

Roots and Fruits

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Jesus used simple (and profound) stories to illustrate spiritual truths. In the parable of the Sower and the Seed, He talks about the importance of the soils in growing plants and producing fruit. In that parable, He mentions that there was no root in the three poor soils and therefore no staying power and no fruit. In Immanuel, Jesus shows us the origin, source or root to a present day upset. These negative roots produce negative results. Emotions and lies that are still unresolved in our past, have a surprising, unbidden hold on us. Jesus comes to heal and resolve these “roots” so that they will not be producing negative triggered fruit in our lives today.

Studies included in this article are: **ROOTS:** Bitterness or Wormwood; Roots As Origin; Root Out and Cut Down; The Root of the Righteous; Deteriorating Root and Withering Fruit; Messiah’s Roots; Roots Producing Fruit; Evil Roots; Root of Bitterness; Life In The Stump And Roots; Root Supplied By Water; Rooted; **FRUITS:** Fruit After Its Own Kind; Tree Producing Bad Fruit Destroyed; Fruit of The Word; Fruit of The Spirit; Messiah’s Fruits; Fruit That Remains; Paul’s Fruit; Fruit of Righteousness; The Fruit of Our Lips; Fruit of the Earth; Healing Fruits.

ROOTS

Bitterness or Wormwood

Deuteronomy 29:18 So that there may not be among you man or woman or family or tribe, whose heart turns away today from the LORD our God, to go *and* serve the gods of these nations, and that there may not be among you a [root](#) bearing bitterness or wormwood.

Hebrews 12:15 Looking carefully lest anyone fall short of the grace of God; lest any [root](#) of bitterness springing up cause trouble, and by this many become defiled.

Roots As Origin

Job 19:28 If you should say, ‘How shall we persecute him?’ —Since the [root](#) of the matter is found in me.

Job 31:8 *Then* let me sow, and let another eat; yea, let my offspring be [rooted](#) out.

Judges 5:14 From Ephraim *were* those whose [roots](#) were in Amalek. After you, Benjamin, with your peoples, From Machir rulers came down, And from Zebulun those who bear the recruiter’s staff.

2 Kings 19:30 And the remnant who have escaped of the house of Judah Shall again take [root](#) downward, And bear fruit upward.

Job 5:3 I have seen the foolish taking [root](#), But suddenly I cursed his dwelling place.

Psalms 80:9 You prepared *room* for it [Israel], And caused it to take deep root, And it filled the land.

Isaiah 14:30 The firstborn of the poor will feed, And the needy will lie down in safety; I will kill your roots with famine, And it will slay your remnant.

Isaiah 27:6 Those who come He shall cause to take root in Jacob; Israel shall blossom and bud, And fill the face of the world with fruit.

Isaiah 37:31 And the remnant who have escaped of the house of Judah Shall again take root downward, And bear fruit upward.

Jeremiah 12:2 You have planted them, yes, they have taken root; They grow, yes, they bear fruit. You *are* near in their mouth But far from their mind.

Hosea 14:5 I will be like the dew to Israel; He shall grow like the lily, And lengthen his roots like Lebanon.

Root Out And Cut Down

Deuteronomy 29:28 And the LORD rooted them out of their land in anger, and in wrath, and in great indignation, and cast them into another land, as *it is* this day.

Job 18:14 His confidence shall be rooted out of his tabernacle, and it shall bring him to the king of terrors.

Job 31:12 For that *would be* a fire *that* consumes to destruction, And would root out all my increase.

Proverbs 2:22 But the wicked shall be cut off from the earth, and the transgressors shall be rooted out of it.

Jeremiah 1:10 See, I have this day set you over the nations and over the kingdoms, To root out and to pull down, To destroy and to throw down, To build and to plant.

before whom three of the first horns were plucked out by the roots. And there, in this horn, *were* eyes like the eyes of a man, and a mouth speaking pompous words.

Zephaniah 2:4 For Gaza shall be forsaken, and Ashkelon a desolation: they shall drive out Ashdod at the noon day, and Ekron shall be rooted up.

Matthew 3:10 And even now the ax is laid to the root of the trees. Therefore every tree which does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.

Matthew 15:13 But he answered and said, Every plant, which my heavenly Father hath not planted, shall be rooted up.

Luke 3:9 And even now the ax is laid to the root of the trees. Therefore every tree which does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.

Luke 17:6 So the Lord said, "If you have faith as a mustard seed, you can say to this mulberry tree, 'Be pulled up by the roots and be planted in the sea,' and it would obey you.

Jude 1:12 These are spots in your love feasts, while they feast with you without fear, serving *only* themselves. *They are* clouds without water, carried about by the winds; late autumn trees without fruit, twice dead, pulled up by the roots.

The Root of the Righteous

Proverbs 12:3 A man is not established by wickedness, But the root of the righteous cannot be moved.

Proverbs 12:12 The wicked covet the catch of evil *men*, But the root of the righteous yields *fruit*.

Deteriorating Root and Withering Fruit

Job 14:7-9 For there is hope for a tree, If it is cut down, that it will sprout again, And that its tender shoots will not cease. Though its root may grow old in the earth, And its stump may die in the ground, yet at the scent of water it will bud And bring forth branches like a plant.

Isaiah 5:24 Therefore, as the fire devours the stubble, And the flame consumes the chaff, *So* their root will be as rottenness, And their blossom will ascend like dust; Because they have rejected the law of the LORD of hosts, And despised the word of the Holy One of Israel.

Isaiah 40:24 Scarcely shall they be planted, Scarcely shall they be sown, Scarcely shall their stock take root in the earth, When He will also blow on them, And they will wither, And the whirlwind will take them away like stubble.

Hosea 9:16 Ephraim is stricken, Their root is dried up; They shall bear no fruit. Yes, were they to bear children, I would kill the darlings of their womb."

Amos 2:9 Yet *it was* I *who* destroyed the Amorite before them, Whose height *was* like the height of the cedars, And he *was as* strong as the oaks; Yet I destroyed his fruit above And his roots beneath.

Malachi 4:1 For behold, the day is coming, Burning like an oven, And all the proud, yes, all who do wickedly will be stubble. And the day which is coming shall burn them up," Says the LORD of hosts, "That will leave them neither root nor branch.

Matthew 13:6 But when the sun was up they were scorched, and because they had no root they withered away.

Matthew 13:21 Yet he has no root in himself, but endures only for a while. For when tribulation or persecution arises because of the word, immediately he stumbles.

Mark 4:6 But when the sun was up it was scorched, and because it had no root it withered away.

Mark 4:17 And they have no root in themselves, and so endure only for a time. Afterward, when tribulation or persecution arises for the word's sake, immediately they stumble.

Mark 11:20 Now in the morning, as they passed by, they saw the fig tree dried up from the roots.

Luke 8:13 But the ones on the rock *are those* who, when they hear, receive the word with joy; and these have no root, who believe for a while and in time of temptation fall away.

Messiah's Roots

Isaiah 11:1 There shall come forth a Rod from the stem of Jesse, And a Branch shall grow out of his roots.

Isaiah 11:10 "And in that day there shall be a Root of Jesse, Who shall stand as a banner to the people; For the Gentiles shall seek Him, And His resting place shall be glorious."

Isaiah 53:2 For He shall grow up before Him as a tender plant, And as a root out of dry ground. He has no form or comeliness; And when we see Him, *There is* no beauty that we should desire Him.

Romans 15:12 And again, Isaiah says: "There shall be a root of Jesse; And He who shall rise to reign over the Gentiles, In Him the Gentiles shall hope."

Revelation 5:5 But one of the elders said to me, "Do not weep. Behold, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has prevailed to open the scroll and to loose its seven seals."

Revelation 22:16 "I, Jesus, have sent My angel to testify to you these things in the churches. I am the Root and the Offspring of David, the Bright and Morning Star."

Roots Producing Fruit

Jeremiah 17:8 For he [the man who trusts in the Lord] shall be like a tree planted by the waters, Which spreads out its roots by the river, And will not fear when heat comes; But its leaf will be green, And will not be anxious in the year of drought, Nor will cease from yielding fruit.

Ezekiel 17:6 And it grew and became a spreading vine of low stature; Its branches turned toward him, But its roots were under it. So it became a vine, Brought forth branches, And put forth shoots.

Romans 11:16 For if the firstfruit *is* holy, the lump *is* also *holy*; and if the root *is* holy, so *are* the branches.

Romans 11:17 And if some of the branches were broken off, and you, being a wild olive tree, were grafted in among them, and with them became a partaker of the root and fatness of the olive tree.

Romans 11:18 Do not boast against the branches. But if you do boast, *remember that* you do not support the root, but the root *supports* you.

Evil Roots

Isaiah 14:29 Do not rejoice, all you of Philistia, Because the rod that struck you is broken; For out of the serpent's roots will come forth a viper, And its offspring *will be* a fiery flying serpent.

1 Timothy 6:10 For the love of money is a root of all *kinds of* evil, for which some have strayed from the faith in their greediness, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows.

Root of Bitterness

Deuteronomy 29:18 So that there may not be among you man or woman or family or tribe, whose heart turns away today from the LORD our God, to go *and* serve the gods of these nations, and that there may not be among you a root bearing [bitterness](#) or wormwood.

Hebrews 12:15 Looking carefully lest anyone fall short of the grace of God; lest any root of [bitterness](#) springing up cause trouble, and by this many become defiled.

Life In The Stump And Roots

Daniel 4:15 Nevertheless leave the stump and [roots](#) in the earth, *Bound* with a band of iron and bronze, In the tender grass of the field. Let it be wet with the dew of heaven, And *let* him graze with the beasts On the grass of the earth.

Daniel 4:23 And inasmuch as the king saw a watcher, a holy one, coming down from heaven and saying, 'Chop down the tree and destroy it, but leave its stump and [roots](#) in the earth, *bound* with a band of iron and bronze in the tender grass of the field; let it be wet with the dew of heaven, and let him graze with the beasts of the field, till seven times pass over him'.

Daniel 4:26 And inasmuch as they gave the command to leave the stump *and* [roots](#) of the tree, your kingdom shall be assured to you, after you come to know that Heaven rules.

Daniel 11:7 But from a branch of her [roots](#) *one* shall arise in his place, who shall come with an army, enter the fortress of the king of the North, and deal with them and prevail.

Root Supplied By Water

Job 29:19 My [root](#) *is* spread out to the waters, And the dew lies all night on my branch.

Ezekiel 17:7 But there was another great eagle with large wings and many feathers; And behold, this vine bent its [roots](#) toward him, And stretched its branches toward him, From the garden terrace where it had been planted, That he might water it.

Ezekiel 17:9 Say, 'Thus says the Lord GOD: "Will it thrive? Will he not pull up its [roots](#), Cut off its fruit, And leave it to wither? All of its spring leaves will wither, And no great power or many people Will be needed to pluck it up by its [roots](#)."

Ezekiel 31:7 'Thus it was beautiful in greatness and in the length of its branches, Because its [roots](#) reached to abundant waters.

Rooted

Ephesians 3:17 That Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith; that ye, being [rooted](#) and grounded in love.

Colossians 2:7 [Rooted](#) and built up in him, and stablished in the faith, as ye have been taught, abounding therein with thanksgiving.

FRUITS

Fruit After Its Own Kind

Genesis 1:11 Then God said, "Let the earth bring forth grass, the herb *that* yields seed, *and* the fruit tree *that* yields fruit according to its kind, whose seed *is* in itself, on the earth"; and it was so.

Genesis 1:12 And the earth brought forth grass, the herb *that* yields seed according to its kind, and the tree *that* yields fruit, whose seed *is* in itself according to its kind. And God saw that *it was* good.

Matthew 3:8 Therefore bear [fruits](#) worthy of repentance.

Matthew 7:16 You will know them by their [fruits](#). Do men gather grapes from thorn bushes or figs from thistles?

Matthew 7:17-18 Even so, every good tree bears good fruit, but a bad tree bears bad fruit. A good tree cannot bear bad fruit, nor *can* a bad tree bear good fruit.

Matthew 7:20 Therefore by their [fruits](#) you will know them.

Matthew 12:33 Either make the tree good and its fruit good, or else make the tree bad and its fruit bad; for a tree is known by *its* fruit.

Matthew 21:43 Therefore I say to you, the kingdom of God will be taken from you and given to a nation bearing the [fruits](#) of it.

Luke 1:42 Then she spoke out with a loud voice and said, "Blessed *are* you among women, and blessed *is* the fruit of your womb!

Luke 3:8 Therefore bear [fruits](#) worthy of repentance, and do not begin to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as *our* father.' For I say to you that God is able to raise up children to Abraham from these stones.

Luke 6:43-44 For a good tree does not bear bad fruit, nor does a bad tree bear good fruit. For every tree is known by its own fruit. For *men* do not gather figs from thorns, nor do they gather grapes from a bramble bush.

Tree Producing Bad Fruit Destroyed

Matthew 7:19 Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.

Luke 13:9 'And if it bears fruit, *well*. But if not, after that you can cut it down.'

John 15:2 Every branch in Me that does not bear fruit He takes away; and every *branch* that bears fruit He prunes, that it may bear more fruit.

Romans 6:21 What fruit did you have then in the things of which you are now ashamed? For the end of those things *is* death.

Romans 7:5 For when we were in the flesh, the sinful passions which were aroused by the law were at work in our members to bear fruit to death.

Fruit of The Word

Luke 8:15 But the ones *that* fell on the good ground are those who, having heard the word with a noble and good heart, keep *it* and bear fruit with patience.

John 4:36 And he who reaps receives wages, and gathers fruit for eternal life, that both he who sows and he who reaps may rejoice together.

Colossians 1:6 Which [the gospel] has come to you, as *it has* also in all the world, and is bringing forth fruit, as *it is* also among you since the day you heard and knew the grace of God in truth.

Fruit of The Spirit

Galatians 5:22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness.

Ephesians 5:9 (for the fruit of the Spirit *is* in all goodness, righteousness, and truth).

James 3:17 But the wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality and without hypocrisy.

Messiah's Fruits

John 15:2 Every branch in Me that does not bear fruit He takes away; and every *branch* that bears fruit He prunes, that it may bear more fruit.

John 15:4 Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in Me.

John 15:5 I am the vine, you *are* the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing.

John 15:8 By this My Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit; so you will be My disciples.

John 15:16 You did not choose Me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit, and *that* your fruit should remain, that whatever you ask the Father in My name He may give you.

Romans 6:22 But now having been set free from sin, and having become slaves of God, you have your fruit to holiness, and the end, everlasting life.

Romans 7:4 Therefore, my brethren, you also have become dead to the law through the body of Christ, that you may be married to another—to Him who was raised from the dead, that we should bear fruit to God.

Fruit That Remains

John 15:16 You did not choose Me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit, and *that* your fruit should remain, that whatever you ask the Father in My name He may give you.

Romans 15:28 Therefore, when I have performed this and have sealed to them this fruit, I shall go by way of you to Spain.

Paul's Fruit

Philippians 1:22 But if *I* live on in the flesh, this *will mean* fruit from *my* labor; yet what I shall choose I cannot tell.

Philippians 4:17 Not that I seek the gift, but I seek the fruit that abounds to your account.

Fruit of Righteousness

2 Corinthians 9:10 Now may He who supplies seed to the sower, and bread for food, supply and multiply the seed you have *sown* and increase the fruits of your righteousness.

Philippians 1:11 Being filled with the fruits of righteousness which *are* by Jesus Christ, to the glory and praise of God.

Hebrews 12:11 Now no chastening seems to be joyful for the present, but painful; nevertheless, afterward it yields the peaceable fruit of righteousness to those who have been trained by it.

James 3:18 Now the fruit of righteousness is sown in peace by those who make peace.

The Fruit of Our Lips

Hebrews 13:15 Therefore by Him let us continually offer the sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of *our* lips, giving thanks to His name.

Fruit of the Earth

Matthew 21:41 They said to Him, "He will destroy those wicked men miserably, and lease *his* vineyard to other vinedressers who will render to him the fruits in their seasons."

1 Corinthians 9:7 Who ever goes to war at his own expense? Who plants a vineyard and does not eat of its fruit? Or who tends a flock and does not drink of the milk of the flock?

James 5:7 Therefore be patient, brethren, until the coming of the Lord. See *how* the farmer waits for the precious fruit of the earth, waiting patiently for it until it receives the early and latter rain.

James 5:18 And he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain, and the earth produced its fruit.

Healing Fruits

Revelation 22:2 In the middle of its street, and on either side of the river, *was* the tree of life, which bore twelve fruits, each *tree* yielding its fruit every month. The leaves of the tree *were* for the healing of the nations.

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