

# The Olive Tree Allegory: Jacob 5

## The Scattering of Israel

Before the Time of Christ (vv. 3–14)



Tame olive tree (Israel) is dying (vv. 3–4).



The master prunes and fertilizes; a few new branches grow but the top is still dying (vv. 4–6).



Main branches are removed and wild branches are grafted in; tender branches are hidden (vv. 7–14).



Withered branches are burned (vv. 7, 9).



Wild olive tree (Gentiles; vv. 7, 9)

Natural branches are hidden in the nethermost part of the vineyard.



Poor ground; good fruit (vv. 20–22)



Poorer ground; good fruit (v. 23)



Fruit (this branch is not mentioned again; v. 24)



Good ground; good and bad fruit (v. 25)

God saw the apostasy of ancient Israel. He sent prophets to cry repentance, but few people listened. He allowed the wicked to be destroyed and brought in the Gentiles. A few righteous branches of Israel were scattered around the world.

## The Time of Christ

(vv. 15–28)



Good fruit (vv. 15–18)

God saw that Israel (the old root tree) was saved and produced good fruit. The scattered branches of Israel also produced good fruit, except for the Nephites and Lamanites, whose fruit was partly good and partly bad.

## The Great Apostasy

(vv. 29–49)



Evil fruit  
(vv. 29–37)



Evil fruit  
(vv. 39, 46)



Evil fruit  
(vv. 39, 46)



Evil fruit only  
(vv. 39, 46)

God found that Christianity (the old root tree made up of both Israelites and Gentiles) had become corrupt, but the roots were still good. The natural branches that were scattered were also corrupt.

## The Gathering of Israel

The Gospel Goes to All the World  
(vv. 50–76)



Branches of the scattered trees are grafted back into the original tree (vv. 52–53).



Branches of the original tree are grafted into the scattered trees (vv. 54–56).

The Millennium (vv. 76–77)



All trees become as one and bear natural fruit (vv. 74–76).



As the natural branches grow, the wild branches are burned (vv. 57–58, 65–73).



When the bad fruit comes again, the good fruit will be gathered out and the vineyard will be burned (v. 77).

God and His servants restore the gospel in its purity. They begin to gather scattered Israel and take the gospel to all the world. As righteousness increases, the wicked are destroyed until no wickedness remains (the Second Coming of Jesus Christ). Righteousness prevails for a long time (the Millennium). When evil again enters the world, God will separate the righteous from the wicked and cleanse the earth by fire.