Rebuild the House of the LORD

2 Chronicles 36

1. Read verses 1-10. What happened after the death of Josiah (1-4)? How was Jehoiakim (5)? What did Nebuchadnezzar do (6-7)? How was Jehoiachin (9) and what happened to him (10)?

2. Read verses 11-14. How was Zedekiah (11-13)? What do ‘stiffened neck’ and ‘hardened heart’ mean (Prv 29:1, Ex 8:19)? How were the priests and the people (14)?

3. Read verses 15-16. What did the LORD do and why (15)? How did the people respond to the messengers of God (16)? What does it mean that ‘there was no remedy’?

4. Read verses 17-21. What was the result of their refusal to repent (17-20)? How long did Judah remain in exile (21, Jer 25:11, Lev 26:34)?

5. Read verses 22-23. What did the LORD do in the first year of Cyrus (22, Jer 29:10)? What was Cyrus' proclamation (23, Isa 44:28)? What hope was offered at the end of the chapter?