months they will bear new **fruit**, because the water for them, it is coming forth from the very sanctuary. And their fruitage must prove to be for food and their leafage for healing. (**Ezekiel 47:12**)
- Nebuchadnezzar saw a great tree in the midst of the earth of immense height. What is this tree? This tree is God's earthly organization. It springs from the rich soils of earth, the righteously inclined among the sons of men. It is in the **midst of the earth**, **in that it has a presence in every nation of the earth**. It is **immense**, **with its top reaching up to the heavens**, **because it has both gathered a heavenly seed, that have now been gathered to their heavenly kingdom**, and the tree in this time of the end, has grown so strong and great that it exalts itself clear up to the heavens. It tries to exalt itself into a place reserved for the one whom God appoints, rulership over God's people here on earth. It also **fills the whole earth** with its teachings, its **fruit**.
- Its foliage was fair, and its **fruit** was abundant, and there was food for all on it. Under it the beast of the field would seek shade, and on its boughs the birds of the heavens would dwell, and from it all flesh would feed itself. (**Daniel 4:12**)
- The foliage of this tree is fair, and its **fruit** was abundant, providing spiritual food for all of mankind.
- And the foliage of which was fair, and the **fruit** of which was abundant, and on which there was food for all, under which the beasts of the field would dwell, and on the boughs of which the birds of the heavens would reside. (**Daniel 4:21**)
- So Ephraim, their firstborn tribe must be struck down, and even their root would come to dry up, producing no fine **fruitage**. Likewise the Catholic Church, which is the antitype of Ephraim today, will be struck a blow by Yehowah God, and her very roots will all dry up, producing no **fruit** ever again. Even if they should try to continue bringing to birth through their false way of worship and false teachings, Yehowah God promises he will put to death all the desirable

things of her belly, the product of her spiritual fornications, her spiritual offspring.

- Ephraim must be struck down. Their very root must dry up. There will be no **fruit** that they produce. Also, in case they bring to birth, I will even put to death the desirable things of their belly. (**Hosea 9:16**)
- Yehowah now compares Israel to a degenerating vine, one that starts out producing fine **fruit**, but which later degenerates to produce only wild grapes. Thus Israel kept putting forth much **fruit** for himself. Also in proportion to the blessing Yehowah God gave them, they just multiplied their altars to one false god after another, they did not exercise exclusive devotion. They took the goodness of the land God gave to them, and then credited false idol gods for their blessing.
- Israel is a degenerating vine. **Fruit** he keeps putting forth for himself. In proportion to the abundance of his fruit he has multiplied his altars. In proportion to the goodness of his land, they put up good pillars. (**Hosea 10:1**)
- Then Israel and Ephraim will have learned to shun idols, saying; What do I have to do with idols? Since they do this, Yehowah God will also keep looking upon him favorably, and he will answer them when they pray to him in real earnest. Israel then, will become like a luxuriant juniper tree bearing **fruit**, to Yehowah God's praise.
- Ephraim will say; What do I have to do any longer with the idols? I myself shall certainly give an answer and I shall keep looking on him. I am like a luxuriant juniper tree. From me must **fruit** for you be found. (**Hosea 14:8**)
- Then Yehowah God causes Amos to see another vision, and within it he sees a basket of summer **fruits**.
- This is what the Sovereign Lord Yehowah caused me to see, and, look! There was a basket of summer **fruit**. (**Amos 8:1**)
- So again Yehowah God asks Amos, what he is seeing, and Amos replies, that he sees a basket of summer **fruit**. So then, Yehowah God uses the product of the harvest, to illustrate that the end of the time of favor by him toward his people has come, just like the end of the summer growing season results in **fruit** or produce. So likewise, the end of his people Israel has come, he has reached an end of his

excusing them over their errors. He will now call them to account for their errors.

- Then he said; What are you seeing, Amos? So I said; A basket of summer **fruit**. And Yehowah went on to say to me; The end has come to my people Israel. I shall no more do any further excusing of them. (**Amos 8:2**)
- Then Yehowah God will regather his people Israel, the captive ones whom he previously exiled, and they will actually rebuild the desolated cities and rebuild them. They will also plant vineyards then, and they will exist a long time so as to drink the wine of them. They will plant gardens and also eat the **fruitage** of them to satisfaction.
- And I will gather back the captive ones of my people Israel, and they will actually build the desolated cities and inhabit them, and plant vineyards and drink the wine of them, and make gardens and eat the **fruit** of them. (**Amos 9:14**)
- Yehowah, through Micah, now compares his own desire to see righteousness come forth from Israel, to the gleanings of the summer **fruit**, or the gleaning of a grape harvest. Though he would desire a rich ripe cluster of grapes to eat, or of figs, there is only a gleaning remaining, only a few righteous ones among his people Israel.
- Too bad for me, for I have become like the gatherings of summer **fruit**, like the gleaning of a grape gathering! There is no grape cluster to eat, no early fig, that my soul would desire! (**Micah 7:1**)
- Their Promised Land became a desolate waste because of their bad dealings, and Yehowah God removed them from off of it, for they were not then fit then to inhabit it, because of the bad **fruitage** of their dealings.
- And the land must become a desolate waste on account of its inhabitants, because of the **fruit** of their dealings. (**Micah 7:13**)
- So Yehowah God explains to his priesthood, that they are profaning him by their very saying; That the table of Yehowah God is something polluted, and its **fruit** something to be despised, its food. Thus they are not happy or satisfied with their fare as priests, they consider his provisions for them inadequate, and not to their taste.
- But you men are profaning me by your saying; The table of

Yehowah is something polluted, and its **fruit** is something to be despised, its food. (**Malachi 1:12**)

- Then Yehowah would rebuke for his people the devouring one, the caterpillar, and the locusts and cockroaches, that might plague their crops, and he would not allow it to ruin the **fruit** of their ground, not the vine of their fields, but rather they would experience **fruitfulness** and an abundance, for they were returning to God, glory for his wonderful works toward them.
- And I will rebuke for you the devouring one, and it will not ruin for you the **fruit** of the ground, nor will the vine in the field prove fruitless for you, Yehowah of armies has said. (**Malachi 3:11**)
- They needed to produce works of repentance, a **fruitage** that would prove to God, that they really were repentant. True repentance always means a turning away from the wrong practices, and a heartfelt sorrow over having done them. No sacrifice is meaningful, unless the wrong practice has already been stopped prior to making it.
- So then produce **fruit** that befits repentance. (**Matthew 3:8**)
- John now alludes to the day of judgment from God, a day that is fast approaching. He shows that Yehowah God, the great cultivator who oversees the orchard or vineyard of his people, has been looking for fine **fruitage** from these ones, but not finding any. He is therefore prepared with his ax in hand to cut down all these **unfruitful** trees, and plant new ones. John then shows that every tree that does not produce fine **fruit**, will be cut down by Yehowah God, and will be thrown into the fire of his indignation, in complete destruction.
- Already the ax is lying at the root of the trees, every tree, then, that does not produce fine **fruit** is to be cut down and thrown into the fire. (**Matthew 3:10**)
- Jesus now carries the illustration further, showing that good trees produce only good **fruit**, and bad trees produce only bad **fruit**. Thus when we find good **fruit** within a man, we will then find many good works within him. Likewise people doing bad things may also have many hidden bad things within them.
- Likewise every good tree produces fine **fruit**, but every rotten tree produces worthless fruit. (**Matthew 7:17**)

- Just as a farmer knows, a good tree cannot bear worthless **fruit**, neither will we find good **fruit** on a rotten tree
- A good tree cannot bear worthless **fruit**, neither can a rotten tree produce fine fruit. (**Matthew 7:18**)
- As the great cultivator of mankind, Yehowah God wants his people to produce a fine spiritual **fruitage**, else why should he let them live on his earth, his greater orchard. Therefore every tree that produce nothing good, gets cut down and thrown into the fire. People may not like this assessment by God, but good **fruitage** is expected of them, and anyone not producing such, gets destroyed.
- Every tree not producing fine **fruit** gets cut down and thrown into the fire. (**Matthew 7:19**)
- Jesus now shows, that as spiritual trees they must make all their **fruit** fine, or else all rotten. It is by the **fruit** a tree produces, that its kind is known, whether apple or fig or peach. Likewise these men producing rotten **fruitage** expose themselves to the view of others as wicked men, lacking in good spiritual **fruitage**, and because of this lack, they can only expect to get cut down permanently.
- Either you people make the tree fine and its **fruit** fine or make the tree rotten and its fruit rotten, for by its fruit the tree is known. (**Matthew 12:33**)
- Still other seeds fell upon fine soil, and they produced in varying amounts fine **fruitage**, this one a hundred fold, that one sixtyfold and another thirtyfold.
- Still others fell upon the fine soil and they began to yield **fruit**, this one a hundredfold, that one sixty, the other thirty. (**Matthew 13:8**)
- Finally Jesus tells us about the final or fourth group whose hearts are like fine deep soil. They understand and accept the message of truth, and then they put it into practice, doing the things that will make them grow strong in the truth. They produce fine **fruitage** according to their own abilities, one a hundredfold, another sixty and another thirty. Therefore **fruit** bearing is what separates the first three types from the final type of soil. Plant your seeds in fine soil, and then help them to grow. If the conditions mentioned by Jesus above affect you

adversely, then change your thinking and circumstances, for to not bear **fruit** is to live for nothing, and then to perish.

- As for the one sown upon the fine soil, this is the one hearing the word and getting the sense of it, who really does bear **fruit** and produces, this one a hundredfold, that one sixty, the other thirty. (**Matthew 13:23**)

- Then, when the householder arose several days later to inspect his seedlings, he found weeds in among his **fruit**, his crop of wheat.

- When the blade sprouted and produced **fruit**, then the weeds appeared also. (**Matthew 13:26**)

- As he walked on he found a fig tree by the roadway and went on over to it, yet he found nothing on it except leaves, for it was not the season for **fruit**. So he said to the tree; Let no more **fruit** come from you forever, and the tree withered instantly. This had a symbolic meaning, for he had come to Jerusalem at the end of her history, and as God's representative he was looking for fine **fruitage** among her people, but found none. As the tree withered instantly, just three days later the Jews killed God's foremost representative, and they withered in God's sight, as a means of bringing forth any more righteous **fruitage** to his praise.

- And he caught sight of a fig tree by the road and went to it, but he found nothing on it except leaves only, and he said to it; Let no **fruit** come from you anymore forever. And the fig tree withered instantly. (**Matthew 21:19**)

- Still other seed fell among the thorns and the larger thorn bushes came up quickly and overgrew the seedlings, choking the sunlight out from them, and so this seed also came to nothing, producing no good **fruitage**.

- And other seed fell among the thorns, and the thorns came up and choked it, and it yielded no **fruit**. (**Mark 4:7**)

- Jesus then showed, that still others came to rest upon the fine soil, and after sprouting, they grew strong and produced varying **fruitage**, this one thirty fold, that one sixty, and another a hundred fold.

- But others fell upon the fine soil, and, coming up and increasing,

they began to yield **fruit**, and they were bearing thirtyfold, and sixty and a hundred. (**Mark 4:8**)

- Lastly Jesus addresses the ones that fell among the fine soil, or how the word fell among men of good and fine hearts. They listen to the word of the Good News of the Kingdom of heaven, and they favorably receive it. Thereafter they sink down a root into this good soil, their hearts, and produce fine **fruitage**, each one in relation to his ability, and the conditions around him. They get active and preach the Good News and make disciples.
- Finally, the ones that were sown on the fine soil are those who listen to the word and favorably receive it and bear **fruit** thirtyfold and sixty and a hundred. (**Mark 4:20**)
- By means of a process that man even to this day does not understand, the little seed grows into a plant, which starts out as a blade like grass, and then a stalk head appears, and then the full head of grain as it matures and produces **fruit**.
- Of its own self the ground bears **fruit** gradually, first the grass-blade, then the stalk head, finally the full grain in the head. (**Mark 4:28**)
- Then as the man watches for the right time to harvest, he thrusts in the sickle at just the right moment, and gathers the **fruit**, as it is the time of harvest.
- But as soon as the **fruit** permits it, he thrusts in the sickle, because the harvesttime has come. (**Mark 4:29**)
- So he said to the tree, that no more **fruit** should come forth from it forever. Now his disciples were listening to him as he did this.
- So, in response, he said to it; Let no one eat **fruit** from you anymore forever. And his disciples were listening. (**Mark 11:14**)
- Immediately she cried out in a loud voice and said to Mary; Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the **fruit** of your womb.
- And she called out with a loud cry and said; Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the **fruit** of your womb! (**Luke 1:42**)

- Then he showed them through an illustration, just how close they were to being completely rejected for their wicked ways of lacking in good spiritual **fruitage**. He showed that they were like a tree, that had not produced fine **fruits**, and the vineyard owner was not going to waste his space and land any longer, in trying to coax good **fruitage** from them. Rather he was standing before them with his ax in hand, essentially standing at the root of these tree-like ones. He was prepared to cut them down and throw them into the fire, for they were not producing good **fruit**.
- Indeed, the ax is already in position at the root of the trees, every tree, therefore, not producing fine **fruit** is to be cut down and thrown into the fire. (**Luke 3:9**)
- Jesus then compared men to trees, which are known to other men by the kinds of **fruits** they produce. As Jesus showed, there is not a fine tree, that produces any rotten **fruit**, and there is not a rotten tree producing fine **fruit**. Thus through the **fruitage** men exhibit in their lives, we can see what kind of men they are.
- For there is not a fine tree producing rotten **fruit**, again there is not a rotten tree producing fine fruit. (**Luke 6:43**)
- Then Jesus showed, that every tree is identified by the kind of **fruit** it produces. Either apples, or figs, peaches or plums. Likewise, we should not expect all men to produce fine **fruits**. After all, there are many different kinds of plants, some like **fruit** trees and vines, that produce delicious **fruit**, and others like thornbushes and thorns, that produce nothing of usefulness to man.
- For each tree is known by its own **fruit**. For example, people do not gather figs from thorns, nor do they cut grapes off a thornbush. (**Luke 6:44**)
- Also some the sower's seed later fell upon fine soil, and after sprouting it produced **fruit** a hundred fold, for every grain sown in the fine soil. Now as Jesus spoke these things, he said that whoever had ears to listen should listen.
- Some other fell upon the good soil, and, after sprouting, it produced **fruit** a hundredfold. As he told these things, he proceeded to call out; Let him that has ears to listen, listen. (**Luke 8:8**)

- Finally there is the fine soil, and these represent the people with fine hearts who hear the word, and not only retain it, but bear righteous spiritual **fruitage**, even through trying and difficult times. These therefore are the only ones who will be worth harvesting, for they are the only ones bearing righteous spiritual **fruitage** in their lives.
- As for that on the fine soil, these are the ones that, after hearing the word with a fine and good heart, retain it and bear **fruit** with endurance. (Luke 8:15)
- Then Jesus through another illustration, showed them, what God was looking for within all of them, good spiritual **fruitage**. He explained that a man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard and he kept coming to it, looking for **fruit** that he could eat.
- Then he went on to tell this illustration. A certain man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard, and he came looking for **fruit** on it, but found none. (Luke 13:6)
- So the owner of the house came to the man who tended to the tree and his garden, he said; I have been looking for **fruit** from this tree for three years and no **fruit** had been forthcoming. Go ahead and cut it down for it just takes up space where we might plant another tree that will bear **fruit**. Why really should it keep the ground useless where it is growing?
- Then he said to the vinedresser; Here it is three years that I have come looking for **fruit** on this fig tree, but have found none. Cut it down! Why really should it keep the ground useless? (Luke 13:7)
- Then the gardener told the householder, that if it then still produced no fine **fruit**, then he would cut it down. Therefore for the tree this was its last chance and if **fruit** was not forthcoming soon, it would be destroyed. This also was the last chance for the Jewish system of things, and if they did not come to repentance soon, then their entire treelike organization would be destroyed, for it had not produced the desired **fruits**. This in fact happened to the Jews as a nation in 70 C.E, not many years thereafter.
- And if then it produces **fruit** in the future, well and good, but if not, you shall cut it down. (Luke 13:9)

- Then in due season he sent one of his slaves for him to obtain from the cultivators, some of the **fruit** of the vineyard. The wicked cultivators however, beat up his slave and sent him away empty. Now the man who owned the vineyard was Yehowah God, and the vineyard was his people Israel. The cultivators he had hired, were the Jewish religious leaders, who had the task of cultivating fine **fruitage** of spiritual qualities among his people Israel. Yet they took the worship and service offered to God, and took it to themselves.
- But in due season he sent out a slave to the cultivators, that they might give him some of the **fruit** of the vineyard. The cultivators, however, sent him away empty, after beating him up. ([Luke 20:10](#))
- Then he showed that the reaper, the ones sharing in the gathering in of this spiritual harvest, were already receiving wages for their work, to the end, that both the sower and the reaper might rejoice together in this fine work. The sower was Yehowah God who had started the Israelite system of things many years before. Together they would rejoice in a fine **harvest** of spiritually minded ones.
- The reaper is receiving wages and gathering **fruit** for everlasting life, so that the sower and the reaper may rejoice together. ([John 4:36](#))
- So Jesus told them, that unless a grain of wheat falls into the ground and dies, then it will remain just one grain. Yet if it dies, then it can grow again, and then it will bear much **fruit**.
- Most truly I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the ground and dies, it remains just one grain. But if it dies, it then bears much **fruit**. ([John 12:24](#))
- Then Jesus showed, that as a cultivator of this vine, Yehowah God would remove anyone who bore no **fruit**, for this is what the cultivator of a vineyard does. Also if they were bearing **fruit**, they could expect to be disciplined, so that they could bear even more fruit, for this also is the work of a cultivator. Therefore **fruitfulness** is expected of all anointed Christians who are part of this vine, and those who fail to produce, are lopped off of the vine.
- Every branch in me not bearing **fruit** he takes away, and every one bearing **fruit** he cleans, that it may bear more **fruit**. ([John 15:2](#))

- Therefore Jesus advised for his disciples to remain in union with him, the true vine. He illustrated this by showing, that a grape vine cannot produce anything, unless it remains in contact with the root of the vine. Therefore, in this same way, his disciples could not produce any fine spiritual **fruitage**, unless they too remained in union with him.
- Remain in union with me, and I in union with you. Just as the branch cannot bear **fruit** of itself unless it remains in the vine, in the same way neither can you, unless you remain in union with me. (**John 15:4**)
- So again Jesus showed, that he was the vine, and they were the branches of the vine. Therefore anyone who remained in union with him would produce much **fruitage**. Yet apart from him, persons could produce nothing at all. Therefore the measure of a person's **fruitage** as a Christian, is also an indicator as to whether they remain in union with Christ or not. People who produce nothing, never preaching, never making disciples of others, never cultivating fine spiritual qualities, never coming to know accurately the teachings of Christ and applying them, are not his true disciples. Is this not, what the vast majority of the people of Christendom, are like, for they have not come to know Yehowah God or his Christ?
- I am the vine, you are the branches. He that remains in union with me, and I in union with him, this one bears much **fruit**, because apart from me you can do nothing at all. (**John 15:5**)
- Then Jesus told his disciples, that his Father was glorified, in that they keep bearing **fruit**, and thus prove themselves to be his disciples. For Yehowah God had selected each of them for future heavenly glory, and their bearing of **fruit**, proves his wisdom in their individual selection. Thus in the same way that a cultivator proves his wisdom, by gaining very high yields from his vineyard, so their **fruitfulness** would glorify their maker, Yehowah God the great cultivator of mankind.
- My Father is glorified in this, that you keep bearing much **fruit** and prove yourselves my disciples. (**John 15:8**)
- Jesus then told his disciples, that they had not chosen him, but that he had chosen each of them. The reason he had done this choosing of them, was for them to go on bearing **fruit, fruit** that would

remain forever. In respect to this, anything that they might ask the father for to remain **fruitful** in his service, would be granted to them.

- You did not choose me, but I chose you, and I appointed you to go on and keep bearing **fruit** and that your fruit should remain, in order, that no matter what you ask the Father in my name he might give it to you. (**John 15:16**)
- The kinds of actions or past **fruitage** that Christians then performed, are things, that they are now ashamed to even relate. They seemed acceptable, at the time that they did them, but now, after being enlightened by the light of God's Holy Spirit and his word the Bible, they see them quite differently, for all those things only led to death, and Christians love life!
- What, then, was the **fruit** that you used to have at that time? Things of which you are now ashamed. For the end of those things is death. (**Romans 6:21**)
- Since Christians no longer slave for sin, but have become slaves to God through righteousness, they are enjoying a fine **fruitage**, holiness. This is not a way of life, that ends in disappointment and death, but one that leads to everlasting life. It begins by taking in knowledge for God's word the Bible, listening to his spirit through prayer, and earnestly trying each day to apply new understanding, to improve as a spiritual person, thus drawing closer to Yehowah God, the spirit.
- However, now, because you were set free from sin but became slaves to God, you are having your **fruit** in the way of holiness, and the end everlasting life. (**Romans 6:22**)
- Paul now draws out an analogy with the Law Covenant itself. Christians have been made dead to the Law Covenant through the body of the Christ. How so? Like Jesus Christ, Christians have put to death their fleshly desires by bringing them under control through the spirit of Yehowah. Thus Christians become one body with the Christ, in spirit, for they follow the same course. They will continue in this course to their physical deaths, as did Christ, bearing fine **fruitage** to Yehowah God.
- So, my brothers, you also were made dead to the Law through the body of the Christ, that you might become another's, the ones who was raised up from the dead, that we should bear **fruit**

to God. (**Romans 7:4**)

- When Jewish Christians were under the Law Covenant the Law's restriction of their fleshly organism through its many Law codes, excited their sinful fleshly passions to do wrong. The **fruitage** of those sinful passions led only to death. By realizing this ahead of time, Christians have put these sinful passions to death, as a marriage vow to their betrothed one, the Christ. If they maintain their vows to death, they will then be fitly united with him, as his body in the likeness of his resurrection.
- For when we were in accord with the flesh, the sinful passions that were excited by the Law were at work in our members that we should bring forth **fruit** to death. (**Romans 7:5**)
- Paul now showed, that as soon as he had gotten this relief ministration, or **fruitage** of their Christian generosity, securely to Jerusalem, that he intended to depart then, for Rome to visit them.
- Hence after I have finished with this and have got this **fruit** securely to them, I shall depart by way of you for Spain. (**Romans 15:28**)
- Paul now asks a pointed question using an illustration; Who ever enlists in the military at his own expense? The one doing so always expects to be paid for his labors. Or who plants a vineyard, and then never eats the **fruit**? Really the whole purpose of making a vineyard, which requires a lot of hard work, is to enjoy the **fruitage** of it at the end. Likewise, who shepherds a flock, without partaking of the milk of the flock? These things, are the natural outworking of our hard work.
- Who is it that ever serves as a soldier at his own expense? Who plants a vineyard and does not eat of its **fruit**? Or who shepherds a flock and does not eat some of the milk of the flock? (**1 Corinthians 9:7**)
- Paul also asks for them to be filled with righteous **fruitage**, spiritual fruitage of fine works in love toward one another, to God's glory, through Jesus Christ.
- And may be filled with righteous **fruit**, which is through Jesus Christ, to God's glory and praise. (**Philippians 1:11**)

- This Good News of God's Kingdom had presented itself to them there in Colossae, just as it was being presented throughout the known world of Paul's day. Paul has heard, that it is also increasing and bearing **fruit** through them there in Colossae, and it has continued to do so since they first heard of it, because they too take an active share in the preaching of it.
- Which has presented itself to you, even as it is bearing **fruit** and increasing in all the world just as it is doing also among you, from the day you heard and accurately knew the undeserved kindness of God in truth. (**Colossians 1:6**)
- The purpose of this prayer, is so that they may walk worthily of Yehowah God, to the end result of fully pleasing him, as they go on bearing spiritual **fruitage** in every good work, and in increasing, in the accurate knowledge of him, through his spirit.
- In order to walk worthily of Yehowah to the end of fully pleasing him as you go on bearing **fruit** in every good work and increasing in the accurate knowledge of God. (**Colossians 1:10**)
- Paul now shows that discipline never seems joyous while we are under it, rather it is often grievous. Yet to those who have successfully completed a course of discipline, it yields peaceable **fruitage**, namely righteousness. Yehowah God allowed his foremost son to leave heaven and undergo this grievous form of discipline, to make him better, and all anointed ones will undergo similar training, so submit, and allow discipline to have its work complete within you.
- True, no discipline seems for the present to be joyous, but grievous, yet afterward to those who have been trained by it, it yields peaceable **fruit**, namely, righteousness. (**Hebrews 12:11**)
- Paul now shows, that our obligation as anointed Christians, is to always offer a sacrifice of praise to this glorious God of eternity, Yehowah. This spiritual **fruitage** of the lips, the making of a public declaration, will magnify the name and fame of Yehowah God throughout the inhabited earth, and it will lead to our own salvation, and the salvation of many others.
- Through him let us always offer to God a sacrifice of praise, that is, the **fruit** of lips which make public declaration to his name. (**Hebrews 13:15**)

- Like a **fruit** bearing tree mentioned earlier, we sow these seeds of righteous **fruitage** not in times of wrath and anger, but under peaceful conditions, and toward those who desire peace with us.
- Moreover, the **fruit** of righteousness has its seed sown under peaceful conditions for those who are making peace. (**James 3:18**)
- James now shows that his anointed brothers need to have patience for the purpose of Yehowah God unfolds in a wide time frame from our viewpoint as human beings. Then he illustrates how our patience will produce good results. The farmer plants seeds in the ground and then he waters and tills the soil and keep the weeds away, so that his plants can grow strong and produce **fruitage**.
- Exercise patience, therefore, brothers, until the presence of the Lord. Look! The farmer keeps waiting for the precious **fruit** of the earth, exercising patience over it until he gets the early rain and the late rain. (**James 5:7**)
- Later Yehowah told Elijah to go to Ahab and bring forth the rains to end the famine, and the rains came forth and the land put forth its **fruitage**.
- And he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain and the land put forth its **fruit**. (**James 5:18**)
- Jehovah's Witnesses have desired all of these things as a part of their worship. But they are like a harlot who does not loyally stick to her husband's ideals, and they have failed to practice these fine qualities in their dealings among their brothers. Because of this harlot-like lack of respect for divine principles they will suffer the sudden loss of all of these valuable things.
- Fine qualities like, truth, love, justice, compassion and mercy are not mere baubles we adorn ourselves with externally just for the sight of others, but they are deep qualities of the heart and they must never be lacking in true anointed ones lives and actions. Failure to exercise these qualities is spiritual harlotry and will not be tolerated by Yehowah.
- No one will **buy** the idea that they are God's special possession without them. They are not simply baubles we put on and take off to attract others, we must live them every day!

- Yes, the fine **fruit** that your soul desired has departed from you, and all the dainty things and the gorgeous things have perished from you, and never again will people find them. (**Revelation 18:14**)
- This water of truth is to be made available to all who want it, for it flows down the **middle of its broad way**. Just as trees take in water from a stream and light from the sun, producing good **fruit**, so likewise mankind who let God's truths freely water them and his spirit energize them will grow strong and tall. They will in turn clothe themselves with leaves, a lovely covering that draws and attracts others. The **fruit** the people produce will never be out of season for they will come forth continuously forever.
- Down the middle of its broad way. And on this side of the river and on that side there were trees of life producing twelve crops of **fruit**, yielding their fruits each month. And the leaves of the trees were for the curing of the nations. (**Revelation 22:2**)