



# The Worst of Times

2 Chronicles 36:17-23

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1. These are the “good old days”! Agree Disagree
2. *“In the last 40 years things in America have changed for the worst.”* Agree Disagree

## **GOD’S JUDGMENT 36:17-19**

1. What do these verses reveal to you about God?
2. Ultimately, what was God judging His people for? Why?
3. What similarities do you see between the reasons God was judging the kingdoms of Israel and Judah and the USA today?
4. How do these similarities make you feel?

## **JEREMIAH’S PROPHECY 36:20-21**

1. Consider Jeremiah’s role and circumstances. Is there any of that which you can personally relate to?
2. What was it that Jeremiah prophesied? (consider Jeremiah 29:10)
3. Why did God use Jeremiah to tell His people what He was going to do?
4. How did God’s people respond to Jeremiah’s prophecy?
5. What do these verses reveal to you about God?

## **OUR HOPE 36:22-23**

1. During the message we looked at a lot of dates. From today’s message, what is the bottom line importance that those dates reveal to us?
2. What does this revelation mean to you?
3. What is the main theme of 1 & 2 Chronicles?
4. How does 2 Chronicles 36:23 express this theme?

## **PROCESSING ALL THAT...**

1. These days, what does *“Let him go up...”* look like in your life?
2. Thinking a tad deeper about your answer to #1, what circumstances in your life temp you to feel that these are the worst of times?
3. How might what we’ve studied help you to respond in “the worst of times”?

## **BONUS QUESTION & CHALLENGE**

1. Whom do you know who would benefit from hearing about what we’ve studied today?
2. Pray and ask God for the opportunity to share with him/her this week about the hope that God gives to us.