

## WEEK 32 — PROPHECIES AROUND THE SECOND BABYLONIAN EXILE

**Date:** about 609-593 BC

**The Story:** God continues to intensify his judgment upon Judah, yet Judah refuses to repent and submit to his rule. After the Egyptian capture of Jerusalem in 609 BC and the Babylonian capture of the city in 605 BC, Jehoiakim king of Judah serves Babylon briefly, then rebels. Shortly after he dies, Babylon captures Jerusalem again (597 BC) and exiles more of its people, including the priest and soon-to-be prophet Ezekiel. Zedekiah comes to the throne of Judah, but he fails to listen to the warnings of Jeremiah, who remains to proclaim God's messages in Jerusalem even as Ezekiel begins to prophesy to the Jewish exiles in Babylonia.

\* Kids' readings may not align with the daily full readings. Parents, see the content ratings on the back page.

### AUGUST 7 JEREMIAH 18-20

**Today's reading** features two prophetic messages (chapters 18-19) linked to potters and pottery, each explaining why God will bring judgment on Judah unless they repent. Jeremiah 20 focuses on the opposition Jeremiah faces as he proclaims God's messages—opposition that briefly lands him in the stocks.

**Date:** maybe between 605 and 598 BC

**In a hurry? 10-minute reading:** Jeremiah 18-20

**Kids' Reading\*:** Jeremiah 18:1-17 • Jeremiah 23:1-8

### AUGUST 8 JEREMIAH 22-23

**Today's reading** is about leadership. 22:1-10 expresses what God expects of his people's leaders. 22:11-30 speaks God's rebukes against three successive kings of Judah: Shallum (another name for Jehoahaz, 609 BC), Jehoiakim (609-598 BC), and Jehoiachin (ruled three months in 598-597 BC). 23:1-8 prophesies God's future appointment of a godly king. 23:9-40 deals with poor religious leadership among the prophets.

**Date:** sometime between 609 and 598 BC (Jeremiah 22:13-19) • sometime between December 9, 598 BC, and April 22, 597 BC (Jeremiah 22:20-30) • uncertain, probably in the period 605-588 BC (Jeremiah 22:1-9, Jeremiah 23)

**In a hurry? 10-minute reading:** Jeremiah 22:1 to 23:8 • Jeremiah 23:25-40

**Kids' Reading\*:** Jeremiah 35

### AUGUST 9 JEREMIAH 35 • 2 KINGS 24 • 2 CHRONICLES 36:1-14 • JEREMIAH 24

**Today's reading** comes in four parts. First, God contrasts a family that obeys their forefather's command with his own people, who refuse to obey his commands. Second, we read about the kings of Judah from 605 BC, when Nebuchadnezzar took control of Jerusalem (and Daniel was exiled) to 589 BC, when King Zedekiah rebels against the Babylonians. Significant in the middle of this period is Babylon's second capture of Jerusalem and the exile of young King Jehoiachin in 597 BC. Third, we have the 2 Chronicles account of the same period, but beginning earlier, in 609 BC. Fourth, Jeremiah 24 expresses how God feels about the Jews still in Jerusalem and about those who have been exiled to Babylonia.

**Date:** between 602 and 598 BC (Jeremiah 35) • 605-589 BC (2 Kings 24) • 609-589 BC (2 Chronicles 36:1-14)  
• in or after 597 BC (Jeremiah 24)

**In a hurry? 10-minute reading:** Jeremiah 35 • 2 Kings 24 • 2 Chronicles 36:1-14 • Jeremiah 24

**Kids' Reading\*:** 2 Kings 24

### AUGUST 10 JEREMIAH 29 • JEREMIAH 49:34-39 • JEREMIAH 27

**Today's reading** reports the contents of an important message Jeremiah sent from Jerusalem to the exiles taken to Babylon in 597 BC. Notice God's instructions for these exiles, and the hope he offers them. Next we read a brief prophecy against Elam from around this time. Finally, we hear a prophecy featuring a yoke that represents God's requirement that Judah and the surrounding nations serve Nebuchadnezzar.

## DAILY BIBLE READINGS — Summit View Church of Christ

**Date:** in or after 597 BC (Jeremiah 29) • maybe between 597 and 593 BC (Jeremiah 49:34-39) • 593 BC (Jeremiah 27)

**In a hurry? 10-minute reading:** Jeremiah 29 • Jeremiah 49:34-39 • Jeremiah 27

**Kids' Reading\*:** 2 Chronicles 36:1-14 • Jeremiah 29:1-14 • Jeremiah 29:24-32

### AUGUST 11 JEREMIAH 50

**Today's reading** brings us part one of a lengthy prophecy against Babylon. It foretells that though God is giving his disobedient people over to Babylonian control, the Babylonians will abuse their authority from God and oppress his people, and God will ultimately bring judgment upon the Babylonians, as upon other nations. But God will forgive and bless the remnant of his own people.

**Date:** 593 BC

**In a hurry? 10-minute reading:** Jeremiah 50

**Kids' Reading\*:** Jeremiah 27

### AUGUST 12 JEREMIAH 51

**Today's reading** brings us part two of yesterday's prophecy against Babylon. Some of the imagery in this reading (51:6-7, 45) reappears much later in Revelation 17-18, where God deals with another "Babylon" and its oppression of his people.

**Date:** 593 BC

**In a hurry? 10-minute reading:** Jeremiah 51:6-35 • Jeremiah 51:45-64

**Kids' Reading\*:** Ezekiel 1

### AUGUST 13 EZEKIEL 1-5

**Today's reading** introduces us to the bizarre prophet Ezekiel, a young priest who was apparently taken to Babylonia in the exile of 597 BC. Several of Ezekiel's prophecies and visions are memorable for their strangeness. In today's reading, he sees a vision of God, who comes on a mobile throne transported by amazing heavenly creatures. He also eats a scroll. And he builds a clay model of Jerusalem and lays siege to it, then shaves off his hair and "kills" it. In all this, God commissions Ezekiel to be his prophet and foretells the judgment he will bring on Jerusalem.

**Date:** July 31 (Ezekiel 1:1 to 3:15) and August 7 (Ezekiel 3:16 to 5:17), 593 BC

**In a hurry? 10-minute reading:** Ezekiel 1-3

**Kids' Reading\*:** Ezekiel 2-3

#### Parents' Guide

##### PG preview for young children

**2K 24:**1-4 (V), 10-11 (V), 14-16 (T)

**2Chr 36:**6 (V)

**Jer 18:**13 (S), 16-17 (T), 18-23 (T), 22 (V)

**Jer 19:**3-4 (V), 15 (T)

**Jer 20:**2-6 (V), 7-12 (T), 8 (V)

**Jer 22:**3-7 (T, V), 10-13 (T), 17 (V), 18-19 (T), 20-30 (T, V)

**Jer 23:**1-2 (T), 9-32 (T), 10 (S), 14 (S), 39-40 (T)

**Jer 24:**9-10 (T, V)

**Jer 27:**8 (T, V), 13 (T, V), 15 (T), 17 (T), 20 (V)

**Jer 29:**17-21 (T, V), 26 (V), 32 (T)

**Jer 49:**35-38 (T, V)

**Jer 50:**3 (V), 8-18 (T, V), 21-46 (T, V)

**Jer 51:**1-14 (T, V), 20-58 (T, V), 62-64 (T)

**Ezek 3:**18-20 (T), 25-27 (T, V)

**Ezek 4:**8 (T), 16-17 (T)

**Ezek 5:**11-12 (V)

##### PG-13 preview for under age 13

**Jer 18:**21 (V)

**Jer 19:**10-13 (T, V)

**Jer 20:**14-18 (T)

**Jer 29:**22 (V), 23 (S)

**Ezek 4:**12-15 (T)

**Ezek 5:**14-17 (T, V)

##### R shocking, graphic, or disturbing

**Jer 19:**5-9 (V)

**Ezek 5:**10 (V)

C = Circumcision  
N = Nudity  
S = Sexuality  
T = Dark/Sensitive Themes  
V = Violence