



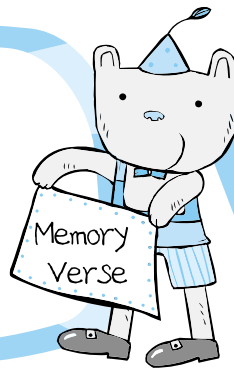
# The Destruction of Judah

Main Scriptures: 2Kings 25:1-17, 2Chronicles 36:11-21

The people of Judah didn't repent even after they saw Israel destroyed. God sent many prophets to tell them to turn from their evil ways, from continuing in their sins. God didn't want His beloved people to perish because of their sin.  
"I don't want you to perish, Turn from your evil ways."



But is longsuffering toward us, not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance. (2Peter 3:9)



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God warned the people of Judah that He would ultimately punish them if they don't repent. However, the king, the leaders, and the people of Judah didn't listen to the word of God. They committed sins all the more and did not seek God.

God's wrath was kindled against the people for not repenting but rather, for ignoring His words and insulting His prophets. Hence, God used Babylon to chastise Judah.

After Zedekiah became the king of Judah, the Babylonian king Nebuchadnezzar, with his army, came and built a siege wall against Jerusalem all around. The people in the city starved for almost two years. Finally, Jerusalem fell in the hands of its enemy. Zedekiah and his army fled through the gate between the two walls, only to be caught right away.

The Babylonian king killed Zedekiah's sons before the presence of Zedekiah and he also killed all the noble men of Judah. He put out the eyes of Zedekiah, bound him with bronze fetters, and took him to Babylon. The Babylonian army set fire to the temple of the LORD and the houses in the city, killing people, both young and old. And they broke in pieces the precious utensils in the house of the LORD and took them to Babylon. The remaining people were taken captive to Babylon.

The people of Judah were punished as God had warned them through His prophets.



## Today's Study

### The Longsuffering God and Destroyed Judah

1. Israel of the north was punished for their sin against God. What should have the people of Judah learned from it? Choose the correct answer. ( )



1



We have nothing to do with them. We don't have to change.

2



They were destroyed because they hadn't served Baal. They should have worshiped baal all the more.

3



Israel was too weak to protect itself. They should have been stronger.

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Idol worship without seeking God led them to destruction. We should not do the same as they did.

2. God sent many prophets to the people of Judah who were walking in their sins and preached to them the word of God. Why?


The Lord is not slack concerning His promise, as some count slackness, but is longsuffering toward us, not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance. (2Peter 3:9)

The people of Judah, instead of repenting, mocked the prophets who were sent to them by God. Their ultimate end was miserable destruction as a consequence.



## Today's Lesson


### Do not repeat the same error


 Read the story below and answer the questions.

Tom loves comic books. He stealthily read them during the class. One day, he got caught by the teacher and was chastised.

"If you bring comic books to class again, you'll be punished twice as much."



 A few days later, Tom's classmate Brian brought comic books to school. Brian got caught reading them during the class just like Tom.

 What do you think the teacher did? Imagine and write down what the teacher would have said or done.

Teacher

 Why do you think Brian committed the same fault?

What Brian did is just like what the people of Judah did of not repenting even witnessing the destruction of Israel. We should learn from the example and not repeat the same mistake.

Now all these things happened to them as examples, and they were written for our admonition, upon whom the ends of the ages have come, (1Corinthians 10:11)

# Let's Find out



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Israel was destroyed by Assyria in 722 BC because they strayed from God's Words and continued in their sins till the very last day they perished in their enemy's hands. Judah was destroyed by Babylon in 586 BC because of the same sins Israel had committed before God.



Parents

Teacher