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<sup>1</sup>After 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, at that time 400 years old.

<sup>2</sup>**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** / it's interesting, when Jesus entered Jerusalem in great triumph, [He had a similar confrontation with a fruitless fig tree.](#)

<sup>3</sup>**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.

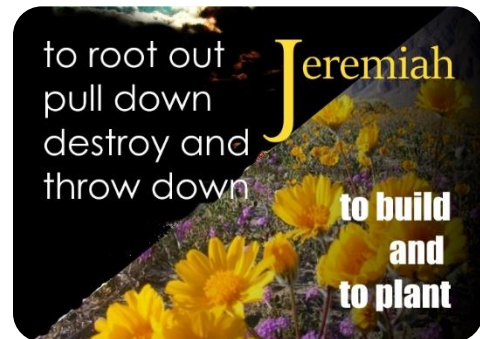
<sup>4</sup>**Again the word of the LORD came to me, saying,**

<sup>5</sup>**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 the N Persia gulf coast who were coming to Jerusalem to take care of business.

<sup>6</sup>**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 rebuild them, and not pull them down;



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**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** / 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 they act no different than when Jeremiah spoke to them in Jerusalem 2,500 years ago.

After all these years and all their pain, just a few seem to acknowledge the LORD God... who gave them so many promises, who sent Moses, Isaiah, Jeremiah, Ezekiel, Daniel and many others. So there is a reason why He brings *a rod of iron*... when He comes again.

**I will give them a heart to know Me, that I am the LORD: they will be My people, and I will be their God: for they will 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, seditious elitists who really 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 and news 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.