

CHAPTER 17
The Kingdom's Fall

Journal your answers to these questions as you read through the chapter this week. You may wish to read one day and journal the next, or spread the questions over the whole week.

1. List the evil practices of Manasseh that aroused the anger of the LORD. Can you find examples of any of these practices in our own community?
2. Where did Manasseh set up his altars and Asherah poles? According to 1 Corinthians 6:19-20, where is the temple of God now? What are the implications for you personally?
3. What does Manasseh's redemption teach you about God? About people?
4. Look up 2 Chronicles 33:14-20, 23. What was Manasseh's response to the grace of God?
5. God told Ezekiel, "You must speak my words to them, whether they listen or fail to listen, for they are rebellious," (p. 236). Have you ever been fearful to speak the truth?
6. What must it have been like to be Jeremiah as Jerusalem was destroyed? How did he view God's Upper story and His Lower story, according to his lament (p. 243-245)?
7. List the specific promises that God says He will do for Israel (p. 245-246). According to the text, what is the result of God's Spirit in you? How does it affect your life to have the Spirit in you?