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KINGDOMS FALL | 2 CHRONICLES 36, JEREMIAH & LAMENTATIONS

First
THINKERS

“ Never before had there been a king like Josiah, who turned to the Lord with all his heart and soul and strength, obeying all the laws of Moses. And there has never been a king like him since.”

~ 2 KINGS 23:25 (NLT)

SHOTS FIRED.

“ The Lord, the God of their ancestors, repeatedly sent his prophets to warn them, for he had compassion on his people and his Temple. But the people mocked these messengers of God and despised their words. They scoffed at the prophets until the Lord’s anger could no longer be restrained and nothing could be done.”

~ 2 CHRONICLES 36:15-16 (NLT)

“ So the Lord brought the king of Babylon against them. The Babylonians killed Judah’s young men, even chasing after them into the Temple. They had no pity on the people, killing both young men and young women, the old and the infirm. God handed all of them over to Nebuchadnezzar.”

~ 2 CHRONICLES 36:17 (NLT)

Even the _____ will allow the _____
of your sins to _____.

“ Then his army burned the Temple of God, tore down the walls of Jerusalem, burned all the palaces, and completely destroyed everything of value. The few who survived were taken as exiles to Babylon, and they became servants to the king and his sons until the kingdom of Persia came to power.

So the message of the Lord spoken through Jeremiah was fulfilled. The land finally enjoyed its Sabbath rest, lying desolate until the seventy years were fulfilled, just as the prophet had said.”

~ 2 CHRONICLES 36:19-21 (NLT)

JEREMIAH: A _____.

“ The Lord gave me this message:
“I knew you before I formed you in your mother’s womb.
Before you were born I set you apart
and appointed you as my prophet to the nations.”

~ JEREMIAH 1:4-51 (NLT)

“ ‘O Sovereign Lord,’ I said, ‘I can’t speak for you! I’m too young!’ The Lord replied, ‘Don’t say, ‘I’m too young,’ for you must go wherever I send you and say whatever I tell you. And don’t be afraid of the people, for I will be with you and will protect you. I, the Lord, have spoken!’”

~ JEREMIAH 1:6-8 (NLT)

Even in the _____, even when we _____,
we all have a _____.

“ For we are God’s masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so we can do the good things he planned for us long ago.”
~ EPHESIANS 2:10 (NLT)

THE _____ COME OFF _____.

“ Your wickedness will bring its own punishment. Your turning from me will shame you. You will see what an evil, bitter thing it is to abandon the Lord your God and not to fear him I, the Lord, the Lord of Heaven’s Armies, have spoken!”
~ JEREMIAH 2:19 (NLT)

“ When you tell the people all these things, they will ask, ‘Why has the Lord decreed such terrible things against us? What have we done to deserve such treatment? What is our sin against the Lord our God?’
“Then you will give them the Lord’s reply: ‘It is because your ancestors were unfaithful to me. They worshiped other gods and served them. They abandoned me and did not obey my word. And you are even worse than your ancestors! You stubbornly follow your own evil desires and refuse to listen to me. So I will throw you out of this land and send you into a foreign land where you and your ancestors have never been. There you can worship idols day and night—and I will grant you no favors!’”
~ JEREMIAH 16:10-13 (NLT)

Even in the midst of _____, God still _____.

“ Yet I still dare to hope when I remember this: The faithful love of the Lord never ends! His mercies never cease. Great is his faithfulness; his mercies begin afresh each morning.”
~ LAMENTATIONS 3:21-23 (NLT)

SO WHAT?

The story _____.

“ This is what the Lord says: “When seventy years are completed for Babylon, I will come to you and fulfill my good promise to bring you back to this place. For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the Lord, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.”
~ JEREMIAH 29:10-11 (NIV)

DISCUSSION Questions:

- 1- What ending to a book or movie made you mad? You thought it should have ended differently, and how would you have wanted it to end?
- 2- For hundreds of years God waited patiently, warned his people, and gave them chance after chance to repent. Why do you think God was so patient with them while they were so rebellious? How have you experienced God’s patience in your life?
- 3- Have you ever faced someone who refused to repent for a wrong done to you? How did you respond?
- 4- Read Jeremiah 1:1-19. When God called Jeremiah to serve him, he assured him that his plan had been in place since Jeremiah was in his mother’s womb. Re-read Ephesians 2:10, God has a plan for each of us too. How has God gifted and called you to serve him and how are you following that call?
- 5- Jeremiah’s task was to call people back to God, He was faithful to his calling but he will fail. He is known as the weeping prophet, he weeps for Judah’s destruction. Has there been a time when you were faithful to God but ended up heartbroken anyway? What did you learn about yourself and God in that time?
- 6- Read Lamentations 3:21-23 & Jeremiah 29:10-11. God gives Jeremiah a glimpse of hope in this darkest hour. When life has been hard, how has God given you hope?



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