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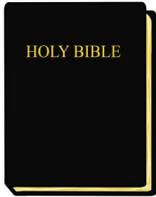
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# Puzzle Page Level 3

## Jeremiah and 2 baskets of figs



Jeremiah 24  
Jeremiah 29

God divides people into 2 groups

At the beginning of the reign of Zedekiah, the new King of Judah, God gave Jeremiah a message about two baskets of figs which had been put down outside the temple. One had good figs in it and one had bad figs in it and they represented two different groups of people.

Draw lines from the words in the middle to either good or bad figs depending on who it was prophesied for:

### Good Figs



Representing those who were in captivity who would repent of the sins and receive good things.

- Peace
- Sword
- Love
- Forgiveness
- Famine
- Pestilence

### Bad figs



Representing those who would continue to reject God and who would be killed by bad things.

On the Judgement Day everyone will be divided into two groups of people. Those who have repented of their sins and trusted in Jesus and those who have not.

Write out Matthew 25 v 32 which tells us what Jesus will do on Judgement Day

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The 'good figs' represented God's people who had been taken as captives to Babylon.

Label Jerusalem and Babylon on the map. Draw a line where they were taken going North from Jerusalem and then following the River Euphrates to Babylon, avoiding the Syrian Desert!



FIRST DEPORTATION: After the battle of Carchemish, in 605BC, King Nebuchadnezzar had taken some of the good-looking, clever young men to be trained up in Babylon.

SECOND DEPORTATION: After the short siege in 598BC when Jehoiachin was King in Judah, King Nebuchadnezzar had taken back 10,000 Jews captive including the king & his mother.

### Jeremiah's letter to the 'Good Figs' (Jeremiah ch 29)

1. Now these are the words of the letter that Jeremiah the prophet sent from Jerusalem unto the residue of the elders which were carried away captives, and to the priests, and to the prophets, and to all the people whom Nebuchadnezzar had carried away captive from Jerusalem to Babylon:...

4. Thus saith the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel, unto all that are carried away captives, whom I have caused to be carried away from Jerusalem unto Babylon; 5 Build ye houses, and dwell in them; and plant gardens, and eat the fruit of them; 6 Take ye wives, and beget sons and daughters; and take wives for your sons, and give your daughters to husbands, that they may bear sons and daughters; that ye may be increased there, and not diminished. 7. And seek the peace of the city whither I have caused you to be carried away captives, and pray unto the LORD for it:...

10 For thus saith the LORD, That after seventy years be accomplished at Babylon I will visit you, and perform my good word toward you, in causing you to return to this place. 11. For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, saith the LORD, thoughts of peace, and not of evil, to give you an expected end. 12. Then shall ye call upon me, and ye shall go and pray unto me, and I will hearken unto you. 13. And ye shall seek me, and find me, when ye shall search for me with all your heart. 14. And I will be found of you, saith the LORD: and I will turn away your captivity, and I will gather you from all the nations, and from all the places whither I have driven you, saith the LORD; and I will bring you again into the place whence I caused you to be carried away captive.

Who wrote the letter?

J \_\_\_\_\_ the prophet v 1

Who was it to?

All the p \_\_\_\_\_ taken captive by Nebuchadnezzar v 1

The people were told to... build h \_\_\_\_\_; plant g \_\_\_\_\_; v 5 marry w \_\_\_\_\_; have families v 6 and p \_\_\_\_\_ for the city. v 7

The captivity would last ... s \_\_\_\_\_ years. v 10

- Colour in blue the 5 times that it says 'saith the Lord' showing it is God's words.
- Colour in red the 3 times it says the name of the place where they were captives.
- Colour in yellow verse 11 about God's thoughts of peace towards these people.