



5. Jeremiah 52:4-7 describes the events that occurred in 586 B.C. Based on the dates listed in this text, how long did the attack upon Jerusalem last (see also 2 Kings 25:1-3)?

6. What happened to King Zedekiah (Jeremiah 52:10-12)?

7. In what year was Jehoiakim the “*king of Judah*” (as mentioned in Daniel 1:1)? So, in what year were Daniel and his friends taken as elite captives to Babylon?

8. Which prophet told King Hezekiah, “...*all that is in your house, and what your fathers have accumulated until this day, shall be carried to Babylon; nothing shall be left,*” (see 2 Kings 20:16-19)? For which king’s sins was God going to punish Israel (2 Kings 21:10-16)? Did these prophecies come true (Daniel 1:2)?

9. What type of abilities was the king of Babylon looking for in his Israelite recruits who would serve in the king’s palace (1:3-4)? What, then, can we conclude about Daniel and his friends?

10. We sometimes hear people say, “I do not want to raise children in an ungodly culture.” As we consider Daniel, does an ungodly culture mean God cannot still use us and our children for His purposes?! How might we use a case study of Daniel to respond to this fear?