

# 2 KINGS 24-1 CHRONICLES 4

## WEEK IN REVIEW + FAMILY GUIDE

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We reach the end of 2 Kings, where King Nebechanezzar of Babylon takes over Jerusalem and sends the southern kingdom of Judah into **exile**. To be exiled means to be taken from your home to a foreign place. A king named Jehoiachin surrendered and he was taken off into **Babylon**. Babylon was a world superpower at the time. After years and years of Jehoiachin in exile, King Nebechanezzar died and his son showed favor to Jehoiachin. He was released from prison and given a seat of high honor. He changed his prison clothes, ate at the king's table, and was given regular allowances for the rest of his life. This is **grace**, which means getting more than you deserve.

Jehoiachin serves as a glimmer of hope. God has not and will not forget about His promises to David and the line that would come from him. One day Jesus would be the ultimate Davidic King to rule and reign forever. Jehoiachin also serves as a foreshadow of Christ and the gospel. We are prisoners in our sin, separated from God, and deserving justice. However, like Jehoiachin, God released us from the prison of our sin by sending His Son. Now we are set free, made new, and receive the benefits of being sons and daughters of the King. By the grace of God alone. What a gift!

We then head to the book of 1 Chronicles. It is important to know when this book takes place and the context surrounding it. 1 Chronicles was written after the exile most likely by a man named Ezra who helped lead Israel back to the worship of God. This book covers a lot of the same information as 1 and 2 Samuel and 1 and 2 Kings! However, it's not just a repeat. It was written to help God's people remember their history, where they've been in the past, and how God has been faithful throughout generations.

**Genealogies** are key features in the books of 1 and 2 Chronicles. A genealogy is a record of names in a family. There are many reasons that genealogies were important to the Jewish people and are important for us as well. They served as proof of Jewish identity which meant being an heir to the blessings promised to Abraham back in Genesis 12 of land, seed, and blessing. They were crucial in tracing the line of the Messiah. These genealogies were also evidence of the historical accuracy of the Bible. These are not just a list of names. They are real people with real stories. We know that God uses every story, and He cares about the details.

## FAMILY GUIDE

<b>BIG IDEA:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Jehoiachin's release from prison serves as a foreshadow of the gospel</li></ul>
<b>KEY STORIES:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● The Fall of Jerusalem</li><li>● Jehoiachin released from prison</li><li>● The Babylonian exile</li><li>● Genealogies</li></ul>
<b>KEY VERSES:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● <b>2 Kings 24:14</b><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ "He carried all Jerusalem into exile: all the officers and fighting men, and all the skilled workers and artisans—a total of ten thousand. Only the poorest people of the land were left."</li></ul></li><li>● <b>2 Kings 25:9</b><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ "He set fire to the temple of the Lord, the royal palace and all the houses of Jerusalem. Every important building he burned down."</li></ul></li><li>● <b>2 Kings 25:27</b><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ "In the thirty-seventh year of the exile of Jehoiachin king of Judah, he was released from prison by Evil-Merodach king of Babylon."</li></ul></li><li>● <b>1 Chronicles 4:10</b><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ "Jabez cried out to the God of Israel, 'Oh, that you would bless me and enlarge my territory! Let your hand be with me, and keep me from harm so that I will be free from pain.' And God granted his request."</li></ul></li></ul>
<b>WORDS TO KNOW:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● <b>Exile</b><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ To be exiled means to be taken from your home to a foreign place</li></ul></li><li>● <b>Babylon</b><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Babylon was a world superpower at the time</li></ul></li><li>● <b>Grace</b><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Which means getting more than you deserve.</li></ul></li><li>● <b>Genealogy</b><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ is a record of names in a family</li></ul></li></ul>

## Reflection Questions

<b>1.</b>	What happened to King Jehoiachin?
<b>2.</b>	How does the favor shown to Jehoiachin point to the gospel?
<b>3.</b>	How has God shown you grace in your life?