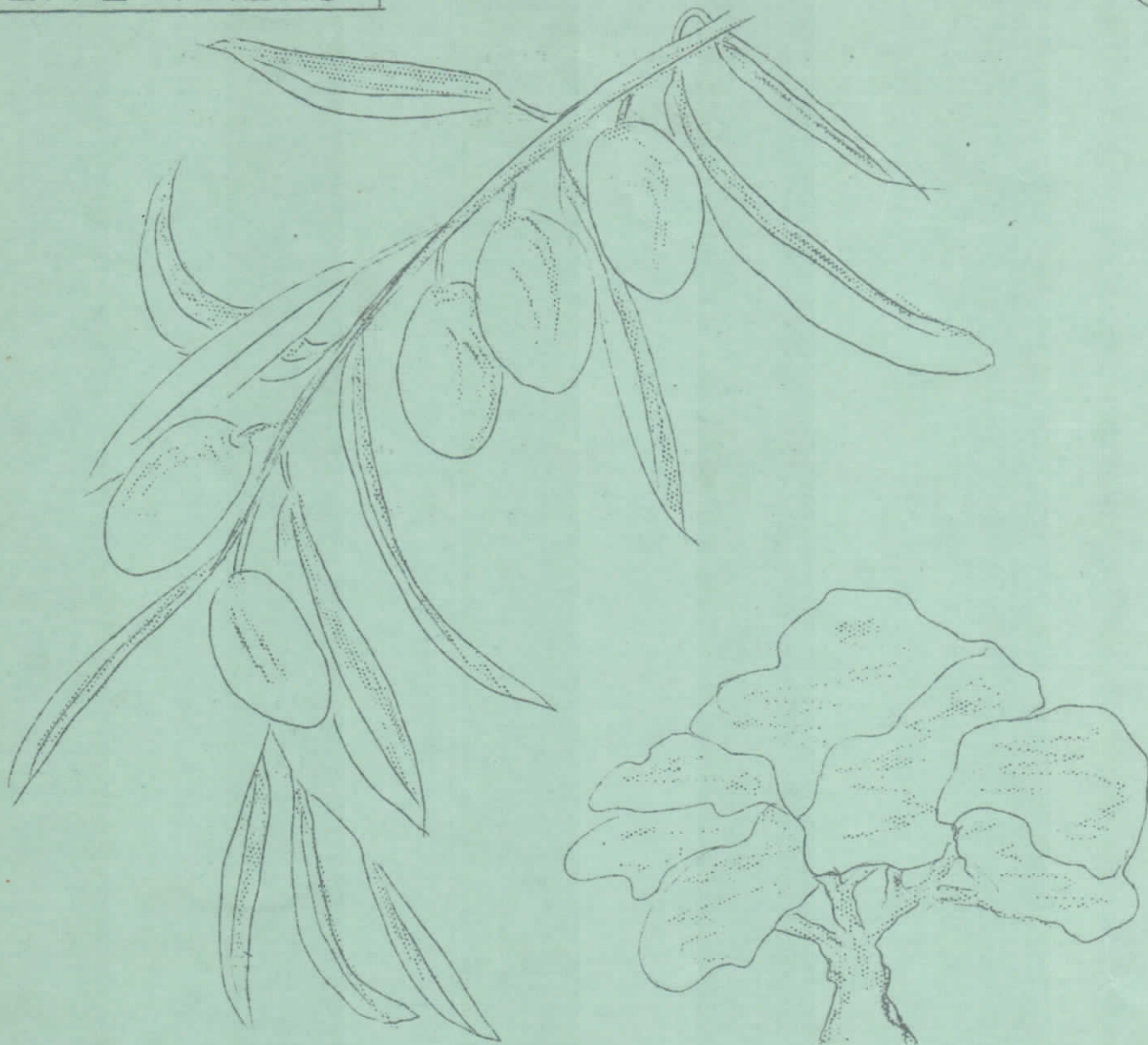


OLIVE TREES



There are many olive trees in Israel. Every family had at least one olive tree. One tree would give a family enough oil for their food and lamps for a whole year.

The leaves of the tree are gray-green. The tree grows slowly and patiently. They live to be very old. Some olive

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trees in Israel may have started to grow soon after Jesus went to heaven. The trunk of the olive tree is often thick, twisted, and full of lumps. The branches spread out very wide. This tree makes a good shade.

Olive trees grow all along the Mediterranean Sea. These trees like the mist from the sea. Olive trees can be seen in small groups on the plains and hills of Israel. They like sandy soil they find in Israel. These trees do not need a lot of water or care.

There were olive trees in Israel when God's people first came to the promised land. Do you remember Moses' called the promised land "a land of olive oil?" (Deuteronomy 8:8)