



## H2H Questions – Week of Sunday, September 5, 2021

2 Kings 24-25

### Get to Know Me

1. How do you handle moments in your life when something important is coming to an end?

### Into the Bible

2. In the opening seven verses of chapter 24, it is the beginning of the end for the kingdom of Judah. It's been a long time coming, but God is now using the Babylonian Empire to bring the judgment that He has warned them about. Generations have come and gone and God is finally ready to act. What does this story, and the following verses teach us about the longsuffering of God?
  - a. Psalm 86:15
  - b. Romans 2:4
  - c. 2 Peter 3:9
3. Read the comments about the last three kings in Judah from 2 Kings 23:37, 2 Kings 24:9, and 2 Kings 19. Also, keep in mind that the prophet Jeremiah, among others was continually prophesying about everything that was going to come about. Why do you think these kings continued in their sinful ways and refused to repent?
4. What do the following verses teach us about how we can avoid sinful stubbornness in our own lives?
  - a. Psalm 32:5
  - b. Proverbs 1:23
  - c. Proverbs 28:13
  - d. James 1:22



5. When the last king is taken into captivity, the remaining leaders are killed by the Babylonians, a godly man named Gedaliah is made the governor of the region. What was his advice to the few remaining people of Judah in 2 Kings 25:24?
6. The Lord had brought these rebellious people to this point and the best that they could do was to finally submit to God, even in these difficult circumstances. How does Gedaliah's advice compare to what we learn from 1 Peter 5:6?
7. These two chapters end with a brief description of how the treatment of Jehoiachin changed as the Babylonians began to treat him better. The story of so much death, destruction, and plundering ends with a glimpse of grace and we get the sense that God is not done with these people after all. What can we learn about the grace and mercy of God from the following verses?
  - a. Psalm 86:5
  - b. Micah 7:18
  - c. 2 Corinthians 8:9
  - d. Ephesians 2:4

### **Application**

8. How can you experience more of God's grace in your life?