

Scripture to read: 2 Kings 24, 25th chapters

Babylonians who burned the temple in Jerusalem

Since the people did not follow God wholeheartedly, God did not forbid when other nations captured Israel and Judah. God told Abraham that the Canaanites will be as slaves for about 400 years in Egypt. We can read this in the book of Genesis 15:13. He also told them that he would redeem them and bring them to the nation of Canaan. Though the people whom God brought, was one nation in the beginning, later it was divided and reined as Israel and Judah. Solomon built a temple in Jerusalem for the people to worship the Lord. The temple that was built with the correct order and instruction from God was defiled by King Manasseh by building the altar for foreign gods. Since these people angered God through such sin, he delivered them into the hands of their enemy. He also told them that Jerusalem will be wiped away. Also because King Hezekiah showed all the riches and wealth to the Babylonians, God warned him through Isaiah the Prophet "that everything will be carried away by the Babylonians "in the same way Babylonian king Nebuchadnezzar captured Jerusalem.

Question:

Who burned and destroyed the temple in Jerusalem?

Answer:

King Nebuchadnezzar servant Nebuzaradan, the captain of the guard and an official of the Babylonian king, arrived in Jerusalem. He burned down the Temple of the LORD, the royal palace, and all the houses of Jerusalem. He destroyed all the important buildings in the city. The Temple which was built for 7years using gold, silver and cedar woods was destroyed by others, is this not a distressed situation dear children? We should not take God"s forgiveness and his discipline lightly. It is the holy bond between God and us that is important. Living in sin and doing good deeds is of no use at all. Today our body is the temple of God and we should keep it holy. Even small sins such as Pride, aggravation, lie, anger and robbery should not be seen in us. If you have to face a situation

where you are forced to say or do things that are displeasing God, you should immediately pray to him from your heart. If you ask the Lord to help you, he will instantly deliver you from that sin.

He makes these things happen either to punish people or to show his unfailing love. Job 31:13

Prayer

Our God who is filled with compassion, we will whole heartedly follow you Lord. Please forgive us from our transgression and iniquities. Amen