

**Lesson 26**  
Judah's End and Cyrus' Decree  
( 2 Kings 25:22-30; 2 Chronicles 36:22-23 )

**Questions**

1. Who was governor of the people who were left in Judah (2 K. 25:22-24; see also Jer. 40:1-12)?
2. How did this governor die and where did many of the people go (2 K. 25:25-26; see also Jer. 40:13 – 41:18)?
3. What did Evil-merodach king of Babylon do to Jehoiachin (2 K. 25:27-30; see also Jer. 52:31-34)?
4. What proclamation or decree did Cyrus king of Persia make and why (2 Chron. 36:22-23)?

**Digging Deeper**

1. What did Jeremiah say to the remnant of the people who wanted to go to Egypt (2 K. 25:26; see Jer. 42-44)?
2. Who were Nebuchadnezzar and Evil-merodach kings of Babylon and what are the approximate dates of their reigns (2 K. 25:22-30)?
3. Who was Cyrus king of Persia and what is the approximate date of his decree (2 Chron. 36:22-23)?
4. Where else in the OT is the decree of Cyrus recorded (2 Chron. 36:22-23)?

5. Where in the book of Jeremiah did he prophesy of the 70-year Babylonian captivity and its end (2 Chron. 36:21-22)?
  
6. What did the kings of Israel and the kings of Judah (the last four) do that caused the Lord to take them into captivity (2 K. 17:21-22; 2 Chron. 36:5, 9, 11)?
  
7. What did the people of Israel and the people of Judah do that caused the Lord to take them into captivity (2 K. 17:7-12, 15-23; 2 Chron. 36:14)?
  
8. How did the people in Israel and in Judah respond to the Lord's repeated warnings that caused them to go into captivity (2 K. 17:13-14; 2 Chron. 36:15-16)?

### **Applications for Today**

1. When the Lord says not to do something, don't go ahead and do it anyway (2 K. 25:22-26; Jer. 42-44; Tit. 1:16).
  
2. Be kind to others, even your enemies (2 K. 25:27-30; Lk. 6:27).
  
3. God acts in the lives of world leaders to fulfill his word for his people (2 Chron. 36:22-23; Prov. 21:1).