

## Story 76: The Fall of Jerusalem

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Read this story in the Bible in 2 Chronicles 36:9-23; Ezra 1:1-11

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### Questions

1. Why did the Israelites have so many problems?
2. What happened to the Northern Kingdom?
3. Who defeated the Southern Kingdom?
4. Where were the people of the Southern Kingdom taken?
5. How long did the Israelites stay in Babylonia?
6. What did God do when the Israelites returned to Jerusalem?
7. What lesson did the people learn from their captivity in Babylonia?

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