

Jeremiah at this time in Jerusalem heard that the prophet ... the people in captivity had some prophets among them who declared that they were soon going back to Jerusalem / really soon, and these people were saying that when ~~we~~ come back , we are the people who stayed here, and they would be subject to us, and Jeremiah went out and published there that they were to build the Jerusalem walls and build houses...? You will be there a long time.

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Then Jeremiah took out two ~~big~~ big packages of <sup>figs</sup> ~~sticks~~, and one of them was delicious and so lovely that it can make ~~your~~ your mouth water. See, the other he said, is very ... so terribly hard... And Jeremiah said, Look at these figs, look at these big figs. Those bad figs are like you people / here in Jerusalem. I do not think ~~Many~~ <sup>he</sup> people loved Jeremiah from the way ~~they~~ spoke.... But you think so from reading Jeremiah that way the people in exile were on the whole pretty good people, and the people in Jerusalem were direct apostates. But the fact of the matter is that of course there are some good people and some <sup>in both places,</sup> bad people / And the standard of the people was much higher than that of any nationality ~~that was named~~ in any nation all through. God is not taking Israel into captivity because Israel was more wicked than other nations. The archaeological material we have shows that their moral standards were definitely higher than that of any nation on earth. But they were more guilty than other nations, because they fell so much more short in proportion to the light that they had. They had the opportunity of ... they really liked to ... they were not. They were, however, much better than <sup>any</sup> *round about* other nations, God's punishment for falling so far short of the opportunity given them so He sent them into ~~a~~ captivity. Now, when Ezekiel