



Date palms grow along the sea and in the Jordan River valley. Jericho is called the "City of Palm Trees." A clump of date palms on the desert was a sign that water was there, and a place to rest. Travellers might even find some dates to eat.

The clusters of dates hang at the bottom of the tree. Dates ripen in June and September in Bible lands.

Date trees were very valuable in Bible times. Dates were eaten fresh. They were often dried. They can be made into a date "cake" when patted together.

What can you find out about this tree in the Bible?

John 12:12-13

Exodus 15:27

Judges 4:5

Psalm 92:12

Deuteronomy 34:3