



International Bible Study Commentary

Verse-by-Verse Bible Lessons Thru the Bible

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2 Kings 24:18–25:9 **Scripture Handout New English Version**

Assign each person in the class one or more verses to study.

(2 Kings 24:18) 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.

(2 Kings 24:19) And he did what was evil in the sight of the LORD, according to all that Jehoiakim had done.

(2 Kings 24:20) 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. And Zedekiah rebelled against the king of Babylon.

(2 Kings 25:1) And in the ninth year of his reign, in the tenth month, on the tenth day of the month, Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon came with all his army against Jerusalem and laid siege to it. And they built siegeworks all around it.

(2 Kings 25:2) So the city was besieged till the eleventh year of King Zedekiah.

(2 Kings 25:3) On the ninth day of the fourth month the famine was so severe in the city that there was no food for the people of the land.

(2 Kings 25:4) Then a breach was made in the city, and all the men of war fled by night by the way of the gate between the two walls, by the king's garden, and the Chaldeans were around the city. And they went in the direction of the Arabah.

(2 Kings 25:5) But the army of the Chaldeans pursued the king and overtook him in the plains of Jericho, and all his army was scattered from him.

(2 Kings 25:6) Then they captured the king and brought him up to the king of Babylon at Riblah, and they passed sentence on him.

(2 Kings 25:7) They slaughtered the sons of Zedekiah before his eyes, and put out the eyes of Zedekiah and bound him in chains and took him to Babylon.

(2 Kings 25:8) In the fifth month, on the seventh day of the month—that was the nineteenth year of King Nebuchadnezzar, king of Babylon—Nebuzaradan, the captain of the bodyguard, a servant of the king of Babylon, came to Jerusalem.

(2 Kings 25:9) And he burned the house of the LORD and the king's house and all the houses of Jerusalem; every great house he burned down.

Write out the verse or verses you have been assigned below

Answer These Questions for Class Discussion or Personal Study

1. What does the verse say?
2. What does the verse mean to me?