

1. How many people did the captain of the guard take out of the city of Jerusalem to the king of Babylon (25:18-20)? _____
2. What did the king of Babylon do with these Judean leaders brought to him in Riblah (25:21)? _____
3. Who was made ruler in Judah over the people that remained (25:22)? _____
4. Who were Ishmael, Johanan, Seraiah, and Jaazaniah (25:23)? _____
5. What counsel did Gedaliah give these returning captains (25:24)? _____
6. Apply this section to your life! _____

Saturday (April 10)—prayerfully read II Kings 25:25-30, Gedaliah is assassinated, and the next king of Babylon releases Jehoiachin from prison, and highly honors him.

1. Who killed Gedaliah, and who else was killed at the same time (25:25)? _____
2. Who then fled to Egypt, and why (25:26)? _____
3. How long had King Jehoiachin been in captivity (of the Babylonians) before he was released from prison (25:27)? _____
4. Who was the king who released Jehoiachin after all those years, and when did he release him (25:27)? _____
5. What five things did the new king of Babylon do for Jehoiachin upon releasing him (25:28-30)? _____
6. Apply this section to your life! _____

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Final deportation and end of II Kings! II Kings 24-25

II Kings Outline

(1-17) Divided Kingdom (Judah and Israel/Northern Tribes)

(18-25) Surviving Kingdom (Judah)

Monday (April 5)—prayerfully read and enjoy the story of II Kings 24:1-10, Jehoiakim rebels against Nebuchadnezzar and is besieged by numerous bands, and dies.

1. How long did Jehoiakim serve Babylon before rebelling (24:1)? _____
2. List the bands of enemies which pestered Judah “to destroy it” (24:2)? _____
3. Who is remembered here for his wickedness, and what sin particularly is noted? (24:3-4)? _____
4. Who followed Jehoiakim as king of Judah, how old was he, and for how long did he reign (24:5-8)? _____

What other kingdom was subdued by Babylon at this time? _____

5. Was Jehoiachin a good king, and who again came up against Jerusalem (24:9-10)? _____
6. Why do you suppose these Judean kings kept rebelling against a seemingly much mightier (and a vicious) enemy?! _____

Tuesday (April 6)—**prayerfully** read II Kings 24:11-20, Jehoiachin (king after his father Jehoiakim) succumbs to Nebuchadnezzar and is deported, along with all the treasures of Judah and the best of the people, and Zedekiah is made king.

1. What changed between 24:10 and 11? _____

The Hanging Gardens of Babylon were the fabled gardens which adorned the capital of the Neo-Babylonian Empire, built by its greatest king Nebuchadnezzar II (r. 605-562 BC). One of the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World, they are the only wonder whose existence is disputed amongst historians. https://www.ancient.eu/Hanging_Gardens_of_Babylon/ (adapted from)

2. II Kings 24:8 reads that Jehoiakim reigned three months in Jerusalem, while 24:12 reads that he was taken in the eighth year of his reign; how can this be explained? _____

3. In verse thirteen we are told that the king of Babylon carried away all the _____ and in verse fourteen we are told that he carried away the _____ of Judah (looking for general terms). How many mighty men of valor were carried away captive _____, and how many men of might _____, and how many craftsmen and smiths (24:13-16)? _____
4. Whom did the king of Babylon make king in place of Jehoiakim (give both his old and new names), and how was he related to Jehoiakim (24:17)? _____
5. How old was Zedekiah when he began to reign, and for how long did he reign (24:18-20)? _____
6. What encouragement can you find in this section?! _____

Wednesday (April 7)—**prayerfully** read II Kings 25:1-7, Zedekiah also rebels against Nebuchadnezzar, and is defeated, and he is carried away.

1. What city again was besieged by Nebuchadnezzar, and who was the king of that city at this time (25:1-2)? _____
What did Nebuchadnezzar build against this city? _____
2. For how long was Jerusalem besieged this time (25:1-4)? _____
3. What brought down the city apparently (25:3-4)? _____

4. When did the men of war flee, where did the king go, and where was he taken (25:4-5)? _____
5. What terrible judgment (punishment) was rendered upon Zedekiah (25:6-7)? _____
6. What personal application can you make from this story? _____

Thursday (April 8)—**prayerfully** read II Kings 25:8-17, the next month, Babylon returns to Jerusalem and breaks down the walls, and carries the remaining people (except the poorest) away.

1. How many kinds of houses were identified as being “burnt with fire” (25:8-9)? _____
Give the title of the one who burnt these houses (Nebuzar-adan).

2. What other momentous act of destruction happened at this time (25:10)? _____
3. The rest of the Jews were carried by the captain of the guard, except for the poor; why were they left (25:11)? _____

4. What other three materials also were carried away to Babylon (25:13-17)? _____
5. Why do you suppose pillars of brass are mentioned in both verses 13 and 16? _____

6. What could you apply to your life from this section? _____

Friday (April 9)—**prayerfully** read II Kings 25:18-24, the final deportation of Judah to Babylon occurs, and Nebuchadnezzar makes Gedaliah ruler over the poor remaining.