

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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Restoration Promises

Last week we learned that 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.

Jeremiah 30-32

Read the Bible

READ: Jeremiah 31:1-13 (Hold your Bible open throughout the story.)

Memory Verse

This is the covenant
I will make with Israel
after that time, says the Lord.
I will put my laws
in their minds. I will write them
on their hearts. I will be
their God. And they will be
my people.
Hebrews 8:10 NIRV

Begin with Prayer

Judah had been taken captive by Babylon. The king of Judah had been taken to Babylon, as well. (Jeremiah 24:1)

God continued to send messages of hope to Judah. Jeremiah continued to be faithful to deliver the messages that God gave him for Judah. "A new day is coming... I will bring my people Israel and Judah back from where they have been taken as prisoners. I will bring them back to this land." (Jeremiah 30:1 NIRV)

In His mercy God told Judah, "I will make you healthy again. I will heal your wounds." (Jeremiah 30:17 NIRV)

God let Judah know that they would have success again, and that they would experience His love again. God told them that they would sing with joy, that their numbers would increase, and that He would bring them honor. (Jeremiah 30:18-19)

God said that Judah would be brought near to Him and commit to serve Him. He would claim them as His own, "So you will be my people. And I will be your God." (Jeremiah 30:21-22)

God also admonished Judah and informed them that His anger would not go away. He would do what He planned. (Jeremiah 30:24)

God told Judah that they were still His people, but they would submit to their enemies as part of His punishment. God would give them peace and rest. (Jeremiah 31:1-2)

God told Judah that even though they are captive that one day they would dance with joy; that they would plant vineyards again; that He would build them up; that He loved them. "I have loved you with a love that lasts forever. I have kept on loving you with faithful love." (Jeremiah 31:3-5 NIRV)

God said that He would free them and save them. He told them that there would be joy because of all He would give them, grain, olive oil, fresh wine, animals, and herds. God said that they would be "Like a garden that has plenty of water." He told them that there would be joy

Goals

1. Understand that the people of Judah were captive because they were being punished for their sin.
2. Recognize that God sent Jeremiah to encourage them.
3. Learn that God promised to bring them back to the land.
4. Understand that God loved Judah even though they sinned against Him.

Restoration Promises – Bible Facts

1. God sent messages of hope to Judah.
2. Jeremiah told Judah that God would bring them back to the land.
3. God told Judah that He would punish them.
4. God promised to do good for Judah.

instead of sadness. Then young women would dance and be glad. And so would the men, young and old alike.” I will turn their sobbing into gladness. I will comfort them. And I will give them joy instead of sorrow. (Jeremiah 31:11-13)

Jeremiah declared that God has stretched out His “great and powerful arm... Nothing is too hard for you.” (Jeremiah 32:17 NIV) Jeremiah continued His praise to God saying, “You show your love to thousands of people. But you punish children for the sins of their fathers. Great and powerful God, your name is The Lord Who Rules Over All.” Jeremiah indicated that God sees everything and rewards people based on what they have done. (Jeremiah 32:18-19 NIV)

Jeremiah reminded Judah that God took them out of Egypt. God performed miracles for them and continued performing miracles for them. God gave them the land He had promised. But the people did not obey and they did not follow the laws that God had given them. God had to punish them because of their disobedience. (Jeremiah 32:20-23)

Once again God offered hope to the people of Judah. He told them that, even though He was angry, He would bring them back to the land. He would allow them to live in safety. (Jeremiah 32:37-38)

God’s mercy and love continues to resound, “They will be my people. And I will be their God. I will give them a single purpose in life. Then, they will always have respect for me.” God announced that He would make a new promise (covenant). Under the new promise the people will respect God and they would not turn away. God promised to do good for them. (Jeremiah 32:39-42)

Review

1. What kind of messages did God send to Judah? (God sent messages of hope to Judah.)
2. What did Jeremiah say to Judah? (Jeremiah told Judah that God would bring them back to the land.)
3. What admonition did God give Judah? (God told Judah that He would punish them.)
4. What else did God say? (God promised to do good for Judah.)

Do You Know Jesus?

God demonstrated His love and mercy for us when 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. If we invite Him to be a part of our lives, He will come and be a part of our lives forever. (Romans 10:9-10; John 3:16) Would you like to do that?

Prayer Time

1. Take a moment to listen to God.
2. Thank God for sending Jesus to show us His mercy and love.
3. Ask God to help you respect and love Him.
4. Pray for friends and family members who need to respect and love God.

Application

The people of Judah were captive because they were being punished for their sin. God sent Jeremiah to encourage them. God promised to bring them back to the land. God loved Judah even though they had sinned against Him. He promised to make a new covenant with them. (Hebrews 8:10)

Planning for Next Week

Lamentations — Lamentations 3

Preschool Lesson

Read the Bible

READ: Jeremiah 31:1-13 (Hold your Bible open throughout the story.)

Teachers: Make hearts. Write the memory verse on the heart. Decorate the heart.

Judah had been taken captive by Babylon. The king of Judah had been taken to Babylon, as well. (Jeremiah 24:1)

But God kept sending messages of hope to Judah. Jeremiah kept telling Judah what God said. "A new day is coming... I will bring my people Israel and Judah back from where they have been taken as prisoners. I will bring them back to this land."

Because God is kind, He told Judah, "I will make you healthy again. I will heal your wounds,"

God lets Judah know that they would be okay again and they would experience His love again. God said to them that they would sing with joy, they would grow in number, and He would bring them honor.

God said that Judah would come near to Him and choose to serve Him. He would call them His own, "So you will be my people. And I will be your God."

God also told them that His anger would not go away. He would do what He planned and punish them.

God told Judah that even though they are captive that one day she would dance with joy; that they would plant vineyards again; that He would build them up; that He loved them. "I have loved you with a love that lasts forever."

Prayer Time

1. Take a moment to listen to God.
2. Thank God for sending Jesus to show us His mercy and love.
3. Ask God to help you respect and love Him.

Memory verse for younger children

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Learning Activities

- **Memory verse activity** — Make hearts out of construction paper. Write the memory verse on the heart. Decorate the hearts with glitter glue.
- **Test your memory** — God gave Judah many opportunities to repent. Write 23 things about the story on note cards. Give each child a note card. Ask them to stand as you tell the part of the story related to the card they are holding.
- **Taste activity** — Bring heart shaped candy for a snack. Remind the children that God loves us.
- **Think about it**— Israel chose to live in their sin. God would punish them. They would be captive for 70 years. Talk about the consequences of sin.

Jeremiah preached to Judah for 23 years. Talk about God’s mercy.

- **Touch activity** — Bring coloring pages of grain, olive oil, fresh wine, animals and herds and a garden. Make a promise book. Talk about how these were the things God promised Judah.

Make a book in the shape of hearts. Include pages that have the messages of hope that God gave Judah. Write the following phrase on the hearts: a new day, return to the land, heal your wounds, sing with joy, experience love, numbers will increase, bring honor, my people, your God, etc.

- **Run and play** — God told Judah they would dance; they would sing with joy. Sing a song that allows the kids to move and sing (like Father Abraham).

Play a game. Have the children take 23 steps forward. Have them turn around 23 times (slowly). Have them jump 23 times.

- **Listen** — As the children take time for silence, remind them that God wants us to respect and love Him.

- **Sing** — Sing “Then They Will Know,” “Obedience,” “The Lord Has A Will,” 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 heart 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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Word Puzzle

Trace the letters.

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Word Search

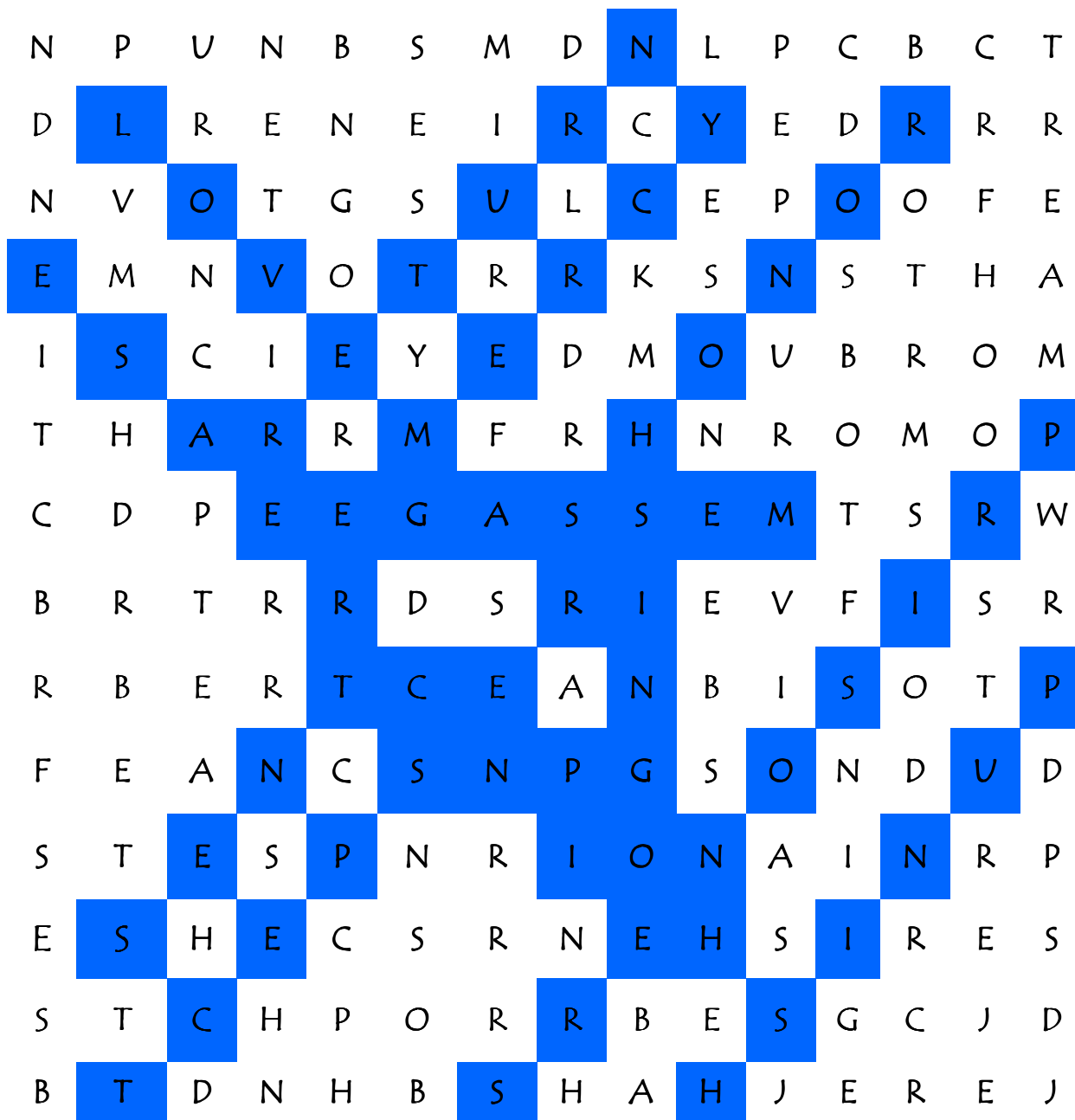
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Anagram

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RIETW

SREATH

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Anagram

COVENANT

ISRAEL

TIME

LAWS

MINDS

WRITE

HEARTS

THEIR GOD

MY PEOPLE