

Jeremiah 24:5

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Thus saith the LORD, the God of Israel; Like these good figs, so will I acknowledge them that are carried away captive of Judah, whom I have sent out of this place into the land of the Chaldeans for their good.

Analysis

The 'good figs' represent the exiles in Babylon - those whom God would preserve and restore. Paradoxically, those who seemed judged (exiled) were actually recipients of God's special care, while those who remained in Jerusalem faced worse judgment. God's perspective inverts human wisdom. The promise 'I will set mine eyes upon them for good' echoes His covenant commitment despite circumstances.

Historical Context

This vision came after the first deportation to Babylon in 597 BC, when King Jehoiachin and Jerusalem's leadership were exiled. Those remaining in Jerusalem under Zedekiah considered themselves fortunate, but God's perspective differed.

Related Passages

James 2:17 — Faith and works

Romans 1:17 — The righteous shall live by faith

Study Questions

1. How does God sometimes use apparent setbacks for your ultimate good?
2. What does this teach about trusting God's hidden purposes during difficult seasons?

Interlinear Text

לְטוּבָה: פָּתָן יְמִים שְׁכָא לְאֱלֹהִים אֶמְרָה כִּי יְהוָה אֱלֹהִים יִשְׂרָאֵל

H3541 Thus saith H559 the LORD H3068 the God H430 of Israel H3478 figs H8384 Like these good H2896

לְהַבָּא בְּאֶתְּנָה אֶתְּנָה בְּאֶתְּנָה וְלֹא כִּי אֶתְּנָה בְּאֶתְּנָה

H428 H3651 so will I acknowledge H5234 H853 them that are carried away captive H1546

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of Judah H3063 H834 whom I have sent H7971 H4480 out of this place H4725 H2088 into the land H776

לְטוּבָה: כְּשֶׁדֶם יְמִים

of the Chaldeans H3778 Like these good H2896

Additional Cross-References

Zechariah 13:9 (References God): And I will bring the third part through the fire, and will refine them as silver is refined, and will try them as gold is tried: they shall call on my name, and I will hear them: I will say, It is my people: and they shall say, The LORD is my God.

Nahum 1:7 (Good): The LORD is good, a strong hold in the day of trouble; and he knoweth them that trust in him.