



Unit 15 | Session 3

GOD'S PEOPLE WERE TAKEN CAPTIVE

2 Chronicles 36

The last four kings of Judah came from King Josiah's family. His three sons—Jehoahaz (jih HOH uh haz), Jehoiakim (jih HOY uh kim), and Zedekiah (ZED uh KIGH uh)—and his grandson Jehoiachin (jih HOY uh kin) 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.

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.

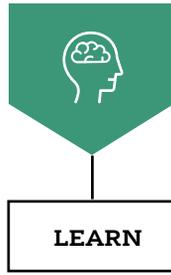
Jehoiachin was king of Judah for just three months. He too did what was evil. The king of Babylon made Jehoiachin's uncle Zedekiah king of Judah. Like his brothers, Zedekiah did what was evil. The prophet Jeremiah warned Zedekiah

that God would punish him, but Zedekiah did not listen. 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. God sent prophets to warn the people, but the people did not listen.

Finally, it was time to judge the people of Judah for their sin. God allowed the king of Babylon and his army to attack Judah.

The king of Babylon took everything out of the Lord's temple and his army burned the temple. All of the people who were still alive were taken back to Babylon. The king forced them to be slaves. 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.



THE STORY OF THE GOSPEL

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.

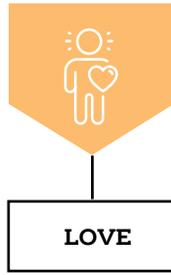
» Write how 2 Chronicles 36 describes the actions of each of the last four kings of Judah. Then, write out ways Jesus is the better King.

» What does this story teach us about God?

» How is God's discipline of sin an act of grace?

CHRIST CONNECTION

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THE GOD OF THE GOSPEL

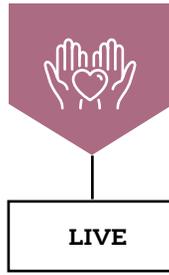
» Why didn't the kings listen to God's message through the prophets?

» Is it wise to ignore the Word of God? Why not?

» How is our sin forgiven through Jesus?

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THE MISSION OF THE GOSPEL

» Find Psalm 139:13-14 in your Bible and write the words below.

» Write a prayer to God, thanking God for sending Jesus to die in your place.

READ THE WORD

Read one of the following passages each day this week:

Exodus 34:6-7

Mark 16:16

Isaiah 13:11

1 John 2:2

Proverbs 3:11-12

2 Corinthians 5:21