

## **REBUILDING**

### The Captivity Begins

#### **2 Kings 24:10-14 (ESV)**

#### A. Recap

#### B. Timeline of the Babylonian Captivity

722 B.C. - Assyria captured the North (Israel)

612 B.C. – Babylon/Medes invade Assyria/Egypt

609 B.C. – Jehoiakim becomes King of Judah

605 B.C. – Babylon becomes the dominant world power (Nebuchadnezzar)

605 B.C. – Babylon invades the South (Judah) – 1<sup>st</sup> wave of deportation

601 B.C. – Judah aligns with Egypt (Jeremiah warned against the alliance)

597 B.C. – Jehoiachin becomes King of Judah

597 B.C. – Babylon invades the South (Judah) – 2<sup>nd</sup> wave of deportation

587 B.C. – Babylon invades the South (Judah) – 3<sup>rd</sup> wave of deportation

586 B.C. – Jerusalem and the Temple are destroyed

End of the monarchy in Judah (Biblical Israel in the OT)

#### C. Initial Lessons Learned from God's People in Exile

1. Turn to God rather than government/secular sources
2. God's people were a witness during the Exile
3. The importance of individual faith in God
4. The Exile separated the spiritual from the political
5. God's presence is inward, not a physical location
6. God's Word is not bound to circumstances or locations
7. The importance of God's people being a separate people
8. There is a difference between how God's people and non-believers approach exile