

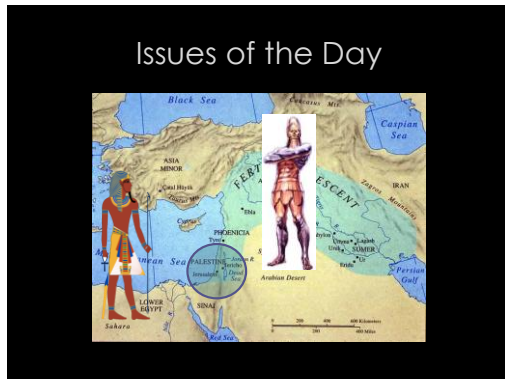
BEFORE THE EYES OF ADONAI

2 Chronicles 36

GOD SEES

Am I a God who is only close at hand?" says the LORD. "No, I am far away at the same time. Can anyone hide from me in a secret place? Am I not everywhere in all the heavens and earth?" says the LORD. Jeremiah 23:23-24

ISSUES OF THE DAY



STUBBORN PROBLEMS

- God's people miss God's best because they think they are smarter than God
- When God tells them to go left they go right and when God says stop they keep on going
Jehoiakim was twenty-five years old when he became king, and he reigned in Jerusalem eleven years. He did what was evil in the sight of the LORD his God. 2 Chronicles 36:5 (NLT)

GOD ABANDONED AND HIS PROPHETS IGNORED (VIDEO OF JEREMIAH)

HOW TO BECOME A DANGER TO YOURSELF AND OTHERS

Zedekiah was twenty-one years old when he became king, and he reigned in Jerusalem eleven years. He did what was evil in the sight of the LORD his God, and he refused to humble himself when the prophet Jeremiah spoke to him directly from the LORD. 2 Chronicles 36:11-12 (NLT)

GIVEN RESPONSIBILITY

- King
- Reign
- Plumber
- Plumb

WHAT YOU DO AND SAY MATTERS

And whatever you do or say, do it as a representative of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks through him to God the Father. Colossians 3:17 (NLT)

EVIL EVALUATED GOD'S WAY

He did what was **evil** in the sight of the **LORD** his God

- Wrong worship
- Made plans without asking or listening to God
What you ought to say is, "If the Lord wants us to, we will live and do this or that." Otherwise you are boasting about your own plans, and all such boasting is evil. James 4:15-16 (NLT)

"STUPID IS AS STUPID DOES"

...he refused to humble himself when the prophet Jeremiah spoke to him directly from the LORD.

- Lack of humility before the Lord is stupid
God is opposed to the proud but gives grace to the humble James 4:6
- Not listening when the Lord sends a message is stupid
Remember what it says: "Today when you hear his voice, don't harden your hearts as Israel did when they rebelled." Hebrews 3:15

REBELLION REVEALED

He also rebelled against King Nebuchadnezzar, even though he had taken an oath of loyalty in God's name. Zedekiah was a hard and stubborn man, refusing

to turn to the LORD, the God of Israel.
2 Chronicles 36:13 (NLT)

“BUT, LORD, EGYPT DOES IT...”

Likewise, all the leaders of the priests and the people became more and more unfaithful. They followed all the pagan practices of the surrounding nations, desecrating the Temple of the LORD that had been consecrated in Jerusalem.
2 Chronicles 36:14 (NLT)

THE LORD TRIED

The LORD, the God of their ancestors, repeatedly sent his prophets to warn them, for he had compassion on his people and his Temple.
2 Chronicles 36:15 (NLT)

THE LORD’S MESSENGERS ARE NOT TO BE MOCKED

But the people mocked these messengers of God and despised their words. They scoffed at the prophets until the LORD’s anger could no longer be restrained and nothing could be done. 2 Chronicles 36:16 (NLT)

NOW...

- Have you discovered the joy of being seen by the Lord?
- Do you regularly receive the benefit of God’s grace as you practice humbling yourself before the Lord in every area of your life?
- Have you gotten better at listening to the Lord and finding His way is the best way?

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