

Clarence Park Baptist Church

Question for Week following service 12th Feb 2023



2 CHRONICLES

Lessons For Today From The Stories Of Yesterday

Week 4

Hope Is Never Lost Completely (Chapter 35 & 36)

Big Idea of the Message: Second Chronicles begins by highlighting the reign of Solomon, the temple he built, and the wisdom he had.

Application Point: We will be people who turn from evil and call on the name of the Jesus.

Preparation

1. Watch the sermon from the church YouTube channel <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aoUKfXVwehM>
2. Begin with a time of prayer – asking God to help you learn something new
3. Read the passages below and reflect on the questions, if meeting with a group share your answers together.

2 Chronicles 35:1-7, & 36:15-23 NIVUK

Josiah celebrates the Passover

¹ Josiah celebrated the Passover to the LORD in Jerusalem, and the Passover lamb was slaughtered on the fourteenth day of the first month. ² He appointed the priests to their duties and encouraged them in the service of the LORD's temple. ³ He said to the Levites, who instructed all Israel and who had been consecrated to the LORD: 'Put the sacred ark in the temple that Solomon son of David king of Israel built. It is not to be carried about on your shoulders. Now serve the LORD your God and his people Israel. ⁴ Prepare yourselves by families in your divisions, according to the instructions written by David king of Israel and by his son Solomon.

⁵ 'Stand in the holy place with a group of Levites for each sub-division of the families of your fellow Israelites, the lay people. ⁶ Slaughter the Passover lambs, consecrate yourselves and prepare the lambs for your fellow Israelites, doing what the LORD commanded through Moses.'

⁷ Josiah provided for all the lay people who were there a total of thirty thousand lambs and goats for the Passover offerings, and also three thousand cattle – all from the king's own possessions.

2 Chronicles 36:15-23 New International Version - UK

The fall of Jerusalem

¹⁵ The LORD, the God of their ancestors, sent word to them through his messengers again and again, because he had pity on his people and on his dwelling-place. ¹⁶ But they mocked God's messengers, despised his words and scoffed at his prophets until the wrath of the LORD was aroused against his people and there was no remedy. ¹⁷ He brought up against them the king of the Babylonians, who killed their young men with the sword in the sanctuary, and did not spare young men or young women, the elderly or the infirm. God gave them all into the hands of Nebuchadnezzar. ¹⁸ He carried to Babylon all the articles from the temple of God, both large and small, and the treasures of the LORD's temple and the treasures of the king and his officials. ¹⁹ They set fire to God's temple and broke down the wall of Jerusalem; they burned all the palaces and destroyed everything of value there.

²⁰ He carried into exile to Babylon the remnant, who escaped from the sword, and they became servants to him and his successors until the kingdom of Persia came to power. ²¹ The land enjoyed its sabbath rests; all the time of its desolation it rested, until the seventy years were completed in fulfilment of the word of the LORD spoken by Jeremiah.

²² In the first year of Cyrus king of Persia, in order to fulfil the word of the LORD spoken by Jeremiah, the LORD moved the heart of Cyrus king of Persia to make a proclamation throughout his realm and also to put it in writing:

²³ 'This is what Cyrus king of Persia says:

“The LORD, the God of heaven, has given me all the kingdoms of the earth and he has appointed me to build a temple for him at Jerusalem in Judah. Any of his people among you may go up, and may the LORD their God be with them.”

Questions for discussion

Reflect on the message of the sermon using the following questions.

Take time at the end to ask what is God teaching you this week to help you grow as a disciple of Jesus?

1. What is one thing that stood out to you from this week's message?
2. God is patient and compassionate.
 - a) How has this been evidenced in your own life?
 - b) How are you like God in this way towards others?
What might need to change and how?
3. Look at 2 Chronicles 36:1-16.
What examples are there in the passage for why people ignore God?
4. How did God respond to the sins of the kings and generations that followed? How does God respond to sin in our lives?
5. "Hope Is Never Lost" Because the writer wanted the readers to know that their story was not yet finished. Why would this bring hope?
6. In what ways is your story unfinished and what is your hope?

Prayer

Take some time to pray for the church, our local community and for you to know more of God in your daily walking with him.