

Year 2

Week 100

Israel to Babylon

Scriptures: II Chronicles 36, II Kings 25, Jeremiah 1 and 2

Key Verse: Jeremiah 2:19 " 'Your own wickedness will correct you, And your backslidings will rebuke you. Know therefore and see that it is an evil and bitter thing that you have forsaken the Lord your God, and the fear of Me is not in you,' says the Lord God of hosts."

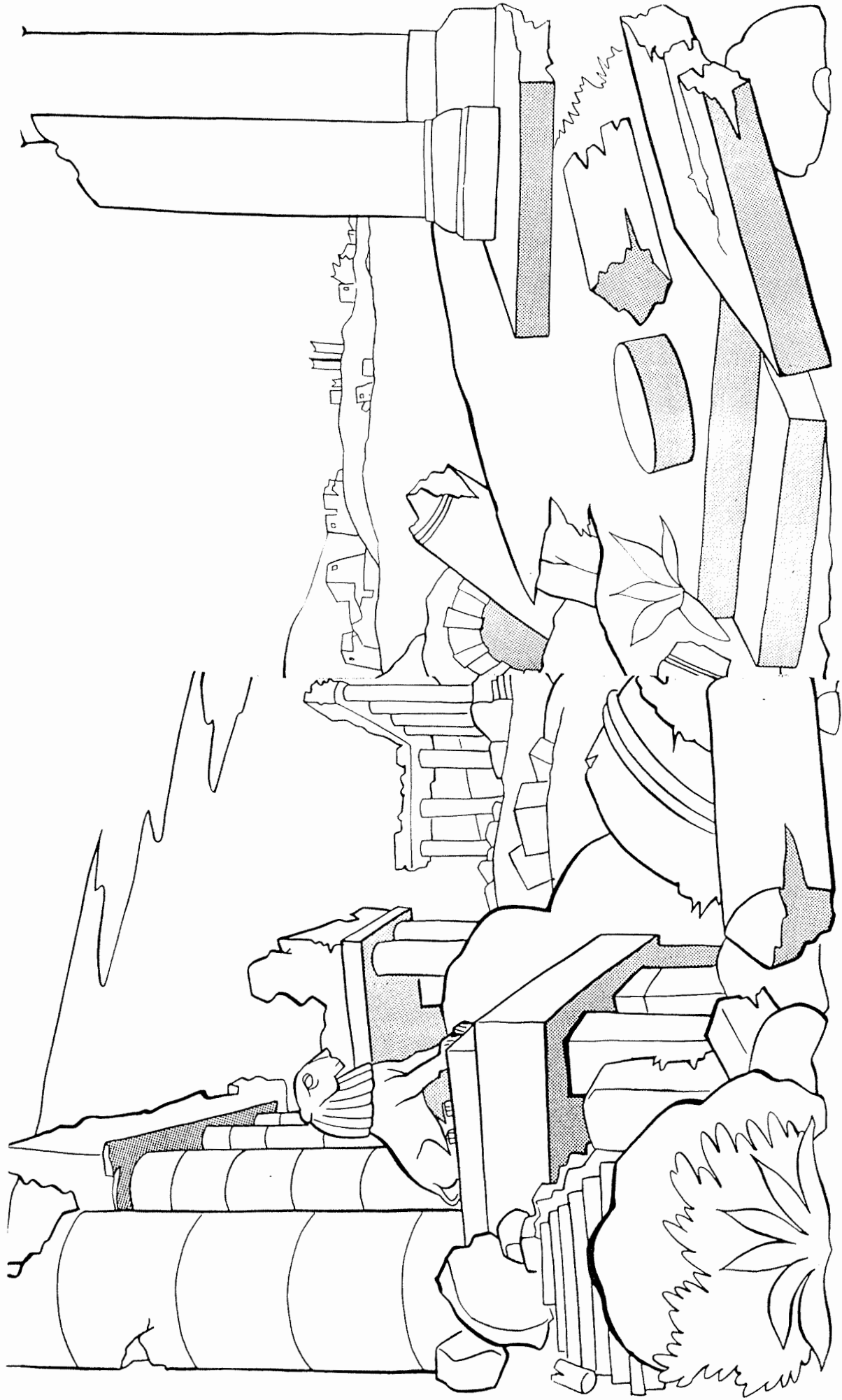
Key Points:

1. Jehoaz became king after Josiah. He reigned for three months before the king of Egypt carried him off and made his brother, Eliakim/Jehoiakim, king in his place. Jehoiakim reigned 11 years and was evil. Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon carried him away, along with some articles from the temple.

Jehoiachin became king for three months, did evil, and was also taken away by King Nebuchadnezzar along with more treasure from the temple. Zedekiah was made king of Judah.

2. Zedekiah was 21 years old and reigned for eleven years. He did not follow God and refused to listen to the prophet, Jeremiah, whom God had sent to him (2 Chronicles 36:11-16). God sent the Babylonians one final time to punish Judah.

3. The Babylonians laid seige to the city of Jerusalem. They broke through the wall and took Zedekiah, and all the people in Jerusalem and Judah who weren't killed in the battle, back to Babylon. (Details: 2Chronicles 36 17-21 and 2 Kings 25:2-7) The Babylonians stripped everything of value from the temple and then burned it, the palace, and all the houses of the great. (2 Kings 25:8-17) A small remnant of the lower class was left in Judah to farm the area.



Because the people disobeyed God's laws, their temple and all of Jerusalem was destroyed by the Babylonians.

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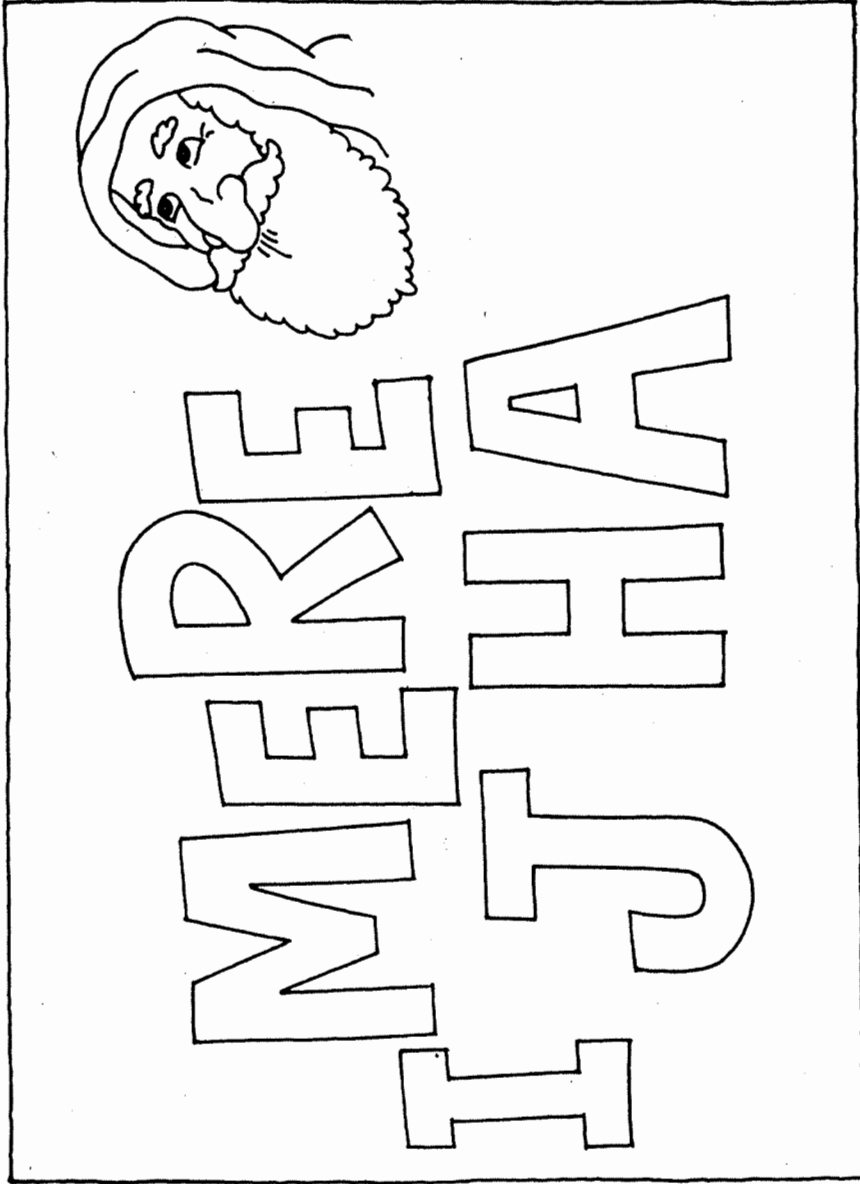


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JEREMIAH

Jeremiah 1

Unscramble the letters to find the name of one of Israel's prophets.



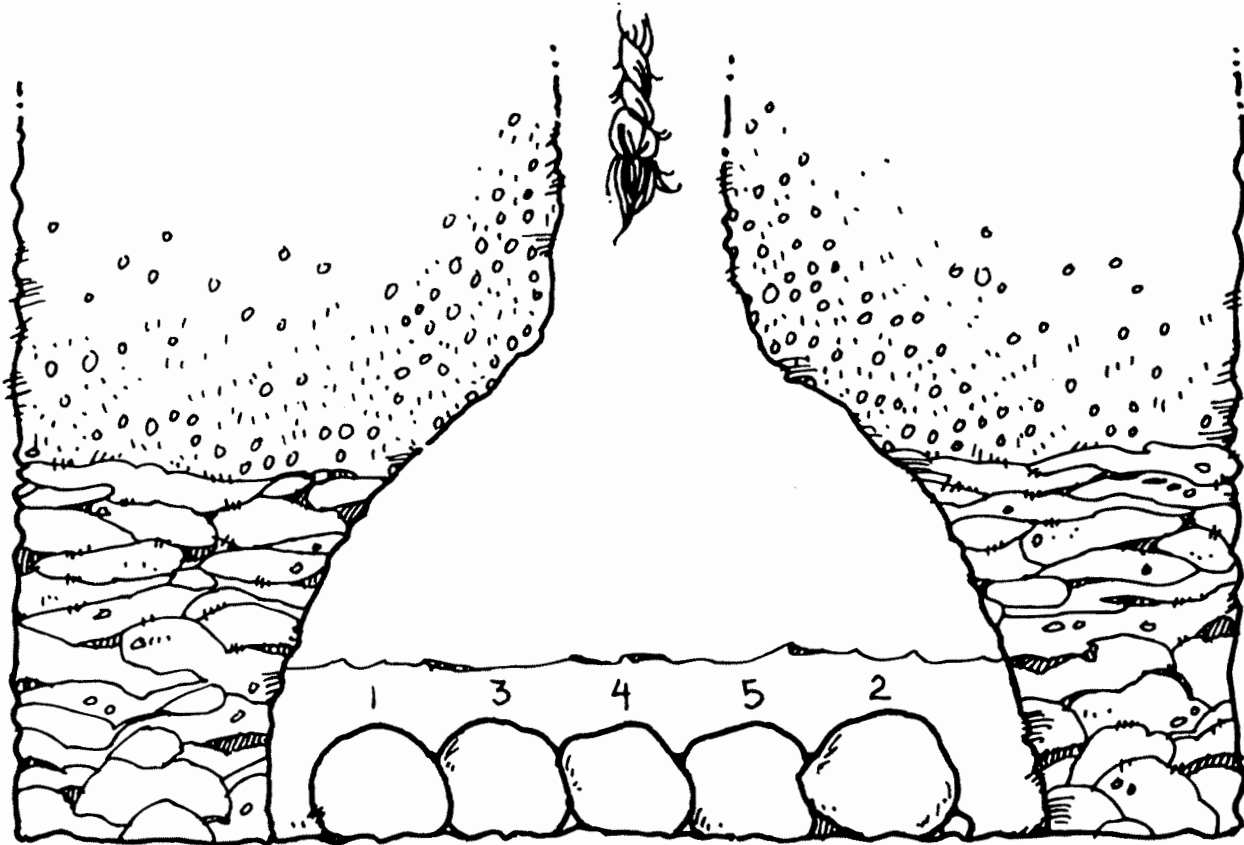
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Jeremiah

This famous prophet warned the people of Israel that their nation would be captured by Babylon if they kept sinning. He wrote a book that is in our Bible now and it has the same name that he has.

Cistern Escape

The Israelites threw Jeremiah into a cistern. How did he get out? Find the book of Jeremiah in your Bible and answer the questions below. Then take the letters from the circles and write them in the rocks. Read Jeremiah 38:3-10.



1. Jeremiah said the city would be handed over to the _____ of the king
of Babylon (38:3).

2. They put Jeremiah into a _____ (38:6).

3. The cistern was in the _____ (38:6).

4. Jeremiah was a _____ (38:9).

5. The king said, "Lift Jeremiah out before he _____" (38:10).

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CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORDS:

3. "Then the city wall was broken through, and all the men of war (**SLEPT, FLED**) at night by way of the gate between two walls, which was by the king's garden, even though the Chaldeans were still encamped all around against the city." **2 KINGS 25:4**
4. "But the army of the Chaldeans pursued the king, and they (**OVERTOOK, OVERLOOKED**) him in the plains of Jericho. All his army scattered from him." **2 KINGS 25:5**
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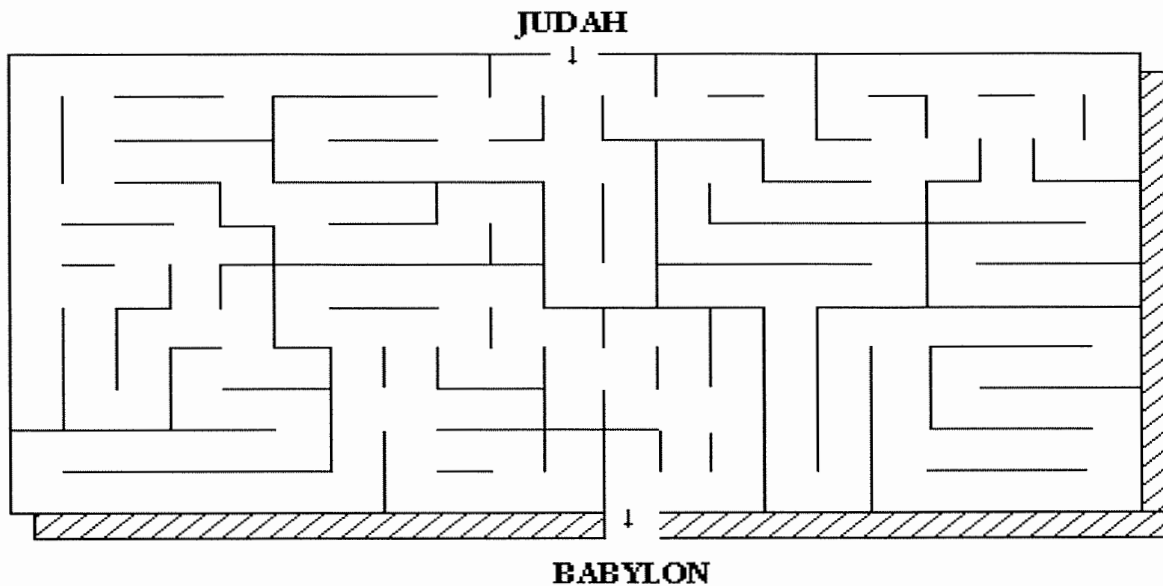
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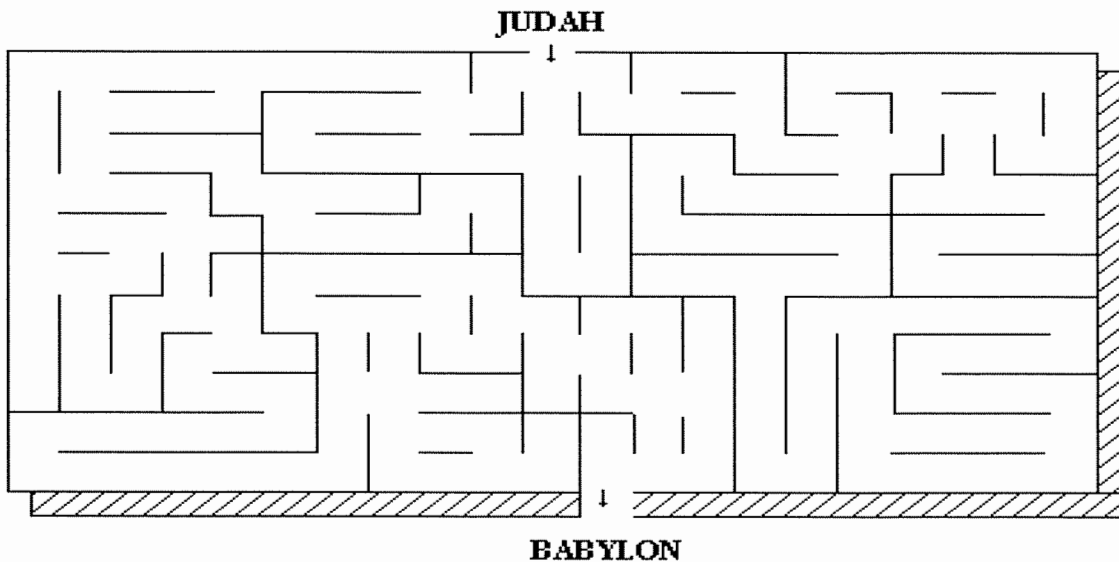


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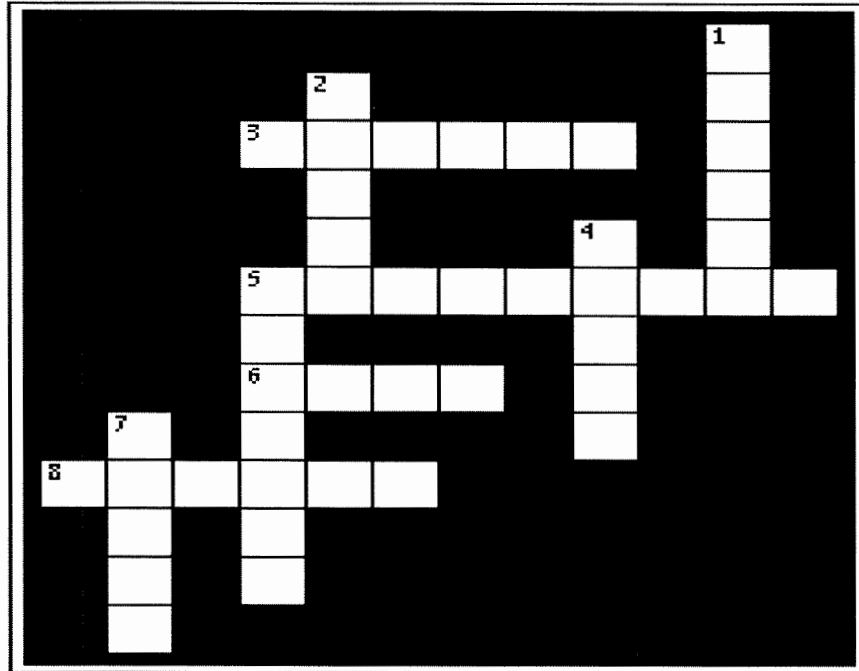
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- 2 DOWN "Thus _____ was carried away captive from its own land." **2 KINGS 25:21**

37. The Babylonian Captivity

A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z

Add or subtract the number of letters written under each line.

The people of Judah turned away from God and again began to
serve $\overline{K-2}$ $\overline{E-1}$ $\overline{L+3}$ $\overline{M-1}$ $\overline{Q+2}$

The prophet $\overline{I+1}$ $\overline{H-3}$ $\overline{O+3}$ $\overline{D+1}$ $\overline{O-2}$ $\overline{L-3}$ $\overline{C-2}$ $\overline{F+2}$ warned the people
that their evil ways would bring trouble. They didn't listen.

King $\overline{O-1}$ $\overline{D+1}$ $\overline{D-2}$ $\overline{S+2}$ $\overline{F-3}$ $\overline{E+3}$ $\overline{E-4}$ $\overline{H-4}$ $\overline{K+3}$ $\overline{H-3}$ $\overline{X+2}$ $\overline{Y+1}$ $\overline{C-2}$ $\overline{S-1}$
fought the people of Judah and won. He took the valuables out of
the $\overline{W-3}$ $\overline{G-2}$ $\overline{N-1}$ $\overline{O+1}$ $\overline{J+2}$ $\overline{B+3}$ and burned it.

The people were taken as captives to
 $\overline{D-2}$ $\overline{B-1}$ $\overline{A+1}$ $\overline{Z-1}$ $\overline{J+2}$ $\overline{R-3}$ $\overline{J+4}$
Jeremiah prophesied that the people would return to Jerusalem
after $\overline{Q+2}$ $\overline{F-1}$ $\overline{U+1}$ $\overline{C+2}$ $\overline{P-2}$ $\overline{P+4}$ $\overline{X+1}$ years.

38. Homesick Jews

The people of Judah, now called Jews, were captives in Babylon. There were Babylonian idols all around them, but the Jews only wanted to serve God. God sent prophets to encourage the people.

The people taught their children about God and Jerusalem. They often sang songs about Jerusalem, which is also called Zion. One of the songs is found in Psalm 137.

By the rivers of Babylon we sat and wept
when we remembered Zion.
There on the poplars
we hung our harps,
for there our captors asked us for songs,
our tormentors demanded songs of joy;
they said, "Sing us one of the songs of Zion!"
How can we sing the songs of the LORD
while in a foreign land?
If I forget you, O Jerusalem,
may my right hand forget its skill.
May my tongue cling to the roof of my mouth
if I do not remember you,
if I do not consider Jerusalem
my highest joy. (NIV)

Fit the underlined words into the stack-a-word puzzle below.

