

JEREMIAH 24 vs 1

¹After Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon carried away captive Jechoniah, son of Jehoiakim king of **Judah**, and the princes of Judah, with the carpenters and smiths from Jerusalem, and brought them to Babylon / around 597 BC;

then the LORD showed me:

Behold / pay attention, two baskets of figs were set before the temple of the LORD / chapter 7 speaks to all the manmade, phony enthusiasm for the august temple of the LORD, then 400 years old.

² One basket had very good figs, like first-ripe figs:

the other basket had rotten figs, that could not be eaten, they were so rotten / isn't it interesting, that when Jesus entered Jerusalem in great triumph, He had a similar confrontation with a fruitless fig tree.

³ Then the LORD said to me, What do you see, Jeremiah? / in other words, do you see what I see?

And I said, Figs; the good figs, very good; and the rotten, very rotten that cannot be eaten, due to their rottenness / so they both saw the same things.

⁴ Again the word of the LORD came to me, saying,

⁵ Thus says the LORD, the God of **Israel**, remember that name: **isra = ruled + el = God**, those **ruled by God**;

Like these good figs, so I will favor them who are carried away captive of **Judah**, whom I have sent from this place... for their good; to the land of the Chaldeans / to Babylon, to those who live by the sword from N Persia gulf coast who were coming to Jerusalem to take care of business.

⁶ For I will look to their welfare / God always looks to the welfare of His creation... clearly designed in intelligent ways, incredible ways that we can hardly comprehend though we look closely,

I will bring them again to this land: and I will build them, and not pull them down;

I will plant them, and not pluck them up / He will plant **Judah**, just like He promised David that He will plant **Israel** in their own place; the 2 Houses have different histories which one day... will converge when Messiah comes, a DAY, sooner than some of us can imagine.

⁷ And I will give them a heart to know Me, that I am the LORD / and that has not yet happened, many of the House of Judah are no different now... though they returned to the land promised to Abraham; yet from the NEWS we see they act no different than when Jeremiah spoke to them in Jerusalem 2,500 years ago. After all these years and after all their pain... still so few seem to acknowledge the LORD God... who gave them so many promises, who sent them Moses, Isaiah, Jeremiah, Ezekiel, Daniel and many others. I guess there is a reason why He brings with Himself *a rod of iron*... when He comes again.

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I will give them a heart to know Me, that I am the LORD:

they shall be My people, and I will be their God:

for they shall return to Me with their whole heart.

Having taken care of the good figs... having promised **He will bring them again to this land**...

we read about the others,

⁸ Thus says the LORD,

As for the rotten figs, which cannot be eaten, they are so rotten;

surely, I will abandon Zedekiah the king of Judah / notice it's leadership that is rotten to the core,

his officers, and the remnant of Jerusalem / all the bigwigs of DC, London, and Tel Aviv bureaucrats,

who remain in this land, or return to Egypt / those privileged elitists who love the spicy leeks and garlic life... more than life with the Lord God who made all things:

⁹ I will make them a disgust to all kingdoms of the earth, as a reproach, a byword, a taunt and a curse in all places where I will drive them / and isn't that exactly what happened? He drove those hardheads throughout the nations... the truth be told; His promise tragically continues to this day. When God makes a promise—usually good, but **not** always, especially after being ignored by those who refuse to learn; then, if we pay attention... that is when we discover... He isn't kidding.

¹⁰ I will also send the sword, famine, and pestilence among them,

till they / all these rotten figs, **are destroyed out of the earth I gave them and their fathers.**

...and you wonder: since there are so many rotten rulers... speech readers, crooks and criminals now days; we can be assured... when their fall comes, it will be ugly; the Lord is still working on this promise.