

NIV MEMORY VERSE: Jeremiah 33:7

I will bring Judah and Israel back from captivity and will rebuild them as they were before.

THE DIVIDED KINGDOM 28-1

"THE FALL OF JUDAH"
2 Kings 23:31-25:30 and
2 Chronicles 36:2-23

DAY 1 READ 2 Kings 23:31-30 and 2 Chronicles 36:2-23

1. What was meaningful to you from last week's lesson?

2. Judah was spiraling headlong toward the exile God had foretold through the prophets. What was the message they had ignored from these verses in Jeremiah?
 - a. 7:5-7

 - b. 11:10

 - c. 25:3, 8-12

3. What was the promise in Jeremiah 29:10-13?

... 31:31-34?

DAY 2 REVIEW 2 Kings 23:31-35 and 2 Chronicles 36:2-4

4. Josiah had been killed in battle by Pharaoh Neco of Egypt. Josiah's son, _____, became king and ruled how long?

5. How did Pharaoh Neco affect the life of Jehoahaz/Shallum?

6. a. What was the prophecy in Jeremiah 22:10-12?

b. We can weep for "what might have been." Share what comes to mind regarding lost opportunity or even a Biblical example.

7. What do we learn in 2 Chronicles 36:4?

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DAY 3 REVIEW 2 Kings 23:36-24:7 and 2 Chronicles 36:5-8

8. Jehoiakim had been placed in power by the Egyptian king, yet he was a vassal for three years to whom?
9. a. When Jehoiakim rebelled, what happened in 2 Chronicles 36:6?

... 36:7?
- b. To what sacrilegious use were the temple articles eventually put according to Daniel 5:1-4?
10. Why didn't Jehoiakim get any help from Egypt? (See 2 Kings 24:7)
11. a. Are you in a tough spot today? What are your sources of help?
- b. Write the truth of Isaiah 41:10.

DAY 4 REVIEW 2 Kings 24:8-20 and 2 Chronicles 36:9-14

12. Jehoiachin ruled only _____ before being deported to Babylon along with whom according to ...
 - a. 2 Kings 24:12?
 - b. 2 Kings 24:14?
13. Why do you think the poorest people of the land were left?
14. Whom did Nebuchadnezzar leave in Judah as ruler?
15. What do you think is significant about changing a name?
16. 2 Chronicles 36:12,13 says he did not humble himself before Jeremiah and he hardened his heart. Share your thoughts on God's right to be angry at disobedience.

DAY 5 REVIEW 2 Kings 25:1-30 and 2 Chronicles 36:15-23

17. Are these statements true or false in 2 Kings 25:1-21?
 - a. _____ Nebuchadnezzar besieged Jerusalem and famine resulted.
 - b. _____ Zedekiah successfully evaded the Babylonian troops.
 - c. _____ Verse 7 tells of execution, eyesight and exile.
 - d. _____ The temple was plundered but left intact.
 - e. _____ Nebuzaradan delivered temple personnel for execution.
 - f. _____ Judah went into captivity away from the land.
18. a. How did the new ruler of Judah (Gedaliah) try to reassure and encourage the people?

b. What happened in 2 Kings 25:25,26?

c. You can't run from God's discipline. What did Jeremiah tell the remnant in Jeremiah 42:15-18?

d. When God's discipline is felt by people today, do you think they are more likely to run from Him or to Him? Why?
19. How does the treatment of Jehoiachin in 2 Kings 25:27-30 compare with what Christ does for us today?
20. In 2 Chronicles 36:22,23 who released the exiles to return to the land?
21. **NEW TESTAMENT APPLICATION:** Jehoahaz and Jehoiachin only had a few months. The other kings had longer. No one knows how long he has to serve the Lord. What is the admonition for us in 1 Peter 4:10,11?
22. Review your goals from Lesson 1. How did you do?

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LECTURE NOTES:

PRAYER REQUESTS: