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and trace it through the Bible, and you will find that this word is used
over in the book of Jeremiah where it tells us that Jeremiah took two
baskets of figs and he brought one basket of figs out and they were good,
lovely fine figs, and he says he held these figs up before the people there
in Jerusalem and he said, "You see these lovely, delicious figs?" He said,
"These represent the people who have gone into exile," and then he showed
them another basket of figs and it says these figs--the Hebrew word is
"   ", these were very "   " figs, so "   " that they couldn't
be eaten, and as they looked as those miserable, "   " figs, he said,
"These figs are like you people here that are staying in Jerusalem." Well,
now it is very clear that figs are not morally good and morally bad. There
are figs which are good; those which are bad; figs which are good to build
you up and figs which are corrupt and poisonous, but certainly not morally bad.
The English, by the way, in that verse, again, I translate the "   " naughty.
They were naughty figs, so naughty that they couldn't be eaten. That, again,
is the good old English. In modern English we would never speak of figs as
naughty. We might call them bad; we would hardly call them evil or naughty.
                              and "   "
But the words "   "/are also used in the Bible, like the two kinds of
figs that are used, when Pharaoh had his grain, and he saw the good ears of
corn and the bad ears of corn. Again, it is "   " and "   ".
There was nothing morally bad in those ears of corn, and the bad ears of
corn ate up the good ears; nothing morally bad with it--they simply were
ears representing   by the poor crop and famine, and Pharaoh had
the dream and there came up the good cows and the evil cows and they stood
on the side of the   ; the evil cows were thin and scrawny, representing
the seven years of famine. The same words, "   " and "   ", good
and bad. So I think that the idea here is, probably of the tree is, the
tree of the   knowledge of construction and destruction, of upbuilding
and of tearing down, in order