

REHOBOAM, FIRST KING OF JUDAH

1 Kings 14:21-31; 2 Chronicles 11:5 - 12:16

Having traced the history of the northern kingdom Israel to its downfall, we now return to the days of Rehoboam to trace from the beginning the history of the southern kingdom Judah. Read now about Rehoboam's reign after his kingdom was divided:

A. Rehoboam's Early Reign: Read 2 Chronicles 11:5-23

1. What did Rehoboam do as soon as he became king over Judah? 2 Chronicles
a. 11:5 _____
b. 11:11 _____
c. 11:12 _____
2. What two groups came into Judah from Israel at this time? 2 Chronicles
a. 11:13 _____
b. 11:16 _____
3. What was the result to Rehoboam's kingdom? 2 Chronicles 11:17a

4. How long did this process continue? 2 Chronicles 11:17b

5. What did all Judah do during this time? 2 Chronicles 11:17c

6. What wise thing did Rehoboam do with his many children? 2 Chronicles 11:23

B. Rehoboam's Later Reign: Read 2 Chronicles 12:1, 14; 1 Kings 14:21-24

1. What did Rehoboam do after he had established the kingdom and had strengthened himself? 2 Chronicles 12:1

2. Why did he do this? 2 Chronicles 12:14

3. What did the nation of Judah also do? 1 Kings 14:22

4. Of what two great sins were they especially guilty? 1 Kings 14:23, 24a

5. Like whom were they behaving? 1 Kings 14:24b

C. The Results of Rehoboam's Leadership of Judah: Read 2 Chronicles 12:2-16

1. What happened in the fifth year of Rehoboam's reign? 2 Chronicles 12:2a, 4

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2. Why did this happen? 2 Chronicles 12:2b

3. Who came to Rehoboam and the leaders of Judah at this time? 2 Chronicles 12:5

4. What did the king and the leaders do when they heard God's message? 2
Chronicles 12:6

5. When the Lord saw their actions, what message did He send them? 2
Chronicles
a. 12:7b _____
b. 12:8a _____

6. What did the Lord want them to learn through this experience? 2 Chronicles 12:8b

7. What did the king of Egypt take when he came to Jerusalem? 2 Chronicles
a. 12:9a _____
b. 12:9b _____

8. With what did Rehoboam have to replace the latter of these? 2 Chronicles 12:10

9. Would the glory of Rehoboam's kingdom be greater or less after this event?

QUESTIONS FOR ME TO THINK ABOUT:

1. Did it pay Rehoboam and Judah to turn away from the Lord, even temporarily?

2. Have I in any way forsaken God? If so, what may I expect? What could I do to lessen my punishment? To avoid it next time? **2 Chronicles 12:1, 14**

ABIJAH OR ABIJAM, SECOND KING OF JUDAH

1 Kings 15:1-8; 2 Chronicles 13

After the death of Rehoboam, his son Abijah began to reign over the kingdom of Judah. Read now to see what kind of king he was and what events took place during his reign:

A. General Description of Abijah's Reign: Read 1 Kings 15:1-8

1. Who still ruled in Israel when Abijah became king? 1 Kings 15:1

2. How long did Abijah reign? 1 Kings 15:2

3. What was the chief characteristic of his life? 1 Kings 15:3a

4. What caused him to behave in this way? 1 Kings 15:3b

5. Yet for whose sake did God let him continue to reign? 1 Kings 15:4, 5

B. Abijah's Great War: Read 2 Chronicles 13:1-18

1. Against whom did Abijah go to war? 2 Chronicles 13:2b

2. How many soldiers did Abijah have? 2 Chronicles 13:3a

3. How many soldiers did Jeroboam have? 2 Chronicles 13:3b

4. What did Abijah do before the battle began? 2 Chronicles 13:4

5. What did he tell Israel about how he and his family had gotten their kingdom? 2 Chronicles 13:5

6. What did he say Israel was now planning to do? 2 Chronicles 13:8a

7. On what two things did he say Israel was depending? 2 Chronicles 13:8b

8. But on what was Judah depending? 2 Chronicles 13:10, 12a

9. What did he beg Israel to do? 2 Chronicles 13:12b

10. What did he say would be the outcome if they refused to follow his advice? 2 Chronicles 13:12c

11. Did Jeroboam heed the advice of Abijah? 2 Chronicles 13:13

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12. What did he send up behind Judah? 2 Chronicles 13:13

13. What was the result of this to Judah? 2 Chronicles 13:14a

14. What did the people of Judah then do? 2 Chronicles 13:14b

15. When they shouted after this, what happened? 2 Chronicles 13:15

16. What did the people of Israel then do? 2 Chronicles 13:16a

17. How many of their soldiers were destroyed? 2 Chronicles 13:17

(Compare with 2 Chronicles 13:3b: What fraction was this?)

18. Who won the battle? 2 Chronicles 13:18a

19. Why did they win it? 2 Chronicles 13:18b

C. The Results of the Battle: Read 2 Chronicles 13:19-22

1. What else did Abijah do after the actual battle? 2 Chronicles 13:19

(See a map)

2. What effect did this have on Jeroboam for the rest of his reign? 2 Chronicles 13:20a

3. What eventually happened to Jeroboam? 2 Chronicles 13:20b

4. But what happened to Abijah? 2 Chronicles 13:21a

QUESTIONS FOR ME TO THINK ABOUT:

1. On whom do I rely when I am faced with great problems? To whom do I cry?

2. What may I expect to happen as a result of my dependence on this one?

ASA, THIRD KING OF JUDAH 1 Kings 15:8-15; 2 Chronicles 14

After Abijah's victory over Jeroboam, his short three-year reign soon came to an end, and his son Asa became king in his stead. See now what happened during Asa's reign:

A. General Description of Asa's Reign: Read 1 Kings 15:8-15; 2 Chronicles 14:1-5

1. Who still ruled Israel when Asa began to reign? 1 Kings 15:9a

2. How long did Asa reign? 1 Kings 15:10a

3. Whose example did he follow? 1 Kings 15:11b

4. Therefore, what kind of deeds did he do? 1 Kings 15:11a

5. Notice three specific things he did which were good: 1 Kings 15:12-13
 - a. _____
 - b. _____
 - c. _____
6. What one bad thing did he fail to remove? 1 Kings 15:14a

7. Yet what is said of him? 1 Kings 15:14b

8. What three things did he give for the house of the Lord? 1 Kings 15:15

9. What two things did he command his people to do? 2 Chronicles 14:4
 - a. _____
 - b. _____
10. What was one result of Asa's good reign? 2 Chronicles 14:5b, 1b

B. Some of Asa's Works: Read 2 Chronicles 14:6-8

1. Because he had no wars to fight, what could Asa concentrate on doing? 2
Chronicles 14:6

2. What four things did he make around the cities of Judah? 2 Chronicles 14:7a

3. Why had God given them this rest and peace? 2 Chronicles 14:7b

4. How many men did Asa have in his army? 2 Chronicles 14:8

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5. What four kinds of weapons did his army use? 2 Chronicles 14:8

C. Asa's First Great War: Read 2 Chronicles 14:9-15

1. Who came to fight against Asa? 2Chronicles 14:9a

2. How many were in his army? 2 Chronicles 14:9b

(Compare this with the size of Asa's army, 2 Chronicles 14:8.)

3. What else did he have, which Asa apparently did not have? 2 Chronicles 14:9c

4. As soon as Asa went out to battle, what did he do? 2 Chronicles 14:11a

5. What did the Lord do as a result? 2 Chronicles 14:12

6. When the Ethiopians ran away, how far did Asa's army chase them? 2
Chronicles 14:10, 13 (Locate these places on a map)

7. What did Asa's army do to all the cities around that region? 2 Chronicles 14:14a

8. What were they able to take back with them to their own cities? 2 Chronicles 14:13b,
14b, 15

QUESTIONS FOR ME TO THINK ABOUT:

1. Why did God help Judah in such a marvelous way? 2 Chronicles 14:7b, 11, 15:2b

2. Am I meeting the conditions for having God help me in my present difficulties?

ASA'S REIGN CONTINUED
1 Kings 15:16-24; 2 Chronicles 15 - 16

We have seen what a glorious beginning God gave to Asa because he and his people really sought the Lord their God. See now what happened in the years following this:

A. God's Message to Asa: Read 2 Chronicles 15:1-7

1. What prophet came out to meet Asa after this? 2 Chronicles 15:1, 2a

2. How long did he say the Lord would continue to be with Asa and Judah? 2
Chronicles 15:2a

3. What did he say would happen if they would
a. seek Him? 2 Chronicles 15:2b _____
b. forsake Him? 2 Chronicles 15:2c _____
4. Why had God been helping them thus far? **2 Chronicles 15:4**

5. What did he tell Asa to do? 2 Chronicles 15:7

B. Asa's Reaction to God's Message: Read 2 Chronicles 15:8-19

1. After this, what two things did Asa have courage to do? 2 Chronicles 15:8
a. _____
b. _____
2. From what three other tribes did people come to Asa's kingdom at this time? 2
Chronicles 15:9b

3. Why did they come? 2 Chronicles 15:9c

4. What did they all do after they had gathered together in Jerusalem? 2
Chronicles 15:11

5. What two things did they all agree to do? **2 Chronicles 15:12, 13**
a. _____
b. _____
6. How did they feel after this? 2 Chronicles 15:15

7. What did God give them as a result? 2 Chronicles 15:15c, 19

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C. Asa's Second Great War: Read 2 Chronicles 16:1-6

1. After this, what did the king of Israel do to keep his people from going to Judah? 2 Chronicles 16:1a (See map, page 288)

2. To whom did Asa send for help against this king? 2 Chronicles 16:2b-3

3. What did he use to hire this king's help? 2 Chronicles 16:2a

4. What did Baasha do when he heard that Ben-hadad was coming against him? 2 Chronicles 16:5

5. Then what did Asa and his people do? 2 Chronicles 16:6

D. God's Second Message to Asa: Read 2 Chronicles 16:7-14

1. What did God's prophet tell Asa he would have from now on, because he had depended on Syria instead of on God? 2 Chronicles 16:9b

2. How did Asa react to God's message through the prophet? 2 Chronicles 16:10

3. What happened to Asa after this? 2 Chronicles 16:12a

4. Yet what did he do, even then? 2 Chronicles 16:12

QUESTIONS FOR ME TO THINK ABOUT:

1. What caused this king, who started out so well, to end his life in failure?

2. What may I expect to happen to me, if ever, at any time in my life, I stop depending on God and seeking Him when I need help? 2 Chronicles 15:2b

JEHOSHAPHAT, FOURTH KING OF JUDAH **1 Kings 22:41-50, 2 Chronicles 17**

The reign of good king Asa had a very good effect on the course of the history of the nation Judah, halting its downward course, and bringing the nation back into favor with God. Read now to discover what happened during the reign of his son, Jehoshaphat:

A. General Description of Jehoshaphat's Reign: Read 1 Kings 22:41-50

1. Who had become king in Israel by the time Jehoshaphat became king of Judah? 1 Kings 22:41

2. How long did Jehoshaphat reign? 1 Kings 22:42

3. Whose examples did he follow? 1 Kings 22:43a, 2 Chronicles 17:3b

4. Therefore, what kind of deeds did he do? 1 Kings 22:43b

5. What special thing did he do which was good? 1 Kings 22:46

B. Jehoshaphat's Early Years as King: Read 2 Chronicles 17:1-9

1. What did Jehoshaphat do when he first became king? 2 Chronicles 17:1b

2. What two things did Jehoshaphat do that were good? 2 Chronicles 17:4
 - a. _____
 - b. _____
3. What did God do for Jehoshaphat because of the way he lived, and led his people? 2 Chronicles 17:3a, 5a

4. What did his people do for him? 2 Chronicles 17:5b

5. What was the result of the Lord's blessing and people's gifts? 2 Chronicles 17:5c, 18:1a

6. What did Jehoshaphat then do, which he had not done before? 1 Kings 22:43b, 2 Chronicles 17:6b

7. What did he send his princes, Levites and priests to do? 2 Chronicles 17:9a

8. Notice where they did this: 2 Chronicles 17:9b

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C. Jehoshaphat's Relationships to Other Nations: Read II Chronicles 17:10-11

1. What happened to other nations round about Judah during Jehoshaphat's reign? 2 Chronicles 17:10a

2. What was the result of this? 2 Chronicles 17:10b

3. Who brought presents to Jehoshaphat besides his own people? 2 Chronicles 17:11

D. Jehoshaphat's Economic and Military Might: Read 2 Chronicles 17:12-19

1. What happened to Jehoshaphat as he continued to reign? 2 Chronicles 17:12a

2. What did he build in Judah? 2 Chronicles 17:12b

3. What was the status of business during his reign? 2 Chronicles 17:13a

4. How many men of war did he have, besides those who guarded the fenced cities of Judah? 2 Chronicles 17:14b, 15b, 16b, 17b, 18b

5. What is said even of one of Jehoshaphat's soldiers? 2 Chronicles 17:16a

QUESTIONS FOR ME TO THINK ABOUT:

1. What was the result to the nation Judah because Jehoshaphat sought the Lord and taught his people to do the same? **2 Chronicles 17:3-4, 5, 10, 11, 12**

2. Am I meeting the conditions for having God bless me and those in my group?

JEHOSHAPHAT'S RELATIONSHIPS WITH THE KINGS OF ISRAEL

2 Chronicles 17:1-2, 18:1 - 19:3, 20:35-37; 1 Kings 22:44, 48-49

Under Asa, the nation Judah began to climb upward from the depths of sin into which it had been led by Rehoboam and his son Abijah; and under Jehoshaphat, this rise continued. Now see what threatened to halt this rise, and pull the nation downward again:

A. Jehoshaphat's First Attitude Toward Israel: Read 2 Chronicles 17:1-2

1. What had Jehoshaphat done as he began his reign? 2 Chronicles 17:1

2. In what two ways had he done this? 2 Chronicles 17:2

a. _____

b. _____

B. Jehoshaphat's Later Relationships With Ahab: Read 2 Chronicles 18:1 - 19:3

1. What did Jehoshaphat later do with Ahab, king of Israel? 1 Kings 22:44

2. Whom did his son Jehoram marry as a result? 2 Chronicles 21:5-6

3. This is commonly called making or joining affinity (relationship by marriage) with another (2 Chronicles 18:1b). Who else had previously made such an alliance or agreement? 1 Kings 3:1

4. When Jehoshaphat later went to see Ahab, what did Ahab ask him to do? 2 Chronicles 18:3a

5. Although Jehoshaphat knew how wicked Ahab was, what did he do? 2 Chronicles 18:3b

6. After he had already agreed to do this, whose advice did he want to seek? 2 Chronicles 18:4

7. Even though God's prophet made it clear that the outcome of this battle would be disaster, what did Jehoshaphat do? 2 Chronicles 18:28

8. What happened to him as a result? 2 Chronicles 18:31a

9. What was the only thing that saved him from death? 2 Chronicles 18:31b-32

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10. Although Jehoshaphat was able to return to his house in peace, who came to meet him as he returned? 2 Chronicles 19:1-2a

11. What question did he ask him? 2 Chronicles 19:2b

12. What did he say would come to Jehoshaphat because of his actions? 2 Chronicles 19:2c

C. Jehoshaphat's Relationships with Ahaziah: Read 2 Chronicles 20:35-37

1. What kind of person was Ahaziah, Ahab's son? 2 Chronicles 20:35b

2. In spite of this, what did Jehoshaphat do? 2 Chronicles 20:35a

3. What was the purpose of their alliance? 2 Chronicles 20:36

4. What did God's prophet tell him after this? 2 Chronicles 20:37a

5. Did his prophecy come to pass? 2 Chronicles 20:37b, I Kings 22:48

6. When Ahaziah again asked to be allowed to join Jehoshaphat, what did Jehoshaphat do? 1 Kings 22:49

QUESTIONS FOR ME TO THINK ABOUT:

1. Do you think Jehoshaphat learned his lesson about making close friends with those who do not love the Lord? But what did it cost him? James 4:4

2. What kind of people do I choose for my close friends? What may happen to me as a result? 1 Corinthians 15:33 ASV, **2 Corinthians 6:14a, 17**

JEHOSOPHAT'S LATER REIGN

2 Chronicles 19:4 - 20:30

Even though Jehoshaphat was unwise in making friends with the enemies of God, he still ruled his people well. Read to see what he did after God's warning to him:

A. Jehosphat's Further Reforms: Read 2 Chronicles 19:4-11

1. How far did Jehoshaphat travel in person in his efforts to bring his people back to God?
2 Chronicles 19:4 (Locate these places on the map, page 288)

2. Whom did he appoint to help him with his care of the people? 2 Chronicles 19:5

3. For whom did he tell them they were doing their work? 2 Chronicles 19:6

4. Therefore, what three things should they avoid in their judging? 2 Chronicles 19:7

5. Besides these local judges in each fortified city, who served on the "supreme court

6. In what three ways did Jehoshaphat tell them they should do their work? 2
Chronicles 19:10b

7. Of what were they particularly to warn those who came to them? 2
Chronicles 19:10b

8. Notice two types of matters they were to judge: 2 Chronicles 19:11

B. The Threat Against Jehoshaphat: Read 2 Chronicles 20:1-2

1. Who came against Jehoshaphat about this time, probably in fulfilment of God's prophecy of wrath? 2 Chronicles 20:1

2. How many of them were there? 2 Chronicles 20:2a

3. Where were they encamped? 2 Chronicles 20:2b (See map, page 2gg)

C. Jehosphat's Preparations for Battle: Read 2 Chronicles 20:3-19

1. What two things did Jehoshaphat do immediately? 2 Chronicles 20:3

a.(two parts) _____

b. _____

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2. Notice how many responded to his plea: 2 Chronicles 20:4

3. As Jehoshaphat began his prayer, of what did he remind the Lord? 2
Chronicles 20:5-9 (especially 7a)

4. What did he ask God to do about the enemy which was come against him? 2 Chronicles
20:12

5. What did ne of the Levites then tell them, by God's Spirit? 2 Chronicles 20:15b, 20:17a

6. What did Jehoshaphat and his people do when they heard this message? 2 Chronicles
20:13

7. What did the Levites do? 2 Chronicles 20:19

D. The Battle and Its Results: Read 2 Chronicles 20:20-30

1. As all Judah went forth singing and praising, what happened even before they arrived at
the scene of battle? 2 Chronicles 20:22-24

2. What was Judah's only task in this battle? 2 Chronicles 20:25

3. What did they do after this? 2 Chronicles 20:26, 28

4. What effect did this battle have on the surrounding nations? 2 Chronicles 20:29-30

QUESTIONS FOR ME TO THINK ABOUT:

1. Why did God soften the punishment of Jehoshaphat so greatly? 2 Chronicles 19:2b-3,
20:3, 4, 12

2. Do I seek God at all times, even after I have done wrong in His sight?

THE REIGN OF JEHORAM, FIFTH KING OF JUDAH 2 Chronicles 21, 2 Kings 8:16-24

Although the first three kings of Judah had had frequent wars with Israel during the 61 years of their combined reigns, Jehosaphat had made peace with the nation through the marriage of his son Jehoram to Ahab's daughter, Athaliah. Discover now some of the results which his alliance brought to Jehosaphat's descendants:

- A. Summarized of Jehoram's (Joram's) Reign:** Read 2 Kings 8:16-19, 2
Chronicles 21:1-7
1. Who was king of Israel when Jehoram began to reign in Judah? 2 Kings 8:16 (Notice that Jehosaphat still ruled, so Jehoram was co-ruler for a time.)

 2. How long did Jehoram reign? 2 Kings 8:17b

 3. What king of king was he? 2 Kings 8:18d

 4. Whose example did he follow? 2 Kings 8:18a

 5. Why did he do this? 2 Kings 8:18c

 6. In spite of Jehoram's terrible sins, why would God not destroy him or Judah? 2 Kings 8:19, 2 Chronicles 21:7

 7. What four things had Jehosaphat given to his other sons before he died? 2
Chronicles 21:2, 3a

 8. Why had he given the kingdom to Jehoram? 2 Chronicles 21:3b

 9. Although Jehosaphat had made wise provision for his other sons, what did Jehoram do when he became sole ruler of the kingdom? 2 Chronicles 21:4

- B. Specific Events During Jehoram's Reign:** Read 2 Chronicles 21:8-17, 2 Kings 8:20-22
1. What two countries which David had conquered revolted against Jehoram? 2 Chronicles 21:8-10b, 2 Kings 8:20-22

 2. Why did God allow this? 2 Chronicles 21:10c

 3. What did he make in the mountains of Judah? 2 Chronicles 21:11a

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4. What did he cause and even compel the people of Jerusalem to do?
2 Chronicles 21:11b, c

5. Through whom did God send a message to him? 2 Chronicles 21:12a

6. What two things did he say would happen to Jehoram? 2 Chronicles 21:14, 15
a. _____
b. _____
7. For what four reasons would god allow these things to happen? 2 Chronicles 21:
a. 12b, c _____
b. 13a _____
c. 13b, c _____
d. 13d, e _____
8. Whom did the Lord stir up against Jehoram to fulfil the first of these prophecies? 2
Chronicles 21:16

9. What three things did Jehoram lose as a result? 2 Chronicles 21:17

C. The End of Jehoram's Reign: Read 2 Chronicles 21:18-20, 2 Kings 8:23-24:

1. After Jehoram had lost nearly everything, what else did the Lord do to him? 2
Chronicles 21:18

2. How long was he sick with this disease? 2 Chronicles 21:19c, d

3. Then what two things happened? 2 Chronicles 21:19c, d
a. _____
b. _____
4. What three very sad things happened at or after his death? 2 Chronicles 21:19e-20
a. 19e-f _____
b. 20c _____
c. 20d-e _____

QUESTIONS FOR ME TO THINK ABOUT:

1. Did it pay Jehoram to marry into the household of Ahab, and follow his example?

2. If I choose wicked people for my close associates, and follow their example, what may I
expect to happened to me? Would I like this? What can I do to avoid such tragedies?
WILL I do this? When Can I begin? See **2 Corinthians 6:14a, 17**

THE REIGN OF AHAZIAH, SIXTH KING OF JUDAH

2 Chronicles 22:1 – 23:15; 2 Kings 8:25-29, 10:12-14, 11:1-16

We have seen the effect of Jehoshapat's alliance with wicked king Ahab of Israel on his son Jehoram and his family. But the consequences did not end there. See now what happened to his other grandchildren and his great-grandchildren in succeeding days:

A. Ahaziah's Reign Begun: Read 2 Chronicles 22:1-6, 2 Kings *:25-29

1. By what other name is Ahaziah called in 2 Chronicles 21:17?

(This is a transposition of the two parts of his name, Ahaz, and Yah or Jehovah. The name Azariah, given him in 2 Chronicles 22:6, is probably a scribal error.)

2. What kind of king was Ahaziah? 2 Chronicles 22:3a, 4a

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3. Who were his counsellors? 2 Chronicles 22:3b, 4b

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4. What did he join with Jehoram king of Israel to do? 2 Chronicles 22:5b

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5. After Jehoram was wounded in battle, what did Ahaziah do? 2 Chronicles 22:6c-d
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B. The Actions of Jehu: Read 2 Chronicles 22:7-9, 2 Kings 9:27-29, 10:12-14

1. Who had planned Ahaziah's visit to Jehoram at this precise time, and why? 2 Chronicles 22:7a

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2. What had God anointed Jehu the son of Nimshi to do? 2 Chronicles 22:7d

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3. When Jehu came against Ahab's son, Jehoram king of Israel, what did Ahaziah do? 2 Chronicle 22:7b, c

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4. What happened to him as a result? 2 Chronicles 22:9, 2 Kings 9:27 (Locate places mentioned on a map.)

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5. What others did Jehu also kill at this time? 2 Chronicles 22:8, 2 Kings 10:12-14
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(On the family Tree Chart on page 287, mark those Jehu killed with a "X".)

C. The Actions of Athaliah: Read 2 Kings 11:1-3, 2 Chronicles 22:10-12

1. When Athaliah saw that her son Ahaziah was dead, what did she do? 2 Chronicles 22:10
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2. Notice that these were her own grandchildren. Who alone escaped her cruelty? 2 Chronicles 22:11a-c

3. Where was he hidden? 2 Chronicles 22:11d-12a

4. Who ruled over Judah during this time? 2 Chronicles 22:12b

D. The Actions of Jehoiada the priest: Read 2 Kings 11:4-16, 2 Chronicles 23:1-15

1. In the seventh year, to whom did Jehoiada reveal his secret? 2 Kings 11:4

2. What two groups did they gather out of Judah to Jerusalem? 2 Chronicles 23:2

3. What did these agree among themselves? 2 Chronicles 23:3c-d

4. Who was appointed to guard the king? 2 Chronicles 23:7

5. What were they given to help them in this task? 2 Chronicles 23:9

6. Try to picture in your mind the scene as the stage was set for the coronation: 2 Chronicles 23:4-6, 10

7. What four things did they then do to the king? 2 Kings 11:12a-e

a. _____

b. _____

c. _____

d. _____

8. What two things did the people then do? 2 Kings 11:12f, g

9. When Athaliah heard the noise and came to the temple, what did they do to her? 2 Kings 11:13-16, 2 Chronicles 23:12-15

QUESTIONS FOR ME TO THINK ABOUT:

1. How many generations of Jehoshaphat's descendants were destroyed because of his alliance with wicked king Ahab? See Exodus 20:5b, c. Was peace worth its price?

2. With whom am I now making a close friendship? What will such a friendship bring to me? To my children? To my great-grandchildren?

JOASH, SEVENTH KING OF JUDAH

2 Kings 11:17 – 12:21, 2 Chronicles 23:16 – 24:

With the wicked reigns of Jehoram, Ahaziah and Athaliah the usurper at an end, the kingdom of Judah had opportunity once more to serve the living and true God. Read to see how the king and the people availed themselves of this opportunity:

A. The Early Reign of Joash: Read 2 Kings 11:17 –12:3, 2 Chronicles 23:16 – 24:3

1. Notice that Jehoiada the priest ruled for Joash at first. What did he cause the people and the king to promise at the very beginning of Joash's reign? 2 Kings 11:17

2. Therefore, what did they do to the altars, images and priest of Baal? 2 Kings 11:18

3. How did the people of the land feel about this change in government? 2 Kings 11:20

4. Who was king in Israel when Joash began to reign? 2 Kings 12:1a

5. How long did Joash reign? 2 Kings 12:1b

6. What kind of king was he at first? 2 Kings 12:2a

7. Notice one bad thing the people continued to do: 2 Kings 12:3

B. Joash and the Temple: Read 2 Chronicles 24:4-16, 2 Kings 12:4-

1. What two things had wicked Athaliah's sons done? 2 Chronicles 24:7
 - a. _____
 - b. _____
2. Therefore, what did Joash want to do? 2 Chronicles 24:4

3. What did he tell the priests and Levites to do, to make this possible? 2 Chronicles 24:5

4. What was the priests' first reaction to this command? 2 Chronicles 24:5b, 6

5. Therefore, what did the king do next? 2 Chronicles 24:8-9

6. What was the result of this? 2 Chronicles 24:10-11

7. What three kinds of workers did they hire with this money? 2 Chronicles 24:12

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8. When all this was finished, what did they do with the rest of the money?
2 Chronicles 24:14b

9. How long did they continue the worship of the Lord in the temple? 2
Chronicles 24:14b

C. The Later Reign of Joash: Read 2 Chronicles 24:17-27, 2 Kings 12:17-21

1. What did they do after this? 2 Chronicles 24:18a

2. Who influenced the king to permit this? 2 Chronicles 24:17

3. What did this bring upon Judah? 2 Chronicles 24:18b

4. Whom did God send to try to help them? 2 Chronicles 24:19

5. What did they do to Jehoiada's son when he brought God's message to them? 2
Chronicles 24:21

6. Therefore, what did God let a few Syrians do to them? 2 Chronicles 24:24,23

7. What did Joash give them to keep them from capturing Jerusalem? 2 Kings 12:18

8. What happened to Joash after this? 2 Chronicles 24:25

QUESTIONS FOR ME TO THINK ABOUT;

1. Why did Joash so quickly turn away from God? Exodus 23:2, Ephesians 5:11

2. Am I easily influenced by my friends? Or have I learned to depend upon God alone for
guidance, and to stay true to Him regardless of what others say?

AMAZIAH, EIGHTH KING OF JUDAH

2 Kings 14:1-20, 2 Chronicles 25

Although Joash had started out well, he allowed the influence of the wicked princes of Judah to bring him to his ruin. Compare his reign with that of his son, Amaziah:

A. The Early Reign of Amaziah: Read 2 Kings 14:1-6

1. Who was king in Israel when Amaziah began to reign? 2 Kings 14:1a

2. How long did Amaziah reign? 2 Kings 14:2

3. What kind of deeds did he do? 2 Kings 14:3

4. What was his great drawback? 2 Chronicles 25:2

5. What was one of the first acts of his reign? 2 Chronicles 25:3

B. Amaziah's War with Edom: Read 2 Chronicles 25:5-16, 2 Kings 14:7

1. How many warriors did Amaziah have in Judah? 2 Chronicles 25:5

2. How many did he hire out of Israel? 2 Chronicles 25:6a

3. How much did he pay for their help? 2 Chronicles 25:6b

4. What did a man of God tell him about these hired soldiers? 2 Chronicles 25:7

5. What did he say would happen if he let them go with him? 2 Chronicles 25:8

6. About what was Amaziah concerned? 2 Chronicles 25:9a

7. What did the man of God tell him? 2 Chronicles 25:9b

8. What did Amaziah do as a result? 2 Chronicles 25:10a

9. What was Amaziah able to do as he fought Edom in Mt. Seir? 2 Chronicles

a. 25:11 _____

b. 25:12 _____

10. What did Amaziah do with the idols he had taken from the Edomites? 2
Chronicles 25:14

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11. How did God feel about this? 2 Chronicles 25:15a

12. Whom did God send to him? 2 Chronicles 25:15b

13. When he refused to listen, what did this prophet tell him? 2 Chronicles 25:16b

C. Amaziah's War With Israel: Read 2 Chronicles 25:17-24

1. What had the soldiers Amaziah dismissed done on their home to Israel? 2
Chronicles 25:13

2. Perhaps this was the reason Amaziah threatened to fight Israel. When the king of Israel advised him to stay at home, what did Amaziah do? 2 Chronicles 25:20a

3. Why was this so? 2 Chronicles 25:20b

4. What happened in the battle which followed? 2 Chronicles 25:22-24

a. 25:22

b. 25 23a

c. 25;23b

d. 25:24

5. What did Amaziah's people do after this? 2 Chronicles 25:27

QUESTIONS FOR ME TO THINK ABOUT;

1. What made the difference between Amaziah's war with Edom and that with Israel?

2. Do I follow God's instructions regardless of the cost, so that He can help me? Or do I refuse to hear His messages, thus bringing destruction upon me?

UZZIAH OR AZARIAH, NINTH KING OF JUDAH

2 Kings 14:21-22, 15:1-7, 2 Chronicles

Infatuation with the heathen idols of Edom to the extent that he refused to listen to the warnings of God brought shameful defeat to Amaziah, who had started out doing that which was right in God's sight. Read now about his son, Uzziah, or Azariah:

A. The Early Reign of Uzziah: Read 2 Kings 14:21-22, 15:1-4, 2 Chronicles 26:1-4

1. Who was king in Israel when Uzziah became king? 2 Kings 15:1

2. How old was Uzziah when he became king? 2 Kings 15:2a

3. How long did he reign? 2 Kings 15:2b

4. What kind of king was he? 2 Kings 15:3

5. What bad thing did he fail to remove? 2 Kings 15:4

B. Uzziah's Success and Fame: Read 2 Chronicles 26:5-15

1. What did Uzziah do in the days of Zechariah, who had understanding in the visions of God? 2 Chronicles 26:5a

2. What happened as long as he continued this? 2 Chronicles 26:5b

3. Notice how this prosperity showed itself in his war against the Philistines: 2
Chronicles 26:6

4. Why was he able to subdue the Philistines, Arabians, and Meunims? 2
Chronicles 26:7

5. What did the Amminites do for him? 2 Chronicles 26:8a

6. What was the result of these successes in war? 2 Chronicles 26:8b

7. Notice his prosperity in building, as well: What did he build in Jerusalem and in the
desert? 2 Chronicles 26:9, 10a

8. What else did he make? 2 Chronicles 26:10b

9. What three things did he have that would need these? 2 Chronicles 26:10c

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10. Notice the size of Uzziah's army: How many soldiers were under his 2,600 officers? 2 Chronicles 26:13

11. What six kinds of weapons did Uzziah prepare for his army? 2 Chronicles 26:14

12. What other means of defending Jerusalem did he have? 2 Chronicles 26:15a

13. What was the result of these successes? 2 Chronicles 26:15b

C. Uzziah's Later Reign: Read 2 Chronicles 26:16-23

1. What happened to Uzziah after God had helped him so marvelously? 2
Chronicles 25:16a

2. What did he do? 2 Chronicles 26:16b

3. What did the chief priest and 80 of his helpers do about this? 2 Chronicles 26:17-18

4. How did Uzziah react to their advice? 2 Chronicles 26:19b

5. What happened to him, even as he resisted the priests? 2 Chronicles 26:19b

6. What did he do after this? 2 Chronicles 26:20

7. What three restrictions were placed on him after this? 2 Chronicles 26:21

a. _____

b. _____

c. _____

QUESTIONS FOR ME TO THINK ABOUT;

1. What caused Uzziah's prosperity? His downfall? 2 Chronicles 26:5

2. How long must I seek the Lord if I would run well to the end? Galatians 5:7

REVIEW OF THE EARLY YEARS OF SOUTHERN JUDAH

As you come to the end of your study of this section, look back over the entire unit and try to get an overall picture of what you have studied:

A. Major Persons in This Unit:

Give the names of the following persons:

King of Judah who

- (1) began the first great religious revival:
- (2) made friends with wicked king Ahab of Israel:
- (3) Married into the family of wicked king Ahab:
- (4) was killed because he was related to and associated with the wicked kings of Israel:
- (5) led a slight revival, then turned from God:

b, Woman who killed her own grandchildren and usurped Judah's throne:

Priest under whom the slight revival in Judah began:

EARLY KINGS OF SOUTHERN JUDAH: 1. Rehoboam 2. Abijah 3. Asa 4.

Jehoshaphat 5. Jehoram 6. Ahaziah 7. Joash 8. Amaziah 9. Uzziah

On your test, be able to match these people with their descriptions given above.

For extra credit, be able to list in order the first nine kings of Southern Judah as listed above.

Notice that all were descendants of David and Solomon.

For extra credit, be able to fill in the names on a FAMILY TREE CHART such as this to show relationships of the kings of Judah to those of Israel:

King of Israel AHAB & Jezebel	Jehoshaphat, King of Judah:
AHAZIAH JEHORAM 70Sons Athaliah & Jehoram 6Brothers	
(Draw "X" through all who were killed by Jeru)	(Draw red "X" through all who were killed by their own relatives)
JOASH SONS 42 Sons	

Major Events and Theme of This Unit:

Notice that the early kings of Judah may be divided into four groups> Mark each king in list above with the initials underlined in his group:

- a. Good kings, who followed the example of _____ : I kings 15:11; II Chronicles 17:3
- b. Mostly Good kings, who did _____ in the sight of _____, but not perfectly: II Chronicles 24:2, 17-19; II Chronicled 25:1-2, II Kings 14:1-3; II Chronicles 26:1, 4, 16
- c. Bad kings, who followed the example of _____ II Chronicles 21:5-6; II Chronicles 22:1b, 3
- d. Mostly Bad kings, who did _____ mostly, but some good: II chronicles 12:1, 14; I Kings 15:1-3, II chronicles 13:18

Notice that the character of Judah's kings determined the course of the nation:

Under her two mostly bad kings, Judah suffered her first religious decline;

Under her two good kings, she experienced her first great religious revival;

Under her two bad kings, she suffered her second religious decline;

Under her first mostly good king, she experienced a slight religious reveal.

List the many messengers God sent the kings, and summarize briefly their words:

To Rehoboam: II Chronicles 12:5-8

To Asa II Chronicles 15:5-8; II Chronicles 16:7-9

To Jehoshaphet: II Chronicles 19:1-2; II Chronicles 20:14-17; II Chronicles 20:37

To Jehoram: II Chronicles 21:12-15

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To Joash: II Chronicles 24:19; II Chronicles 24:20

To Amaziah: II Chronicles 25:7-9; II Chronicles 25:15-16

To Uzziah: II Chronicles 26:5; II Chronicles 26:17-18

QUESTIONS FOR ME TO THINK ABOUT:

1. Compare the early history of Judah with that of early Israel. What made the difference? II Chronicles 11:13, 16-17; 12:14; 15:2; 12, 15; 17:3-4, 20:32-33, 26:4-5
2. What determines the course of the history of MY country? Is there anything I can do about this? What? WILL I do this? Will it matter to me? To my descendants?

THE REIGNS OF JOTHAM AND AHAZ

2 Kings 15:32 -16:20, 2 Chronicles 27 - 28

When Uzziah in his pride offered incense, which God had ordained that only His priests should do, he became the third king in a row to start his reign well but end it in defeat and shame. The specific sin in each case was different; but the heart attitude following the sin was the same: refusal to repent in spite of warnings from God through His prophets and priests. Study now the next two kings' lives:

A. The Reign of Jotham: Read 2 Kings 15:32-38; 2 Chronicles 27

1. Who was king in Israel when Jotham began to reign? 2 Kings 15:32

2. How long did Jotham reign? 2 Kings 15:33

3. What kind of king was he? 2 Kings 15:34

4. What one bad thing did he fail to remove? 2 Kings 15:35

5. Notice four things Jotham built during his reign: 2 Chronicles 27:3-4

6. Over whom did Jotham win a victory in war, so that for three years following they paid much tribute or taxes to him? 2 Chronicles 27:5

7. What was the secret of Jotham's success? 2 Chronicles 27:6

8. Although Jotham himself tried to please the lord, what did his people do?
2 Chronicles 27:2b

9. What two enemies did the Lord send against Judah at this time, probably because of the behavior of the people? 2 Kings 15:37

B. The Beginning of Ahaz's Reign: Read 2 Kings 16:1-4, 2 Chronicles 28:1-4

1. Who was king in Israel when Ahaz became king? 2 Kings 16:1

2. How long did Ahaz reign? 2 Kings 16:2

3. What kind of king was he? 2 Kings 16:2b

4. What special sins did he commit? 2 Kings 16:3-4

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C. Ahaz's War Against Syria and Israel: Read 2 Kings 16:5-20, 2 Chronicles 28:5-21

1. What did God do to Ahaz because of his sin? 2 Chronicles 28:5a

2. What did the Syrians do to his people? 2 Chronicles 28:5b

3. What did the king of Israel do to his forces? 2 Chronicles 28:5c, 6a

4. Why did this happen to them? 2 Chronicles 28:6b

5. Besides killing three of their most important men, what did Israel do to 200,000 others? 2 Chronicles 28:8

6. What did the prophet Oded persuade Israel to do? 2 Chronicles 28:11, 14-15

7. Who else came against Ahaz at this time? 2 Chronicles 28:17, 18

8. Why did this happen? 2 Chronicles 28:19

9. To whom did Ahaz turn for help? 2 Chronicles 28:16

10. Did he get help from this source? 2 Chronicles 28:20, 21

11. Notice the changes Ahaz made in the temple, 2 Kings 16:10-18. Then what did he do? 2 Chronicles 28:23

12. Did he get the help he was seeking from this source? 2 Chronicles 28:23b

13. What did he finally do? 2 Chronicles 28:24-25

QUESTIONS FOR ME TO THINK ABOUT:

1. What made the great difference between Jotham and Ahaz? 2 Chronicles 27:6

2. Am I losing or winning in the battle of my life? To whom do I go for help?

HEZEKIAH, TWELFTH KING OF JUDAH

2 Kings 18:1-7b; 2 Chronicles 29; 32:27-30

In her early years, southern Judah declined spiritually under Rehoboam and Abdijah, had a great revival under good kings Asa and Jehoshaphat, declined more sharply under Jehoshaphat's descendants who were related to Ahab, and had a slight revival under Jehoiada the priest and the four "mostly good" kings who followed him. Then Ahaz plunged the nation to its all-time low. See what Hezekiah did in the face of this great problem which he inherited:

A. General Description of Hezekiah's Reign: Read 2 Kings 18:1-7b, 2 Chron. 29:1-2:

1. Who was king in Israel when Hezekiah began to reign? 2 Kings 18:1

2. How long did Hezekiah reign? 2 Kings 18:2

3. What kind of king was he? 2 Kings 18:3

4. How did Hezekiah compare with the other kings of Judah, before and after him? 2 Kings 18:5

5. Notice many good things Hezekiah did: 2 Kings 18:4, 6; 2 Chron. 32:27-30

6. What two statements are made concerning Hezekiah? 2 Kings 18:7a, b
a. _____
b. _____

B Hezekiah's Action Concerning the Temple: Read 2 Chronicles 29:3-19:

1. At the very beginning of Hezekiah's reign, what two things did he do? 2 Chron. 29:3

2. What two things did he then charge the priests and Levites to do? 2 Chron. 29:4-5

3. Notice why this was necessary: 2 Chronicles 29:6-7

4. What four things had come upon Judah because of the actions of their fathers? 2 Chron. 29:8

5. What had happened to many of the people because of this? 2 Chron. 29:9
a. _____
b. _____

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6. What did Hezekiah purpose to do to bring these conditions to an end? 2 Chron. 29:10

7. Notice Hezekiah's closing charge to the priests and Levites: 2 Chron., 29:11

8. Did they obey Hezekiah's command to them? 2 Chron. 29:12a, 15

9. Where did they begin their work? 2 Chron. 29:16

10. How long did it take them to clean out to the porch? 2 Chron., 29:17a-c

11. How long did it take them to complete their cleaning? 2 Chron. 29:17b

12. What do you suppose they cleaned during this latter time? 2 Chron. 29:18-19

C. Hezekiah's Actions Concerning Worship: Read 2 Chronicles 29:20-36:

1. Whom did Hezekiah then call to the temple? 2 Chron. 29:20

2. What two kinds of offerings did he cause to be made for all Israel?
 - a. 2 Chron. 29:21-24 _____
 - b. 2 Chron. 29:27 _____
3. What did the Levites do while this second offering was being made? 2 Chron. 29:25-28

4. When the offering was completed, what did the king and rulers do? 2 Chron. 29:29

5. What words did the Levites use in singing praise to the Lord? 2 Chron. 29:30

6. What two things did Hezekiah then invite the rulers present to do? 2 Chron. 29:31a-c

7. Notice the extent to which they responded: 2 Chron. 29:31d-35c

8. What was true after this was done? 2 Chron. 29:35d

9. What did Hezekiah and all the people do after this? 2 Chron. 29:36

QUESTIONS FOR ME TO THINK ABOUT;

1. Was it a good thing for Hezekiah to purposes in his heart to make a covenant with the Lord God ?

2. Have I ever purposed in My heart to make a covenant with God? What should be my first act after making such a covenant? What sacrifice can be mad for my sin? What will be the result if I DO make such a covenant? If I do NOT?

HEZEKIAH'S FIRST SIX YEARS 2 Chronicles 30-31

In our previous lesson, we studied the events of just 17 days at the beginning of Hezekiah's reign. See now happened during the rest of his first six years as king:

A. Hezekiah's Invitation: Read 2 Chronicles 30:1-9:

1. To whom did Hezekiah send messages? 2 Chronicles 30:1a, b

2. What did he invite them all to do? 2 Chronicles 30:1c, d

3. When were they planning to keep the passover? 2 Chronicles 30:2

4. When was it usually kept? Leviticus 23:5

5. Notice why they could not have kept it then: 2 Chronicles 30:3

6. From Numbers 9:6-14, discover why they chose this alternative date.

7. Read the message Hezekiah sent with his invitation: 2 Chronicles 30:6-9. What did he repeatedly ask the people to do?

8. Whom did he say they should not be like? 2 Chronicles 30:7, 8

9. What did he promise would happen if they would turn to the Lord? 2
Chronicles 30:9 _____

B. The Response to Hezekiah's Invitation: Read 2 Chronicles 30:10-12:

1. What was the general response to Hezekiah's invitation in the tribes of northern Israel? 2
Chronicles 30:10

2. Nevertheless, what did some of the people there do? 2 Chronicles 30:11

3. What was the response in Judah? 2 Chronicles 30:12

C. The Passover Kept: Read 2 Chronicles 30:13 – 31:1

1. How many people came to Jerusalem? 2 Chronicles 30:13

2. What did they do as soon as they arrived? 2 Chronicles 30:14

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3. What was true of many of those who came? 2 Chronicles 30:17a, 18a-c (See Leviticus 15:31)

4. Yet notice how Hezekiah prayed concerning them: 2 Chronicles 30:18e-19. Did the Lord answer his prayer? 2 Chronicles 30:20

5. After killing the passover, what did the people do for the next seven days? 2 Chronicles 30:21a

6. Notice six activities they engaged in during these days: 2 Chronicles 30:21b-22

7. When these seven days were completed, what did the people decide to do? 2 Chronicles 30:23

8. Notice what Hezekiah and the princes did to make this possible: 2 Chronicles 30:24

9. What did the people do during this time? 2 Chronicles 30:25, 26a

10. How long had it been since there had been such a celebration in Jerusalem? 2 Chronicles 30:26b

11. When the priests and Levites bless the people, what happened? 2 Chronicles 30:27

12. As they left this celebration, what did all the people do? 2 Chronicles 31:1

D. Hezekiah's Further Religious Reforms: Read 2 Chronicles 31:2-21:

1. What three things did Hezekiah then do to restore temple worship? 2
Chronicles
a. 31:2 _____
b. 31:3 _____
c. 31:4 _____
2. Notice the people's response to Hezekiah's plea: 2 Chronicles 31:5-10.
Where were their offerings stored? 2 Chronicles 31:11-12a

3. Read how these were distributed to the priests and Levites: 2 Chronicles 31:12b-19

4. For a summary of Hezekiah's first six years as king, read 2 Chronicles 31:20-21.

QUESTIONS FOR ME FOR THINK ABOUT:

1. What effect did Hezekiah's invitation have upon the people of his own wicked nation, and even more wicked northern Israel? Why? **2 Chronicles 31:20-21**

2. Have I ever been used to turn people back to God? What would happen if I invited them to do so? What would it take to make my invitation effective?

HEZEKIAH'S NEXT EIGHT YEARS

2 Kings 18:7-16, 20:1-19, 2 Chronicles 32:24-26, 31

Although Hezekiah had inherited a kingdom steeped in sin under his father Ahaz, he made great strides during his first six years in removing this sin and bringing his people back to God. See now what happened as he continued his reign:

A. Hezekiah's Military Conflicts: Read 2 Kings 18:7-16

1. What had Ahaz promised Assyria for help against his enemies, Syria and Israel? 2 Kings 16:7

2. What did Hezekiah do after he began to reign? 2 Kings 18:7b

3. What great event took place in the sixth year of Hezekiah's reign? 2 Kings 18:9-10

4. Then what did the king of Assyria do in the fourteenth year of Hezekiah's reign? 2 Kings 18:13

5. What did Hezekiah promise him if only he would go back home? 2 Kings 18:14

6. Where did he get the silver and gold to pay what he had promised? 2 Kings 18:15, 16

B. Hezekiah's Great Illness: Read 2 Kings 20:1-11, 2 Chronicles 32:24, Isaiah 38

1. About this time, what happened to Hezekiah? 2 Kings 20:1a

2. What did Isaiah the prophet tell him? 2 Kings 20:1b

3. What two things did Hezekiah then do? 2 Kings 20:2, 3b

4. Notice how quickly his prayer was answered: 2 Kings 20:4. What four wonderful promises was Isaiah told to give him? 2 Kings 20:5, 6a, 6b, 6c
 - a. _____
 - b. _____
 - c. _____
 - d. _____
5. For what did Hezekiah ask at this time? 2 Kings 20:8, 2 Chronicles 32:24

6. When Isaiah gave him his choice of two things, for what did Hezekiah ask? 2 Kings 20:9-10

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7. What did Isaiah do to bring this about? 2 Kings 20:11

8. What was done to bring about Hezekiah's recovery? 2 Kings 30:7

C. The Results of Hezekiah's Recovery: Read 2 Kings 20:12-19, 2 Chronicles 32:31

1. What did the king of Babylon do when he heard about Hezekiah's remarkable recovery and the sign accompanying it? 2 Kings 20:12, 2 Chronicles 32:31a

2. It is thought that the letter contained proposals for an alliance against their common enemy, the Assyrians. What did Hezekiah do to these letters? 2 Kings 20:13a

3. What else did Hezekiah do for the messengers who had come to him? 2 Kings 20:17, 18

4. Why did he do this? 2 Chronicles 32:25

5. What two things did Isaiah tell Hezekiah the Babylonians would someday take away? 2 Kings 20:17, 18

6. What did Hezekiah and his people do after this? 2 Chronicles 32:26

QUESTIONS FOR ME TO THINK ABOUT:

1. What should Hezekiah have done when the heathen visitors came to him? To whom should he have given the glory for his remarkable recovery?

2. Who get the glory after God does some wonderful thing for me? Isaiah 42:8

HEZEKIAH'S LAST FIFTEEN YEARS

2 Kings 18:17 – 19:37, 20:20-21, 2 Chronicles 32:1-23

In Hezekiah's sixth year, Israel had been carried captive to Assyria: in his fourteenth year, Assyria captured the fenced cities of Judah (2 Kings 18:13), and Hezekiah's great illness occurred (subtract 15 years, 2 Kings 20:6a, from total of 29, 2 Kings 18:2). See now what happened in the remainder of his reign:

A. Assyria's Second Threat: Read 2 Chronicles 32:1-16, 18, 19, 2 Kings 18:17 – 19:8

1. Although before his illness Hezekiah had paid the King of Assyria much gold and silver to go home, what did this king do afterwards? 2 Chronicles 32:2b

2. What did Hezekiah and his officers do to prepare for this attack? 2 Chronicles
 - a. 32:3 _____
 - b. 32:5a _____
 - c. 32:5b _____
 - d. 32:6b _____
 - e. 32:6b-8 _____

3. On what two things did Assyria's messenger sent from Lachish accuse Hezekiah of trusting? 2 Kings 18:21, 22

4. When Hezekiah's officers asked him to speak in the Syrian language, what did he do? 2 Kings 18:28

5. What did he ask the Jews to do? 2 Kings 18:31-32

6. What proof did he give that Judah would not be able to resist him? 2 Kings 18:33-35

7. When Hezekiah heard of this threat, what two things do he do? 2 Kings

a. 19:1 _____

b. 19:2-4 _____

8. What was God's message to Hezekiah through Isaiah? 2 Kings 19:6-7

9. What delayed temporarily Assyria's attack against Jerusalem? 2 Kings 19:8-9a

B. Assyria's Third Threat: Read 2 Kings 19:9-37, 2 Chronicles 32:17-23

1. In what form did the king of Assyria's next threat come? 2 Chronicles 32:17, 2 Kings 19:14a, 19-13

2. What did Hezekiah do when he received this threat? 2 Kings 19:14-15a

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3. What did Hezekiah then ask God to do? 2 Kings 19:19a

4. For what reason did he ask God to do this? 2 Kings 19:19b

5. What message did God send him through Isaiah? 2 Kings 19:20b

6. What did God say He would do to the King of Assyria? 2 Kings 19:28

7. What did God say the King would not be allowed to do? 2 Kings 19:32

8. Why did God say He would defend and save the city? 2 Kings 19:34

9. After this, what happened to the armies of the king of Assyria? 2 Chronicles 32:21a, 22

10. What eventually happened to the king himself? 2 Kings 19:36-37

QUESTIONS FOR ME TO THINK ABOUT:

1. What made it possible for the tiny country of Judah to overcome the threats of the great country of Assyria? **2 Chronicles 32:7-8**

2. To whom do I go—whose help do I seek—when I face great problems? Hebrews 13:6

MANASSEH AND AMON AND FOURTEENTH KING OF JUDAH

2 Kings 21, 2 Chronicles 33

Hezekiah having brought the nation Judah to its highest peak since the days of Solomon, now died and left the kingdom to his son and grandson, Manasseh and Amon. Read now to see how they lived, and what effect his had upon the kingdom:

A. Manasseh's Early Reign: Read 2 Kings 21:1-16, 2 Chronicles 33:1-10

1. How old was Manasseh when he began to reign? 2 Kings 21:1a

2. Compare this with 2 Kings 20:6 to see when he was born in relation to Hezekiah's sickness—one great reason Hezekiah was so concerned:

3. How long did Manasseh reign? 2 Kings 21:1b

4. What king of king was he? 2 Kings 21:2a

5. Like whom did he behave? 2 Kings 21:2b

6. Name some specific since which he committed: 2 Kings 21:3-7a
 - a. 3a _____
 - b. 3b _____
 - c. 3c _____
 - d. 4 _____
 - e. 5 _____
 - f. 6a _____
 - g. 6b (3 things) _____
 - h. 7 _____
 - i. 16 _____
7. How did these things cause God to feel? 2 Kings 21:6c

8. What had God promised Israel if only they would to what he commanded them? 2 Kings 21:8

9. What did they do about this promise? 2 Kings 21:9

10. Therefore, what did God say he would to to Jerusalem and Judah? 2 Kings 21:12-14

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B. Manasseh's Later Reign: Read 2 Chronicles 33:11-20, 2 Kings 21:17-18

1. What happened to Manasseh after this? 2 Chronicles 33:11

2. What two things did he do after this? 2 Chronicles 33:12

3. What two things did God then do? 2 Chronicles 33:13b

4. What did Manasseh know after this? 2 Chronicles 33:13c

5. Therefore, what did he do? 2 Chronicles 33:15-16

a. 15

b. 16a

c. 16b

6. Notice what sin his people continued to commit? 2 Chronicles 33:17

C. The Reign of Amon: Read 2 Chronicles 33:21-24, 2 Kings 21:19-26

1. How long did Amon reign? 2 Chronicles 33:21

2. What king of king was he? 2 Chronicles 33:22a

3. What specific sins did he commit? 2 Chronicles 33:22b

4. What happened to end his reign? 2 Chronicles 33:24

QUESTIONS FOR ME TO THINK ABOUT:

1. Even though Manasseh eventually repented, was the effect of his sin removed?

2. Can I safely continue sin now, planning to repent later? 2 Corinthians 6:2

JOSIAH, FIFTEENTH KING OF JUDAH

2 Kings 22:/ 2 Chronicles 34:1-18/23:24-25

As a result of Manasseh's and Amon's sins, the nation Judah was plunged to her all-time low thus far. Study the life of Amon's son, Josiah, to see just how low the nation had fallen, and what the new king did about it:

A. The Beginning of Josiah's Reign: Read 2 King2 22:1-2, 2 Chronicles 24:1-3a

1. How old was Josiah when he began to reign? 2 Kings 22:1a

2. How long did he reign? 2 Kings 22:1b

3. What king of king was he? 2 Kings 22:2

4. How did he compare with the other kings of Judah before and after him? 2 Kings 23:25

5. What did he do in the eighth year of his reign, when he was only 16? 2 Chronicles 34:3a

B. Josiah's First Great Project: Read 2 Chronicles 34:3b-7

1. What did Josiah begin to do in his twelfth year, when he was only 20? 2 Chronicles 34:3b

2. Notice how far he went in carrying out this work? 2 Chronicles 34:6-7

3. How long did ti take to complete this work? Compare 2 Chronicles 34:3b with 8a

C. Josiah's Second Great Project: Read 2 Kings 22:3-8, 2 Chronicles 34:8-15

1. What did Josiah begin to do in the eighteenth year of his reign, when he was 26? 2 Chronicles 34:8b

2. Where had they gotten the money for this? 2 Chronicles 34:9b

3. When they gave the money to the workmen, what did they do? 3 Chronicles 34:12a

4. What happened as they were going about the work of repairing the temple? 2 Chronicles 34:14b

5. To whom did Hilkiyah the priest gave this? 2 Chronicles 34:15

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6. What two things did he then do with the book? 2 Chronicles 34:16a, 18b
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D. Josiah's Reaction to God's Word: Read 2 Kings 22:9-13, 2 Chronicles 34:16-21

1. What did Josiah do when he heard the words of the book? 2 Chronicles 34:19
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2. What had he realized as these words were read? 2 Chronicles 34:21c
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3. Therefore, what was coming upon his people? 2 Chronicles 34:21b
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4. From these facts, we believe that the passage read was probably Deuteronomy 28-30, which tells of all the judgments which would come upon Israel if they turned away from God. Therefore, what did Josiah ask his leaders to do? 2 Chronicles 34:21a
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E. God's Message to Josiah: Read 2 Kings 22:14-20, 2 Chronicles 34:22-28

1. What did Huldah the prophetess say about the promised judgments? 2 Chronicles 34:24
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2. What would these judgments come upon Judah? 2 Chronicles 34:25
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3. What did God say concerning Josiah's reaction to God's Word? 2 Chronicles 34:28
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4. What was God going to do to him before these judgments should fall? 2 Chronicles 34:28
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QUESTIONS FOR ME TO THINK ABOUT:

1. What effect did Josiah's seeking God have upon himself and upon his nation?
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2. Have I begun yet to seek the Lord? Has my seeking Him had any effect on the sin around me? On my attitude toward God's House and God's Word? **2 Chronicles 34:3a-c**
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THE LATER REIGN OF JOSIAH

2 Kings 23:1-30, 2 Chronicles 34:29 – 35:27

We have seen now Josiah's seeking the Lord while he was young led to his waging war against all that pertained to idol-worship, and his repairing of the Lord's house. This in turn led to the discovery of God's Word, which he read and heeded. See now what took place in the days following this discovery:

A. Josiah's Third Great Project: Read 2 Kings 23:1-3, 2 Chronicles 24:29-32

1. Notice the five groups of people the king gathered into the temple: 2
Chronicles 34:20a. What did he do after this? 2 Chronicles 34:30b

2. What did he then make a *covenant* (agreement) with God to do? 2
Chronicles
a. 34:31b _____
b. 34:31c _____
c. 34:31d _____
3. What did he cause all who were present to do? 2 Chronicles 34:3a, 2 Kings 23:3

4. What happened in the days which followed? 2 Chronicles 34:32b, 33b

B. Josiah's Fourth Great Project: Read 2 Kings 23:4-20, 24, 2 Chronicles 34:33

1. What did the king next destroy? 2 Kings 23:4-20, 24a
 - a. 4 (Middle of verse) _____
 - b. 5a _____
 - c. 6a _____
 - d. 7 _____
 - e. 8 _____
 - f. 10 _____
 - g. 11a, c _____
 - h. 12 _____
 - i. 13 _____
 - j. 14 _____
 - k. 15 _____
 - l. 19 _____
 - m. 20 _____
 - n. 24a _____
2. Notice why he did all this? 2 Kings 23:24b

C. Josiah's Fifth Great Project: Read 2 Kings 23:21-23, 2 Chronicles 35:1-19

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1. What did the king next command is people to do? 2 Kings 23:21

2. Notice all who gave animals for this feast: 2 Chronicles 35:7-9. How long did it take the priests to prepare all these? 2 Chronicles 35:14 (two words)

3. How did this passover compare with all others since the days of Samuel? 2
Chronicles 35:18

D. The End of Josiah's Reign: Read 2 Kings 23:28-30, 2 Chronicles 35:26-27, 20-25

1. What did Josiah do when the king of Egypt came to fight against Carchemish? 2
Chronicles 35:20b

2. What two things happened to him because of this? 2 Chronicles 35:23-24

3. Who was among those who mourned for him? 2 Chronicles 35:25a

QUESTIONS FOR ME TO THINK ABOUT:

1. Could the good that Judah did under Josiah make up for the evil she had done under Manasseh? 2 Kings 23:25-27

2. Can I continue in evil-doing now, and expect to make up for it later?

JEHOAHAZ, JEHOIAKIM AND JEHOIACHIN, SIXTEENTH THROUGH EIGHTEENTH KINGS OF JUDAH 2 Kings 23:31 – 24:17; 2 Chronicles 34:1-10

With God's judgment upon Judah already having been pronounced, all that remained for the kings who followed Josiah was the expectation of that judgment being carried out. Read how this began to happen in the days of Josiah's sons and grandson:

A. Jehoahaz, Sixteenth King of Judah: Read 2 Kings 23:31-34, 2 Chronicles 36:1-4:

1. How long did Jehoahaz reign over Judah? 2 Kings 23:31b

2. What king of king was he? 2 Kings 23:32

3. What brought his reign to an end? 2 Kings 23:33a-b

4. What eventually happened to him? 2 Kings 23:34c-e

5. What else did Pharaoh do to Judah at this time? 2 Kings 23:33c-d

6. Whom did Pharaoh then make king? 2 Kings 23:34a-b

B. Jehoiakim, Seventeen King of Judah: Read 2 Kings 23:35 – 24:7, 2
Chronicles 26:5-8:

1. How long did Jehoiakim reign over Judah? 2 Kings 23:36b

2. What king of king was he? 2 Kings 23:37 (See Jeremiah 36:1-26)

3. What did he have to do in the early year of his reign? 2 Kings 23:35a

4. How did he get the money to do this? 2 Kings 23:35b-e

5. Who else came against Jehoiakim in the third year of his reign? 2 Kings 24:1a, Daniel 1:1

6. What two things did he take to Babylon at this time?

a. Daniel 1:2, 2 Chronicles 36:7 _____

b. Daniel 1:3-4 _____

7. Notice that four other groups came against Jehoiakim also: 2 Kings 24:2a-d.

8. List four distinct statements as to why this evil came upon Judah: 2 Kings 24:

a. 2f-h _____

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- b. 3a _____
- c. 3b _____
- d. 3c, 4 _____

9. After three year of serving Nebuchadnezzar king of Bablyon, what did Jehoiakim do? 2 Kings 24:1c

10. What did Nebuchadnezzar then do to Jehoiakim? 2 Chronicles 26:6b-c

11. Yet where did Jehoiakim die? 2 Kings 24:6, Jeremiah 22:18-19

12. Did the king of Egypt bother Judah any more? 2 Kings 24:7a

13. Why? 2 Kings 24:7b

14. After Jehoiakim's death, who became king? 2 Kings 24:6

C. Jehoiachin, Eighteen King of Judah: Read 2 Kings 24:8-17; 2 Chronicles 36:9, 10

1. How long did Jehoiachin reign over Judah? 2 Kings 24:8 _____

2. What kind of king was he? 2 Kings 24:9

3. What happened to end his reign? 2 Kings 24:10-12

4. Summarize briefly what was carried to Babylon at this time: 2 Kings 24:13-16

a. 13 _____

b. 14a-e _____

c. 15 _____

d. 16 _____

5. Who then was made king? 2 Kings 24:17

QUESTIONS FOR ME TO THINK ABOUT:

1. What brought such terrible judgment upon Judah? Could anything have stopped it?

2. Has God's judgment been pronounced upon ME? If so, can I stop it? If not, what can I do to avoid it? (See Hebrews 10:26-31)

ZEDEKIAH, NINETEENTH KING OF JUDAH

2 Kings 24:18 – 25:21; Jeremiah 52:1-27; 2 Chronicles 36:11-20a

In the first 11 ½ years following Josiah's death, two of his sons and one grandson ruled over Judah. Now see what happened in the next few years, as a third son of Josiah ruled:

A. Zedekiah's Early Reign: Read 2 Kings 24:18-20, Jeremiah 52:1-3; 2 Chronicles 36:11-16:

1. How long did Zedekiah reign in Jerusalem? 2 Kings 24:18b

2. What kind of king was he? 2 Kings 24:19

3. What special sins was he guilty of? 2 Chronicles 36:12b, 13c, d
 - a. _____
 - b. _____
4. What two things did the chief of the priests and the people do during his reign?
 - a. 2 Chronicles 36:14a _____
 - b. 2 Chronicles 36:14a _____
5. What did God do because of His great compassion on the people and on His dwelling-place? 2 Chronicles 36:15

6. Yet in what three ways did the people respond? 2 Chronicles 36:16a, b, c

7. What finally happened? 2 Chronicles 36:16d-e

8. Because of this, what did Zedekiah then do? 2 King 24:20a, c

9. What made this such a terrible things to do? 2 Chronicles 36:13a-b

B. Zedekiah's Later Reign: Read 2 Kings 25:1-7, Jeremiah 39:1-7, 52:4-11, 2 Chronicles 36:17a:

1. What happened toward the end of Zedekiah's ninth year as king? 2 Kings 25:1, 2 Chronicles 36:17a

2. How long did this siege continue? 2 Kings 25:2-3a

3. What condition existed in the city by this time? 2 Kings 25:3

4. What did God through Jeremiah advise Zedekiah to do? Jeremiah 38:17-23

5. When he refused, and a breach was made in the city (Jeremiah 39:2-3), what did all the men of war and the king do? 2 Kings 25:4

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6. What two things did the enemy then do? 2 Kings 25:5a, b

7. What happened to all Zedekiah's army? 2 Kings 25:5c

8. To who was the king taken for judgment? 2 Kings 25:6 (Locate the place to which he was taken: Jeremiah 52:9)

9. What four things did they then do to Zedekiah? 2 Kings 25:7a, b, c-d, Jeremiah 52:11d
 - a. _____
 - b. _____
 - c. _____
 - d. _____

C. Later Events: Read 2 Kings 25:8-21, Jeremiah 39:8-10, 52:12-27, 2 Chronicles 36:17b-20a:

1. About a month after Zedekiah's capture, who came to Jerusalem? 2 Kings 25:8

2. What terrible things did he and his men do there? 2 Kings 25:9-15
 - a. 9 _____
 - b. 10 _____
 - c. 11 _____
 - d. 13, 16-17 _____
 - e. 14-15 _____
3. Then what was done with the chief priest, 11 other officials, and 60 other men? 2 Kings 25:18-21

QUESTIONS FOR ME TO THINK ABOUT:

1. Why did such terrible destruction come to Judah and Jerusalem? What was God's attitude toward Zedekiah right up through the siege? **2 Chronicles 36:15-16**

2. Am I proud and rebellious against God? Is He still sending messages to me to try to get me to repent and turn to Him? How have I responded to His words, and His messengers/ How does God feel toward me because of my responses? What my He do?

EVENTS AMONG THE REMNANT LEFT IN JUDAH 2 Kings 25:12, 22-26; Jeremiah 39:10 - 44:30

Although most of the people of Judah had been carried captive to Babylon, a very few remained in Judah. Read now to see who they were, and what happened to them:

A. The People Who Were Left: Read 2 Kings 25:12, 22-24; Jer. 39:10-14, 40:1-12

1. Who were left in Judah after the others were carried captive? 2 Kings 25:12a; Jeremiah 39:10a-c

2. What were they expected to be there? 2 Kings 25:12; Jeremiah 39:10d

3. Whom did Nebuchadnezzar make their ruler? 2 Kings 25:22

4. Who was loosed from among those who were chained to go into Babylon as captives? Jeremiah 39:11, 12, 40:1-4a

5. What choice was given to him? Jeremiah 40:4b-5

6. What choice did he make? Jeremiah 40:6, 39:13-14

7. What two groups then came and joined those left under Gedaliah's care?
 - a. Jeremiah 40:7, 8; 2 Kings 25:23 _____
 - b. Jeremiah 40:11-12 _____
8. What did Gedaliah promise if they would stay in the land and serve the king of Babylon? Jer. 40:9, 10

B. An Incident Among the People: Read 2 Kings 25:25-26; Jeremiah 40:13-41:18

1. What did Johanan and the other captains warn Gedaliah that Ishmael, one of Judah's captains, had been sent to do? Jeremiah 40:13, 14b

2. What was Gedaliah's response to this warning? Jer. 40:14c

3. Nevertheless, what happened after Gedaliah had ruled only about two months? 2 Kings 25:25, Jer. 41:1-3

4. What happened the second day after this? Jer. 41:4-9

5. What did Ishmael plan to do with the rest of the people in Mizpah? Jer. 41:10

6. But what happened to prevent this? Jer. 41:11-15

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7. What did the rest of the people plan to do because of their fear of the Chaldeans? Jer. 41:16-18
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C. God's Messages to the People: Read Jeremiah 41 -44:

1. Before carrying out their plans, what did the people ask Jeremiah to do? Jer. 42:1-3

2. What did they promise they would do, regardless of what God's will might be? Jer. 42:4-6

3. What did God advise them to do? Jeremiah 42:7-12

4. What did He warn would happen to them if they went to Egypt? Jer. 42:13-22

5. When the people heard Jeremiah's message, what did the leaders say he was doing? Jer. 43:1-3

6. Therefore, what did they do? Jer. 43:4-7

7. Who did the Lord say would conquer Egypt? Jer. 43:8-13

8. Of what terrible sin were the people guilty after arriving in Egypt? Jeremiah 44:1-10 (see 8)

9. Although God through Jeremiah warned them of this, what was their response? Jer. 44:11-19 (see 17)

10. Therefore, what did God say would happen to all but a very few of them? Jer 44:20-30 (see 27-28)

QUESTIONS For Me To Think About:

1. Were the remnant of Judah any different from the others? Was God Just in pronouncing judgment upon them? Could He justly have done anything else?

2. Has God told Me not to do anything? Do I stubbornly insist that I will do it anyway? How does God feel about this? What will He do? Is this what I want?

EVENTS AMONG THE CAPTIVE IN BABYLON
2 Kings 25:27-30; 2 Chronicles 36:20-21; Jeremiah 52:28-34;
Ezekiel; Daniel; Deuteronomy 30:1-5

Four distinct groups were carried into captivity in Babylon. See now what happened to each group after they arrived there:

A. Activities Among the First Group: Daniel 1-12:

1. Who had been carried to Babylon in the first group, in Jehoiakim's third year and Nebuchadnezzar's first (Jeremiah 25:1), which was 605 B. C.? Daniel 1:1-4 _____

2. What did they do during their first three years there? Daniel 1:4g-5

3. At the end of this time, what were four of them chosen to do? Daniel 1:17-20

4. During the next seventy years (Daniel 9:1-2), what did Daniel do there? Daniel
 - a. 2:26-28 _____
 - b. 2:48,, 49b _____
 - c. 4:18-19 _____
 - d. 5:5, 16-17 _____
 - e. 6:1-2 _____
 - f. 6:16, 22 _____
 - g. 7:1, 8:1, 10:1 _____

B. Activities Among the Second Group: Ezekiel 1-48, 2 Kings 25:27-30 Jer. 52:28, 31-34:

1. In Nebuchadnezzar's seventh (Jer. 52:28) or eighth year, 597 B. C., who had been taken to Babylon? 2 Kings 24:12, 14-16

2. In the fifth year of their captivity (Ezekiel 1:2), what happened to one of them? Ezekiel 1:1, 3

3. What was he told that he must do? Ezekiel 2:L3, 7; 3:4, 11

4. In the years which followed, what events did Ezekiel foretell to the captives?
 - a. Eze. 4:1-4 _____
 - b. Eze. 12:1-16 (see 11d) _____
 - c. Eze. 11:17, 36:28 _____
 - d. Eze. 37:15-23 _____
5. In one of his visions, to what places did Ezekiel see the glory-cloud symbolizing God's presence move? Ezekiel 10:4, 10:18, 10:19, 11:23

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6. In Ezekiel's visions concerning the future restoration of Israel, what did he see this same glory-cloud do? Ezekiel 43:1-5

7. What did he predict that the name of their city would be after that? Ezekiel 48:35b____

8. What happened in the 37th year of Jehoiachin's captivity? 2 Kings 25:27-30, Jer. 52:31-34

C. The Third and Fourth Groups: Jeremiah 52:29, 30; 2 Chronicles 36:20b, 21; Deuteronomy 30:1-5:

1. In Nebuchadnezzar's 18th year (Jer. 52:29) which was Zedekiah's 11th, 586 B. C., (2Kings 25:2), who had been carried captive? 2 Kings 25:7, 11, Jer. 52:29

2. In Nebuchadnezzar's 23rd year, 581 B> C>, who had been carried captive? Jeremiah 52:30

3. What did these groups do in Babylon, and for how long? 2 Chron. 36:20b-21, Jer. 25:11, 29:10, Dan. 9:2

4. What did all four groups have to do before God would let them return to their own land? Deut. 30:1-5

5. Who was evidently used of God to help bring this to pass? Dan. 9:2-19

QUESTIONS FOR ME TO THINK ABOUT:

1. Even after God's people had sinned against Him so much He had to send them into captivity, what was His heart attitude toward them? Justify your answer.

2. What is God's heart attitude toward me today? Romans 5:8. Do I appreciate God's attitude toward me? What is my response to it? Is this what it *should* be?
