

*SERMON NOTES –20/09/15*

**“Exile – Judgement Has Arrived!”**

II Kings 24:8-16

I Just Don't Understand

Creating something good only to destroy it

Jehoiachin's reign  
It was evil

It was short

It was a disaster in the making

The nation  
They could not rebuild

They were warned

We are no different

**To Ponder In A Quiet Moment Or Over a Cuppa With A Friend:**

Would God create something good only to destroy it?

Why is it that we overlook evil and don't call it for what it is?

Why is Jesus the ultimate example of good that is destroyed?

**BIBLE STUDY QUESTIONS 20/09/15**

II Kings 24:8-16

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1. What do we know of Jehoiachin? Does the meaning of his name give any indication as to his kingship?
2. He was 18 when he came to the throne. What are some characteristics of 18 year olds that will help or hinder him as king?
3. What evil did Jehoiachin do in the eyes of the Lord? Who else had done such evil? What evil might we deviate to?
4. What was Nebuchadnezzar doing at the time Jehoiachin was king?
5. Verse 9 is a constant refrain through the historical books. When there is so much evil around us are there times when we grow weary of the ever-present evil?
6. Who did Nebuchadnezzar take back to Babylon and who did he leave? What was the reason behind such deportations?
7. Was there any possibility of rebuilding?
8. What did the period of the “exile” signify for God's people? Is there an equivalent period for Christians?
9. Did God's people deserve the treatment they received? Why or why not?
10. Would God judge the church? (I Peter 4:7-9; Rev. 2:5) Under what circumstances would God judge the church? How would we know if the church is being judged?
11. What warning should we take away from these verses? (I Cor. 10:1ff) Would God create something good only to destroy it?
12. What became of Jehoiachin?