

LIVING WATER CHRISTIAN CHURCH: READING PLAN April 12-18

MONDAY 4/12: 2 Kings 24:2-5; 2 Chronicles 36:8-10; Jeremiah 22:20-30; 2 Kings 24:6-17; Jeremiah 52:28; Jeremiah 48

600 BC Nebuchadnezzar with Chaldean, Syrian, Moabite and Ammonite forces, storms and destroys much of Judah. Jehoiakim is killed and given the 'burial of an ass' as predicted (Jeremiah 22:19). His son Jehoiachin is made king but in three months is taken to Babylon with thousands of skilled Jews and much treasure. Zedekiah is now appointed king. Jeremiah pronounces severe punishment against proud Moab for their years of enmity.

- *Note Jeremiah 22:20–23:* The reference to Lebanon metaphorically refers to Jerusalem with all its prestigious buildings built with Lebanon cedar timber.

TUESDAY 4/13: Jeremiah 24, 23, 30; Jeremiah 31:1-19

After the exiles leave, God tells Jeremiah that those still in Judah or Egypt are like bad figs and will die. God will punish their false leaders and later will re-gather His flock from all countries.

WEDNESDAY 4/14: 2 Chronicles 36:11-16; 2 Kings 24:18-19; Jeremiah 25:1-2; Jeremiah 49

599 BC Zedekiah (21), appointed by Babylon, ignores Jeremiah and God's warnings. The people also mock God's messages. God says He will use Babylon to punish Judah, Ammon, Edom, Arabia, and Damascus. Elam will also be exiled but restored in the 'last days'.

THURSDAY 4/15: Jeremiah 27-29

Jeremiah emphasizes that God is in control and that Babylon is doing His will. He urges the envoys from adjacent nations and all in Jerusalem to submit to that nation. He says the remaining temple treasure will be taken and the people should now seek the welfare of Babylon for 70 years. Hananiah is to die for falsely prophesying against Jeremiah. Shemaiah will also be punished.

FRIDAY 4/16: Jeremiah 50; Jeremiah 31:10-40

595 BC God tells Jeremiah to prophesy to the nations that Babylon 'has been captured and put to shame' and the sons of Israel will come home.

SATURDAY 4/17: Jeremiah 51

Jeremiah says God is stirring the spirit of the Medes to destroy Babylon. Seraiah (Zedekiah's quartermaster) took this prophecy on its future defeat to Babylon, read it publicly then threw it in the Euphrates.

- *Note Jeremiah 51:1–58:* The public reading and sinking of Jeremiah's scroll in the river was a declaration to the Satanic spirits of Babylon that God was finished with them.

SUNDAY 4/18: Ezekiel 1-3; Ezekiel 33:1-20

595 BC Ezekiel, exiled in **605 BC**, has a vision in Babylon of four cherubim guarding the throne of God. He is told to speak to the rebellious exiles there. In another vision he eats a scroll and must watch and warn his people.