

JUDAH TAKEN CAPTIVE

2 Chronicles 36
Unit 15, Lesson 5

WHAT WE LEARNED

Judah ignored God's prophets and was captured. 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.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- 1. God's people in Judah became captives in the land of Babylon, but that was not the end of their story. God's ultimate plan was not to leave them under their enemies or to let them suffer in their sin.**
 - How did God plan to fix what sin broke?
 - Is there anything we could do as humans that could break the promise that God made to deliver us out of our sin? What does that tell us about who God is and how He loves His people?
- 2. In this passage, we see the people of Judah repeatedly reject God's word and His promise of a faithful forgiveness. The passage makes it clear that each king chose to reject the Lord's word and instead they chose to do evil in the eyes of the Lord. God gives each one of the kings a choice yet and even when they choose the path of evil, he graciously offers a new chance at redemption.**
 - What are some things that get in the way of the each of the kings accepting God's word? What are things that get in the way of us accepting God's word?
 - God allowed the people of Judah to turn back to Him, but they refused. The Lord again extended his invitation to all people through Cyrus. What does this show about God's heart? Is the invitation still here for us? How do we turn away from our sin and toward God in our lives today?

MEMORY VERSE FOR THIS UNIT

“If my people ... turn from their wicked ways, then I will ...
forgive their sin and heal their land”

2 Chronicles 7:14

PRAY TOGETHER

Spend time this week praising God for the ways that He is committed to His people and the ways He has redeemed us. Spend time this week being silent in prayer, seeking to be still and listen to God in patience and in waiting.

Ask each member of your family – adults included – to share one thing they would like prayer for. Have someone to pray for that person’s request. Encourage your family to pray for that person for the entire week.

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