



LESSON 46 – Week of December 2, 2018

God's People Are Taken Captive

Judah did not keep the commandments of the Lord their God, but walked in the customs which Israel had introduced. – 2 Kings 17:19

The Text / Spend some time reviewing (and reading if possible) the following passages:

Israel – by the Assyrians

- *2 Kings 17:1-41; 18:9-12*

Judah – by the Babylonians

- **1st Invasion (c. 605 B.C.)**
2 Kings 23:34-24:6; 2 Chronicles 36:4-8; Daniel 1:1-7; Jeremiah 25:1-14
- **2nd Invasion (c. 597 B.C.)**
2 Kings 24:8-17; 2 Chronicles 36:10; Esther 2:5-6; Ezekiel 1:1-2
- **3rd Invasion (c. 586 B.C.)**
2 Kings 24:18-25:30; 2 Chronicles 36:11-21; Jeremiah 29; 39-42; 52:1-11

Finding Jesus / Think about these questions as you read:

1. What specific reasons could you cite as to why Israel, and later Judah, fell into captivity?
2. How does the sending of Israel/Judah into captivity show God to be a faithful God?
3. What do you think life was like for a typical Judean captive in Babylon?
4. How did God use the period of captivity to advance His plan to bring Christ into the world?

Living for Jesus

God is faithful to His covenant... to His word and to His promises. This can serve as either a sober word of warning or a comforting message of reassurance. We hope that it serves as a message of comfort for you. It should be. Despite enduring centuries of unfaithfulness on the part of the Israelites, God proved Himself faithful, and in the end, Jesus Christ came to earth and died for each of us... the ultimate proof of God's faithfulness and love. How thankful we can be that we now live in this last age, in which our own captivity to sin can now be overcome through Jesus!

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