



JOURNAL PAGE

1. What does this story teach me about God or the gospel?
2. What does this story teach me about myself?
3. Are there any commands in this story to obey? How are they for God's glory and my good?
4. Are there any promises in this story to remember? How do they help me trust and love God?
5. How does this story help me to live on mission better?



Unit 15 • Session 3

GOD'S PEOPLE WERE TAKEN CAPTIVE

2 Chronicles 36

WHAT MAKES PEOPLE SPECIAL? PEOPLE ARE SPECIAL BECAUSE WE ARE MADE IN GOD'S IMAGE, AS MALE AND FEMALE, TO KNOW HIM.

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.

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Make a Grid | Divide the grid into four sections. Each section must have four rectangles and each section must contain the words: Promise, King, Jesus, Forever.

KING	PROMISE	PROMISE	FOREVER
JESUS	FOREVER	KING	KING
JESUS	FOREVER	PROMISE	JESUS
FOREVER	KING	PROMISE	JESUS

A Better King | In the box on the left, write how 2 Chronicles 36 describes the actions of each of the last four kings of Judah. Then in the other box, write out ways Jesus is the better King.

Evil Kings

King Jesus


