

2 Kings 24-25 - The Fall of Jerusalem

1. **2 Kings 23:36-25:30** tells how Jerusalem was destroyed by the Babylonians. Match the events which took place under each of these Judean rulers.

_____	Joahaz	A. the temple and city were burned
_____	Jehoiakim	B. the Judeans paid tribute to Egypt
_____	Jehoiachin	C. rebels killed the governor and then fled to Egypt
_____	Zedekiah	D. the temple furnishings were taken away
_____		E. Jerusalem was captured by Babylonian troops
_____	Gedaliah	F. the king died as a prisoner in Egypt
		G. the king's sons were killed, then he was blinded and exiled
		H. the leading priests and officials were executed
		I. the king and leading citizens were deported to Babylon
		J. the king submitted to the king of Babylon for 3 year and then rebelled
		K. while Jerusalem was under siege, the temple and palace treasures were given to King Nebuchadnezzar

2. In your own words, why was the Lord so angry with the people of Judea?
3. Approximately how many people were taken from Judea, and how long were they in exile?
4. What did the Babylonians do to the Judeans, to their city Jerusalem, and to the Lord's temple?
5. By the way, what small sign of hope is given at the end of this story?
See **2 Kings 25:27-30**.