

#1261 Israel as the Fig Tree – Jeremiah 24: The Two Baskets of Figs (continued)

Matthew 24:32-33 (KJV) Now learn A PARABLE OF THE FIG TREE; When his branch is yet tender, and putteth forth leaves, ye know that summer is nigh:

33 So likewise ye, when ye shall see all these things, know that it is near, even at the doors. {it: or, he}

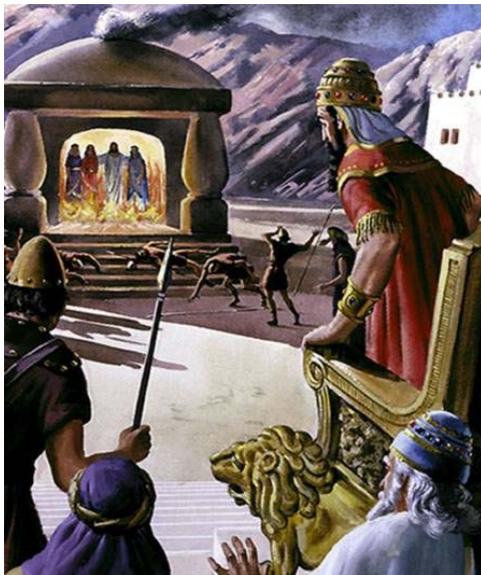


Jeremiah 24:1-2 (KJV) The LORD shewed me, and, behold, TWO BASKETS OF FIGS were set before the temple of the LORD, after that Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon had carried away captive Jeconiah the son of Jehoiakim king of Judah, and the princes of Judah, with the carpenters and smiths, from Jerusalem, and had brought them to Babylon. [NIV . . . After Jehoiachin son of Jehoiakim king of Judah and the officials, the craftsmen and the artisans of Judah were carried into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon by Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon, the LORD showed me two baskets of figs placed in front of the temple of the LORD.]



2 ONE BASKET HAD VERY GOOD FIGS, even like the figs that are first ripe: and THE OTHER BASKET HAD VERY NAUGHTY FIGS, which could not be eaten, they were so bad.

Key Understanding: Here is a helpful Matthew Henry Concise Commentary on Jeremiah 24.



Good figs – Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego were among those in captivity

Jeremiah 24 – Matthew Henry Concise Commentary

Good and bad figs represent the Jews in captivity, and those who remain in their own land.

The prophet saw two baskets of figs set before the temple, as offerings of first-fruits. The figs in one basket were very good, those in the other basket very bad. What creature viler than a wicked man? and what more valuable than a godly man? This vision was to raise the spirits of those gone into captivity, by assuring them of a happy return; and to humble and awaken the proud and secure spirits of those yet in Jerusalem, by assuring them of a miserable captivity. The good figs represent the pious captives. We cannot determine as to God's love or hatred by what is before us. Early suffering sometimes proves for the best. The sooner the child is corrected, the better effect the correction is likely to have. Even this

captivity was for their good; and God's intentions never are in vain. By afflictions they were convinced of sin, humbled under the hand of God, weaned from the world, taught to pray, and turned from sins, particularly from idolatry. God promises that he will own them in captivity. The Lord will own those who are his, in all conditions. God assures them of his protection in trouble, and a glorious deliverance in due time. When our troubles are sanctified to us, we may be sure that they will end well. They shall return to him with their whole heart. Thus they should have liberty to own him for their God, to pray to him, and expect blessings from him. The bad figs were



Bad figs – Zedekiah the king of Judah, his princes, and the residue of Jerusalem continued to rebel against God

Zedekiah and those of his party yet in the land. These should be removed for their hurt, and forsaken of all mankind. God has many judgments, and those that escape one, may expect another, till they are brought to repent. Doubtless, this prophecy had its fulfillment in that age; but the Spirit of prophecy may here look forward to the dispersion of the unbelieving Jews, in all the nations of the earth. Let those who desire blessings from the Lord, beg that he will give them a heart to know him.

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