



Sunday 10th May 2020

Online Service at 4pm

(Sunday School at 3.30pm)

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We will be streaming the service using the zoom app, which you will be prompted to download if you follow the link above. If you already have zoom installed, then you can manually join room 797 432 2434 with the password 310695. It's possible to just listen in, but we would prefer if as many as possible could participate using a webcam and microphone, so that it can be more interactive.

WELCOME (Andrew L)

*"His dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away,
and his kingdom one that shall not be destroyed."*
Daniel 7:14 (ESV)

SONG: God the uncreated one (Immy and All)

CHILDREN'S TALK (Nathan)

CONFESSION (All)

Almighty God, our heavenly Father,
We have sinned against you
And against our fellow men,
In thought and word and deed,
In the evil we have done
And in the good we have not done,
Through ignorance, through weakness,
Through our own deliberate fault.
We are truly sorry and repent of all our sins.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, who died for us,
Forgive us all that is past;
And grant that we may serve you in newness of life
To the glory of your name. Amen.

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NOTICES (Andrew L)

SMALL GROUPS (All)

CONGREGATIONAL READING (All)

Leader: When your days are fulfilled and you lie down with
your fathers, I will raise up your offspring after you,
who shall come from your body,

All: **And I will establish his kingdom.**

Leader: He shall build a house for my name,

All: **And I will establish the throne of his kingdom
forever.**

Leader: And your house and your kingdom shall be made sure
forever before me.

All: **Your throne shall be established forever.**

(2 Samuel 7:12-13, 16)

READING: 2 Kings 24:10-20 (Jason)

SERMON (Andrew S)

PRAYERS (Niamh)

SONG: Jesus shall reign (Immy and All)

BLESSING (Andrew L)

GOODBYE IN SMALL GROUPS (All)

OPTIONAL Q&A

Next Sunday 17th May:

God's kindness when life is bitter – Ruth 1

“Get out of my sight”

2 Kings 23:31 – 25:30



24 ¹⁰ At that time the servants of Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon came up to Jerusalem, and the city was besieged.

¹¹ And Nebuchadnezzar

king of Babylon came to the city while his servants were besieging it, ¹² and Jehoiachin the king of Judah gave himself up to the king of Babylon, himself and his mother and his servants and his officials and his palace officials. The king of Babylon took him

prisoner in the eighth year of his reign ¹³ and carried off all the treasures of the house of the LORD and the treasures of the king's house, and cut in pieces all the vessels of gold in the temple of the LORD, which Solomon king of Israel had made, as the LORD had foretold.

¹⁴ He carried away all Jerusalem and all the officials and all the mighty men of valor, 10,000 captives, and all the craftsmen and the smiths. None remained, except the poorest people of the land. ¹⁵ And he carried away Jehoiachin to Babylon. The king's mother, the king's wives, his officials, and the chief men of the land he took into captivity from Jerusalem to Babylon. ¹⁶ And the king of Babylon brought captive to Babylon all the

men of valor, 7,000, and the craftsmen and the metal workers, 1,000, all of them strong and fit for war. ¹⁷ And the king of Babylon made Mattaniah, Jehoiachin's uncle, king in his place, and changed his name to Zedekiah.

¹⁸ Zedekiah was twenty-one years old when he became king, and he reigned eleven years in Jerusalem. His mother's name was Hamutal the daughter of Jeremiah of Libnah. ¹⁹ And he did what was evil in the sight of the LORD, according to all that Jehoiakim had done.

²⁰ For because of the anger of the LORD it came to the point in Jerusalem and Judah that he cast them out from his presence.

In the end, God tells sinful people to “get out of my sight”

“Surely this came upon Judah at the command of the LORD, to *remove them out of his sight*, for the sins of Manasseh, according to all that he had done, and also for the innocent blood that he had shed. For he filled Jerusalem with innocent blood, and the LORD would not pardon.” (24:3-4)

“For because of the anger of the LORD it came to the point in Jerusalem and Judah that he *cast them out from his presence*.” (24:20)

“And then will I declare to them, ‘I never knew you; depart from me, you workers of lawlessness.’” (Matthew 7:23)

Their destruction is calculated and complete

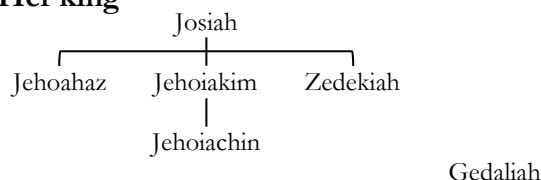
Jehoahaz reigned for only 3 months (23:31)	Jehoiachin reigned for only 3 months (24:8)
Jehoahaz imprisoned by Pharaoh Neco (23:33)	Jehoiachin imprisoned by Nebuchadnezzar (24:12)
Pharaoh Neco installed Eliakim as king, and changes his name to Jehoiakim (23:34)	Nebuchadnezzar installed Mattaniah as king and changed his name to Zedekiah (24:17)
Jehoahaz went to Egypt (23:34)	People fled from the Chaldeans to Egypt (25:26)
Jehoiakim reigned for 11 years (23:36) then foolishly rebelled (24:1)	Zedekiah reigned for 11 years (24:18) then foolishly rebelled (24:20)
Nebuchadnezzar besieged Jerusalem (24:10)	Nebuchadnezzar besieged Jerusalem (25:1)
Temple ransacked for gold (24:13)	Temple ransacked for bronze (25:13-17)
Deportation of the men of valour (24:14)	Deportation of the ordinary residents (25:11)



“I will wipe Jerusalem as one wipes a dish, wiping it and turning it upside down.”
(2 Kings 21:13)

All that was glorious is stripped away

Her king



Her salvation

God brought them out of Egypt (1 Kings 8:9, 16, 21, 51; 2 Kings 17:7, 36)
But now they return to Egypt (23:34; 25:26)

Her temple

Solomon received gold from the nations and gold filled the temple (1 Kings 6-7; 10:14-15)
But since then the temple has been ransacked for gold seven times (1 Kings 14:26; 15:18; 2 Kings 12:17-18; 14:13-14; 16:7-8; 18:14-16; 24:13-14)

But in 2 Kings it wasn't quite the end...

“Hezekiah [was] the father of Manasseh, and Manasseh the father of Amos, and Amos the father of Josiah, and Josiah the father of Jechoniah and his brothers, at the time of the deportation to Babylon...”

... And after the deportation to Babylon: Jechoniah was the father of Shealtiel, and Shealtiel the father of Zerubbabel, and Zerubbabel the father of Abiud, and Abiud the father of Eliakim, and Eliakim the father of Azor, and Azor the father of Zadok, and Zadok the father of Achim, and Achim the father of Eliud, and Eliud the father of Eleazar, and Eleazar the father of Matthan, and Matthan the father of Jacob, and Jacob the father of Joseph the husband of Mary, of whom Jesus was born, who is called Christ.” (Matthew 1:10-16)

COFFEE QUESTIONS

- What has today's passage taught you about God's character?
- What has it taught you about the danger of thinking you're one of God's people, if you drift away from him?
- How has it made you grateful for King Jesus?

PLEASE NOTE...

- 1. Welcome to Grace Church!** If you are joining us for the first time today online, we would love to connect with you in person. Please email immy.dancer@greenwich.church if you would like to be on our mailing list and leave your phone number if you would like someone to give you a call.
- 2. Daily Devotional:** we are hosting 15-minute zoom meetings at 1pm Monday to Friday this week for anyone who is free, at www.greenwich.church/live. There will be a short exposition from the Bible, prayer and a chance to chat in smaller groups.
- 3. Jesus: a sceptic's guide:** from 7-14th June we will hold a week of events (physically or online) to introduce people to the claims of Christ, including special Sunday services at either end of the week. Our guest speaker is Tom Heasman from Dundonald Church.
- 4. Grace Groups Online:** we meet on Wednesdays at 8pm to read God's word and pray for each other. Let us know if you'd like to join a group.
- 5. Bitesize Theology:** before Grace Groups, we are offering a 30-minute introduction to key Christian doctrines. This term we will be considering the biblical basis for what we do on Sundays. This week we are looking at the doctrine of *Baptism*. Tune in at 7:15pm for a prompt start at www.greenwich.church/live
- 6. Big Question: Do we need God for justice?** Our monthly "Big Questions" series continues 31st May at 7pm on www.greenwich.church/live. Jeremy Cooke, a High Court judge, will give a talk followed by Q&A.
- 7. Summer Camps:** an opportunity to be involved in Christian activity holidays for young people through leading a group, practical tasks, or cooking. We hope some might still go ahead. If you would like to know more, please ask one of the people listed below:
 - LDN 20th-30th July (Andrew Latimer, Nathan Killen)
- 8. Talks Online:** you can catch up or listen again to the Sunday sermons either on the church website, via our iPhone or Android app, or via smart speaker (users on Amazon Echo devices just need to say "Open Grace Church Greenwich" and Google Home/Assistant users "Talk to Grace Church Greenwich")
- 9. Giving:** Grace Church is funded by the donations of its members. To support our work and give tax efficiently please contact treasurer@greenwich.church (40-52-40/00027789)

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