

Date Palm Tree



Date Palm trees are one of the Middle East's most ancient fruit trees. The palm tree or palm branches are mentioned 45 times in the Bible.

Some species can grow to a height of 100 ft. [30 m.] and have large leaves. The trunk was used for fences, rafts/boats (especially in Egypt and Mesopotamia), and fuel. The long (6–10 ft. [2-3m.]) leaves were woven into mats, baskets, and roofs. The branches were also “waved” to acknowledge and greet important people, like Jesus’ entry into Jerusalem.