

# FIGS



One of the first cultivated plants of the ancient world, perhaps the first cultivated fruit, figs have a rich entanglement in the history of humanity, both as a food staple and as a plant associated with many mythological creatures, deities and religious beliefs. First known to have been cultivated in Mesopotamia, the fig is probably one of the most widespread and used fruits of ancient civilization. Its fruit both fresh and dried was a constant staple in ancient man's diet, many varieties have bark that can be used to make a type of bark cloth for clothing and wine was first created from its fermented fruit. Its wood is fragrant when burned and can be used for long lasting fire fuel and is strong enough that it has been used in the building of many sacred buildings and temples in the ancient world.

