

the king and the houses of the people, and broke down the wall round the city. And all the people of Jerusalem who were not slain, he carried away captive to Babylon, except some of the poor of the land whom he left to work in the fields and vineyards of their own country.

But he did not carry away the prophet Jeremiah, for King Nebuchadnezzar had charged him not to harm Jeremiah in any way, nor to take him to Babylon if he did not wish to go. So Jeremiah lived on in safety with the few people that were left in the land he loved. God took care of Jeremiah because he had trusted in Him and served Him with all his heart.

Thus the kingdom of Judah was ended on account of the sins of the people. The Lord had sent His prophets to warn and persuade them, and give them time to repent, but they would not obey Him, and cease doing evil. So at last God allowed them to be carried away captive, like the people of Israel, the Northern kingdom.

So the people of Judah were punished on account of their many sins.

### Questions on the Lesson

1. What army came back to besiege Jerusalem once more? 2. What message did God send to Zedekiah? 3. What happened when Zedekiah did not obey God's command? 4. Of what did many people in the city die? 5. What did Nebuchadnezzar's army at last do? 6. What did Zedekiah do? 7. By whom was he captured and to whom was he taken? 8. How did Nebuchadnezzar treat Zedekiah's sons? 9. What did he do to Zedekiah himself? 10. What became of

the temple at Jerusalem and the city? 11. What became of the people? 12. What charge did Nebuchadnezzar give about Jeremiah? 13. Why did the Lord take care of Jeremiah? 14. What is the Golden Text?

### Lesson Hymn

Jesus, Saviour, hear me call,  
Sinful though my heart may be,  
Thou my life, my hope, my all,  
Lord, abide with me.

Fill me with Thy love divine,  
Consecrate my life to Thee,  
Bend my stubborn will to Thine,  
Lord, abide with me. Amen.

—Hymn 579, Book of Praise

### I Have Learned To-day

THAT I SHOULD SHUN SIN

### The Catechism

PRIMARY CATECHISM—43. What would have happened to us if Jesus had not died for us? If Jesus had not died for us, we all would have been lost.

SHORTER CATECHISM—Review Questions 98-100.

### The Question on Missions

9. How do we lead the Indians to become Christians? We send missionaries to proclaim the gospel and bring Christian influences into the homes on the Reserves; teachers to instruct them in the Bible; nurses to care for their sick; and gifts of clothing and other necessities to reveal the charity which is in Christ.

### SOMETHING TO DO AT HOME

The drawing shows a company of prisoners being led away to a strange land. Color it and ask God to keep you from the power of sin.

