



Unit 15, Session 5

Judah Taken Captive

2 Chronicles 36

Story Point: Judah ignored God's prophets and was captured.

The last four kings of Judah came from King Josiah's family. His three sons—Jehoahaz, Jehoiakim, and Zedekiah—and his grandson Jehoiachin each ruled as the king of Judah for a short time.

Jehoahaz was not king for long. He did what was evil, and the king of Egypt came and made Jehoahaz a prisoner. Then he put Jehoahaz's brother Jehoiakim on the throne. The king of Egypt took Jehoahaz to Egypt.

When Jehoiakim was king of Judah, he too did what was evil. The king of Babylon attacked Jehoiakim, made him a prisoner, and took him to Babylon. When Jehoiakim was taken away, his son Jehoiachin became king of Judah.

Jehoiachin was king of Judah for just three months. He too did what was evil. The king of Babylon sent for Jehoiachin and brought him to Babylon. Jehoiachin's uncle Zedekiah became king of Judah. Like his brothers, Zedekiah did what was evil. He led the people of Judah to do evil things too.

God was angry with the people of Judah. They sinned and did not obey God. But God loved His people. He wanted them to turn back to Him. Finally, it was time to punish the people of Judah for their sin. God allowed the king of Babylon and his army to attack Judah.

The king of Babylon burned the temple. They tore down the wall around the city and burned the palaces. Anything they did not take with them was destroyed.

All of the people who were still alive were taken back to Babylon. Everything the prophet Jeremiah had warned about happened, just like God said it would.

Christ Connection: God was right to punish His people for their sin, but He kept His promise to provide a king through David's family. Ultimately, God punished our sin through His Son, Jesus, and made Him our King forever.



EXPERIENCE the Story

The Bible tells us what is true about God and about ourselves. All of the stories in the Bible fit together to tell us the big story of how God rescues sinners through His Son, Jesus.

- Cross out the second letter and every other letter to discover what happened to Judah.

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- What does this story teach us about God?

- What kind of kings ruled Judah in its last days?

CHRIST CONNECTION

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APPLY the Story

- Why did God allow the Babylonians to capture Judah? Did God give up on His people?

- How are we like the people of Judah?

- Can anyone's sin be too much for God to forgive?

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APPLY the Story

- Find 2 Chronicles 7:14 in your Bible and write the words below.

- Write a prayer to God, thanking God for sending Jesus.

READ THE WORD

Read one of the following passages each day this week:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Isaiah 10:33–11:1 | <input type="checkbox"/> Psalm 32:3–5 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Romans 3:21–24 | <input type="checkbox"/> Luke 4:14–18 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Romans 5:8–11 | <input type="checkbox"/> Genesis 50:20 |