

# **Sunday School Lesson**

**November 9, 2025**

**Jerusalem's Fall**

**2 Kings 24:18-20; 25:1-9**

Instructor: Ralph Gordon

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# Questions for Us Today

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What is your opinion regarding the fall of an empire?

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# Sunday School Lesson Objective

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To understand why and how God punished the Kingdom of Judah and its final king – and what hope remains thereafter.

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## **Points of Information – 1 and 2 Kings**

The author of the Books of Kings is unknown.

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Some say that it was either Ezra or the Prophet Jeremiah or the Prophet Ezekiel.

## Points of Information – 1 and 2 Kings

The Books of Kings cover over 400 years of Biblical history.

The Books of Kings provide a historical record of Israel, from the time of King David through the rule of the last monarch, Zedekiah.

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Primarily due to the harsh taxation policies of King Solomon and his successor son, Rehoboam, the Kingdom of Israel split in two.

The Northern Kingdom retained the name of Israel and consisted of 10 (of the original 12) tribes. The Southern Kingdom, with just 2 tribes, was known as Judah.

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Assyria conquered the Northern Kingdom of Israel and dispersed its people in 722 BCE.

Babylon completed its conquest of the Southern Kingdom of Judah – in 586 BCE – and took those people into exile.

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Following a long line of the Kings of Judah, who mostly “did evil in the sight of the Lord,” we now come to the final ruler, Zedekiah.

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Zedekiah has been called a “vassal king,” since he was propped up by the ruling nation of Babylon.

## 2 Kings 24:18 (NIV)

Zedekiah was twenty-one years old when he became king, and he reigned in Jerusalem eleven years. His mother's name was Hamutal daughter of Jeremiah; she was from Libnah.

## 2 Kings 24:19

He did evil in the sight of the LORD,  
just as Jehoiakim had done.

## 2 Kings 24:20

It was because of the LORD's anger that all this happened to Jerusalem and Judah, and in the end He thrust them from His presence. Now Zedekiah rebelled against the king of Babylon.

## 2 Kings 25:1

So in the ninth year of Zedekiah's reign, on the tenth day of the tenth month, Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon marched against Jerusalem with his whole army. He encamped outside the city and built siege works all around it.

## 2 Kings 25:2

The city was kept under siege until the eleventh year of King Zedekiah.

## 2 Kings 25:3

By the ninth day of the fourth month the famine in the city had become so severe that there was no food for the people to eat.

## 2 Kings 25:4

Then the city wall was broken through,  
and the whole army fled at night  
through the gate between the two walls  
near the king's garden, though the  
Babylonians were surrounding the city.

They fled toward the Arabah,

## 2 Kings 25:5

but the Babylonian army pursued the king and overtook him in the plains of Jericho.

All his soldiers were separated from him and scattered,

## 2 Kings 25:6

and He was captured.

He was taken to the king of Babylon at Riblah, where sentence was pronounced on him.

## 2 Kings 25:7

They killed the sons of Zedekiah before his eyes. Then they put out his eyes, bound him with bronze shackles and took him to Babylon.

## 2 Kings 25:8

On the seventh day of the fifth month, in the nineteenth year of Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon, Nebuzaradan commander of the imperial guard, an official of the king of Babylon, came to Jerusalem.

## 2 Kings 25:9

He set fire to the temple of the LORD, the royal palace and all the houses of Jerusalem. Every important building he burned down.

## Remember this:

The story does not end with the fall of Jerusalem and Judah.

**Consider this:**

**Jeremiah 31:31-33**

## Remember this:

Let us never forget that God's Word is fulfilled through the *real King*: Our Lord and Savior, Jesus the Christ.