

Old Testament

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Through the Old Testament in Two Years

Part Two



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Adaptable for all ages including adults

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Exile Foretold

Last week we learned that God gives us opportunities to do right so others can know His love. God sent Jeremiah to the potter's house. God said that we are like clays pots that He wants to shape.

Jeremiah 25-28

Read the Bible

READ: Jeremiah 25:1-11 (Hold your Bible open throughout the story.)

Memory Verse

Now you have been set free from sin, and you are God's slaves. This will make you holy and will lead you to eternal life. **(Romans 6:22 CEV)**

Begin with Prayer

When David's grandson, Solomon's son, Jeroboam, became king of Israel, Jeroboam refused to listen to the people. The kingdom was divided. The tribes of Benjamin and Judah became known as Judah. The other ten tribes became known as Israel. (1 Kings 12:15-23)

Jeremiah had been taking God's message to the people of Judah for 23 years. Again and again he preached God's message, but the people did not listen. (Jeremiah 25:1-3)

Jeremiah told the people that God had sent other prophets but they did not listen to them either. "But you haven't listened. You haven't paid any attention to them." (Jeremiah 25:4 NIrV)

Jeremiah and the other prophets told the people that they must change their sinful ways. "Each of you must turn from your evil ways and practices... Don't follow other gods. Don't serve them or worship them." God wanted Israel to stop worshipping idols they had made with their own hands. God warned them to stop so that He would not harm them. (Jeremiah 25:5-6 NIrV)

But Judah did not listen. They continued to live in sin worshipping idols. This made God angry. So God had decided to punish them. (Jeremiah 25:7)

Because Judah refused to listen, God said that He would send other nations to come against them. "I will bring all of them against this land and against you who live here. They will march out against all of the nations that are around this land." (Jeremiah 25:8 NIrV)

Goals

1. Understand that Jeremiah preached for 23 years.
2. Recognize that other prophets preached to Judah.
3. Learn that Judah did not listen.
4. Understand that God told Judah they would be captive for 70 years.

Exile Foretold – Bible Facts

1. Jeremiah preached to Judah for 23 years.
2. Jeremiah told Judah to stop sinning and not to worship idols.
3. God told Jeremiah to take His message to Judah one more time.
4. God told Judah to obey Him.

God told Judah that they would be captive in Babylon for seventy years. (Jeremiah 25:11)

Next Jeremiah told the people that God would come against them. “The Lord will roar from heaven like a lion. His voice will sound like thunder from his holy temple there. He will roar loudly against his land.” God said that He would shout “like those who stomp on grapes in winepresses.” Judah had angered God and God was against them. Jeremiah said that God was going to judge everyone. His judgment would be like a mighty storm. (Jeremiah 25:30-31 NIV)

Then God sent Jeremiah another message. God wanted Judah to have one more opportunity to receive His mercy. “Stand in the courtyard of my house. Speak to the people of the towns in Judah. Speak to all those who come to worship in my house. Tell them everything I command you. Do not leave out a single word.” (Jeremiah 26:1-2)

God was trying to give Judah one more opportunity to stop sinning. God tells Jeremiah to speak one more time and ask to follow Him. “Listen to me. Obey my law that I gave you. And listen to the words my servants the prophets are speaking. I have sent them to you again and again.” (Jeremiah 26:3-5 NIV)

Sadly, Judah did not listen. They chose to disobey God so God had to punish them. We can choose to obey God and follow Jesus. Those who believe in Jesus are set free from sin. “Now you have been set free from sin, and you are God's slaves. This will make you holy and will lead you to eternal life.” (Romans 6:22 CEV)

Review

1. **How long did Jeremiah preach to Judah?** (Jeremiah preached to Judah for 23 years.)
2. **What did Jeremiah say to Judah?** (Jeremiah told Judah to stop sinning and not to worship idols .)
3. **What did God say to Jeremiah?** (God told Jeremiah to take His message to Judah one more time.)
4. **What else did God say?** (God told Judah to obey Him.)

Do You Know Jesus?

God sent His faithful prophet Jeremiah and other prophets to tell Judah to obey Him and stop sinning. He wants us to do the same. He sent Jesus to die on the cross for our sin. Jesus rose from the dead and is alive. Because He lives we can have forgiveness and eternal life. All we have to do is ask God's forgiveness and invite Jesus to be a

Prayer Time

1. Take a moment to listen to God.
2. Thank God for sending Jesus so we could be forgiven.
3. Ask God to help you stop sinning.
4. Pray for friends and family members who need to stop sinning.

Application

Jeremiah preached to Judah for 23 years. God sent other prophets to preach to them. They told Judah to stop sinning, to stop worshipping idols, to obey God. Judah did not listen. God told them that they would be captive for 70 years. God sent Jesus to help us obey Him. “Now you have been set free from sin, and you are God's slaves. This will make you holy and will lead you to eternal life.” (Romans 6:22 CEV)

Planning for Next Week

Restoration Promises — Jeremiah 30-33

Preschool Lesson

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Teachers: Make lion masks.

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Memory verse for younger children

You have been set free from sin. Romans 6:22

Learning Activities

- **Memory verse activity** — Make a paper chain. Write the Bible verse on the chain.
- **Test your memory** — Bring coloring pictures of a lion, a wine press, a prophet, etc. Use the pictures as you tell the story. Ask the children to retell the story.
- **Taste activity** — Bring grapes for a snack.
- **Think about it**— Israel chose to live in their sin for 23 years even after Jeremiah preached to them . Talk about how Jeremiah might have felt.

God sent Jeremiah to ask Judah to stop sinning. They refused. Talk about God’s mercy.

- **Touch activity** — Make lion masks.

Color pictures of lions, wine presses, prophets, etc.

Have one child dress up like Jeremiah. Write the numbers 1 through 23 on note cards. Give each child a note card. As the child with the number 1 note card passes in front of Jeremiah, then Jeremiah will say, “Stop sinning, do not worship idols, obey God.” He will say the same thing 23 times to represent the 23 years that Jeremiah preached to Judah.

- **Run and play** — Have half of the children pretend to be from Babylon. The other half will be from Judah. Make cuffs like a paper chain from construction paper. Put the chain on the group from Judah. Ask the group from Babylon to lead them. Make them take 70 steps (to represent the years of captivity) to get from Judah to Babylon.
- **Listen** — As the children take time for silence, remind them that God wants us to obey Him.
- **Sing** — Sing “Obedience,” “The Lord Has A Will,” “Trust and Obey,” or another song related to the story.
- **Reach out** — During class, pray (by name) for kids who did not come today. Ask the children to go with you to deliver the paper chain with the Bible verse to those who were absent. Pray with the children who were absent. Encourage them to read the story in the Bible.

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Romans 6:22

Word Puzzle

Trace the letters.

Jeremiah

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Word Search

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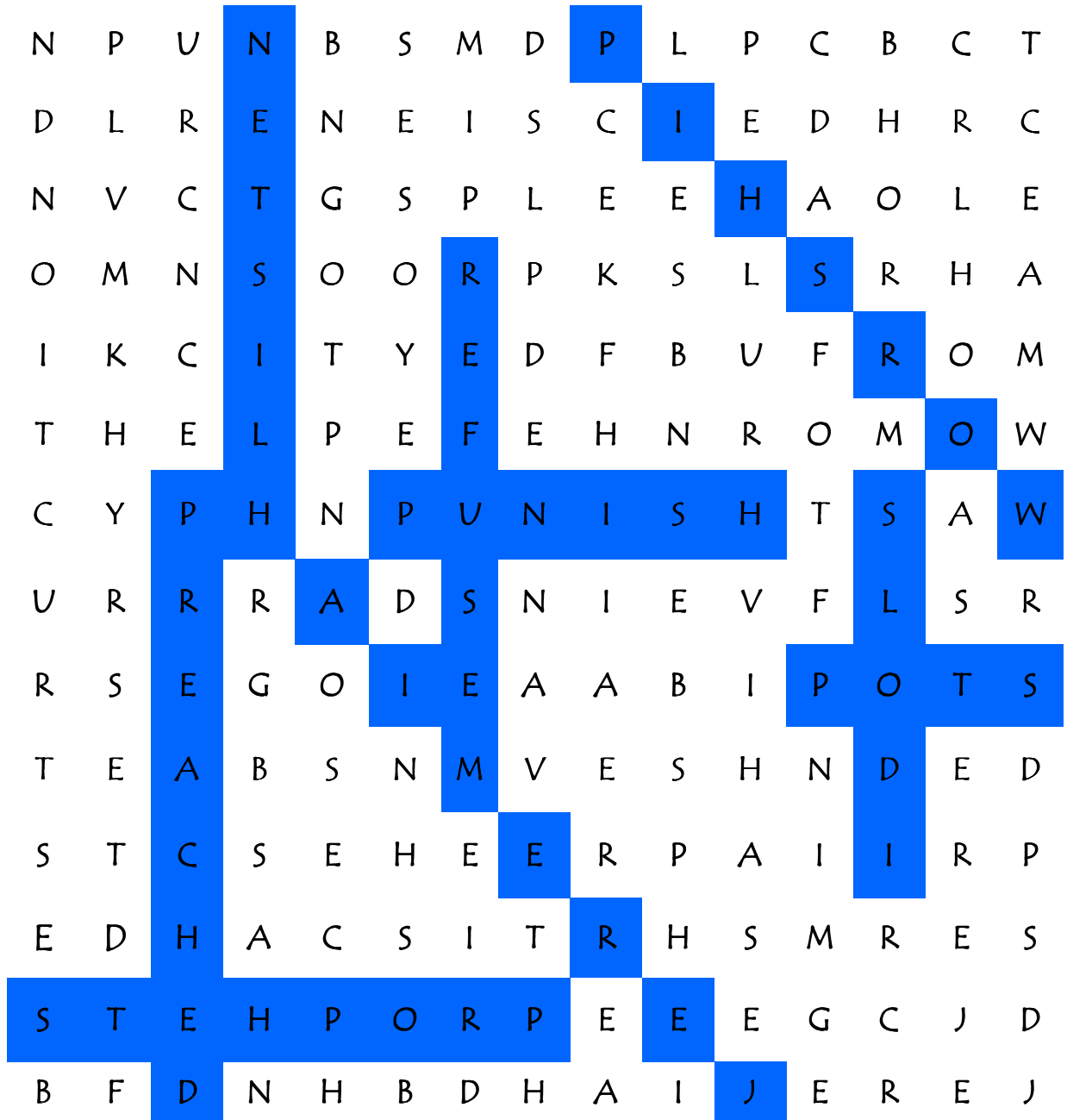
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