

THE STORY

FINDING YOUR STORY IN GOD'S STORY

The Kingdoms' Fall Chapter 17 — August 9, 2015

I. Judah had both good and bad kings.

But they mocked God's messengers, despised his words and scoffed at his prophets until the wrath of the LORD was aroused against his people and there was no remedy. - 2 Chronicles 36:16

A. **Josiah** was a good king, who began to reign at **8** years old.

B. Exile was coming, but the prophet Ezekiel prophesied **hope**.

I will show the holiness of my great name, which has been profaned among the nations, the name you have profaned among them. Then the nations will know that I am the LORD, declares the Sovereign LORD, when I am proved holy through you before their eyes. - Ezekiel 36:23

II. God used the **Babylonians** to judge sinful Judah.

A. The Babylonians destroyed **Jerusalem** and Judah in **586 B.C.**

B. The people of Judah were taken into **exile**.

III. God called the prophet **Jeremiah** (known as the "weeping prophet")

A. God called him while he was still in the **womb!** (Jer. 1:4-5)

B. Jeremiah made **excuses** that he was not qualified (Jer. 1:9-10)

C. Jeremiah's "**weeping**" and hope are recorded in the Book of **Lamentations**.

Because of the LORD's great love we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail. - Lamentations 3:22

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