

**Lesson 11**  
**Two Leaders of Corruption and Two Baskets of Figs**  
**Jeremiah 23-24**

**Questions**

1. Who did the Lord pronounce woe upon and why (23:1-2)?
  
2. What would the Lord do to the remnant of the flock of Israel (23:3-4)?
  
3. Who did the Lord raise up to save Israel and how is he described (23:5-8)?
  
4. Why was Jeremiah heart-broken (23:9-15)?
  
5. What were the lying prophets saying at this time (23:16-17)?
  
6. What was the true message from the Lord concerning the people of Judah (23:18-22)?
  
7. How did the Lord know what the lying prophets were saying (23:23-24)?
  
8. What were the lying prophets doing to the people that was wrong (23:25-32)?
  
9. What was Jeremiah told to say to the wicked people, the false prophets, and the corrupt priests (23:33-40)?
  
10. What did the Lord show Jeremiah and when (24:1-3)?

11. What did the good figs represent (24:4-7)?

12. What did the bad figs represent (24:8-10)?

### **Digging Deeper**

1. Who were Israel's shepherds at this time (23:1-2)?

2. Who does Jeremiah 23:5 refer to?

3. What evil does Sodom and Gomorrah represent (23:14)?

4. What was the approximate year of Jeconiah's (Jehoiachin) captivity (24:1; see 2 K. 24:8-10; 2 Chron. 36:9-10) and Zedekiah's reign (24:8)?

5. What chapters in the book of Jeremiah tell of God's people going down to Egypt to live (24:8)?

### **Applications for Today**

1. Elders are shepherds who feed the flock of the local church (23:1-4; 1 Pet. 5:1-4).

2. Jesus is the righteous Branch who saves his people (23:5-6; Lk. 1:32-33).

3. False prophets and teachers often lie and lead God's people astray (23:9-40; 2 Pet. 2:1-22; 1 Jn. 4:1-6).

4. The Lord's words are holy (23:9; 2 Pet. 3:2).

5. False prophets preach peace instead of coming judgment (23:16-22; 1 Thess. 5:1-3).

6. Preachers need to faithfully proclaim the word of God (23:28; 2 Tim. 4:2).

7. The word of the Lord is like a fire and a hammer (23:29; 2 Cor. 10:4-5).
8. Some people pervert and twist the words of the living God (23:36; 2 Pet. 3:16).
9. Knowing the Lord and returning to him with the whole heart is the sign of the true people of God (24:7; Jn. 17:1-5)?
10. Are you bringing forth good fruit or bad fruit in your life (24:4-10; Mt. 7:15-20)?