

## Israelite people are shown as some Crushed Grapes

### AND BASKETS OF FIGS; GOOD AND BAD!

#### [Isaiah 65:8](#)

But I will not destroy them all, says Yahweh; for just as **good grapes** are found among a cluster of bad ones (and someone will say, “Don’t throw them all away—there are some **good grapes** there!”) so I will not destroy all Israel, for I have true servants there.

#### [EXB](#)

This is what Yah says: “When there is ·juice left [new wine; *or* good grapes] in a bunch of grapes, people say, “Don’t destroy it, because there is ·good left [<sup>L</sup>blessing] in it.” So I will do the same thing to my servants— I will not destroy them all.

#### [LEB](#)

Thus says Yahweh: “Just as the new wine is found in the cluster, and they say ‘You must not destroy it, for *there is* a blessing in it,’ so I will do for the sake of my servants *by* not destroying *everyone*.

#### [MSG](#)

Yah’s Message: “But just as one bad apple doesn’t ruin the whole bushel, there are still plenty of good apples left. So I’ll preserve those in Israel who obey me. I won’t destroy the whole nation. I’ll bring out my true children from Jacob and the heirs of my mountains from Judah. My chosen will inherit the land, my servants will move in.

The lush valley of Sharon in the west will be a pasture for flocks, And in the east, the valley of Achor, a place for herds to graze.

These will be for the people who bothered to reach out to me, who wanted me in their lives, who actually bothered to look for me. \* \* \*

## [Jeremiah 24 The Message](#)

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<sup>1-2</sup> YAH showed me two baskets of figs placed in front of the Temple of YAH. This was after Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon had taken Jehoiachin son of Jehoiakim king of Judah from Jerusalem into exile in Babylon, along with the leaders of Judah, the craftsmen, and the skilled laborers. In one basket the figs were of the finest quality, ripe and ready to eat. In the other basket the figs were rotten, so rotten they couldn't be eaten.

<sup>3</sup> YAH said to me, "Jeremiah, what do you see?"

"Figs," I said. "Excellent figs of the finest quality, and also rotten figs, so rotten they can't be eaten."

<sup>4-6</sup> Then YAH told me, "This is the Message from the YAH of Israel: The exiles from here that I've sent off to the land of the Babylonians **are like the good figs**, and I'll make sure they get good treatment. **I'll keep my eye on them so that their lives are good**, and I'll bring them back to this land. I'll build them up, not tear them down; I'll plant them, not uproot them.

<sup>7</sup> "And I'll give them a heart to know me, YAH. They'll be my people and I'll be their Yah, for they'll have returned to me with all their hearts.

<sup>8-10</sup> "But like the rotten figs, so rotten they can't be eaten, is Zedekiah king of Judah. Rotten figs—that's how I'll treat him and his leaders, along with the survivors here and those down in Egypt. I'll make them **something that the whole world will look on as disgusting—repugnant, /obnoxious outcasts**, their names used as curse words wherever in the world I drive them.

And I'll make sure they die like flies—from war, starvation, disease, whatever—until the land I once gave to them and their ancestors is completely rid of them."

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