



# THE ISRAELITES ARE CAPTURED

CHAPTER 39



The Israelites had many kings. Some were good kings. They loved God and obeyed his commandments. They helped the Israelites live good lives.

2 Kings 8-24



Most of the kings were wicked. They did not obey God's commandments. They worshiped idols. The people became wicked also.

2 Kings 8-24



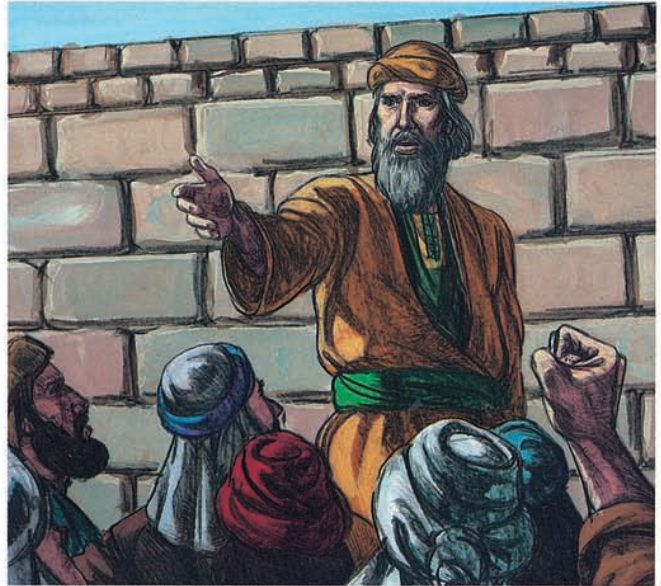
There were wars in the land. The ten tribes of Israel were captured. They were taken away as slaves. The Israelites that were left lived in the Kingdom of Judah. They were called Jews.

2 Kings 17:6-23



Lehi and his family lived in Jerusalem 600 years before Christ was born. Many people in Jerusalem were wicked. God sent prophets to teach them. Lehi was one of these prophets.

2 Chronicles 36:14-16; 1 Nephi 1:4



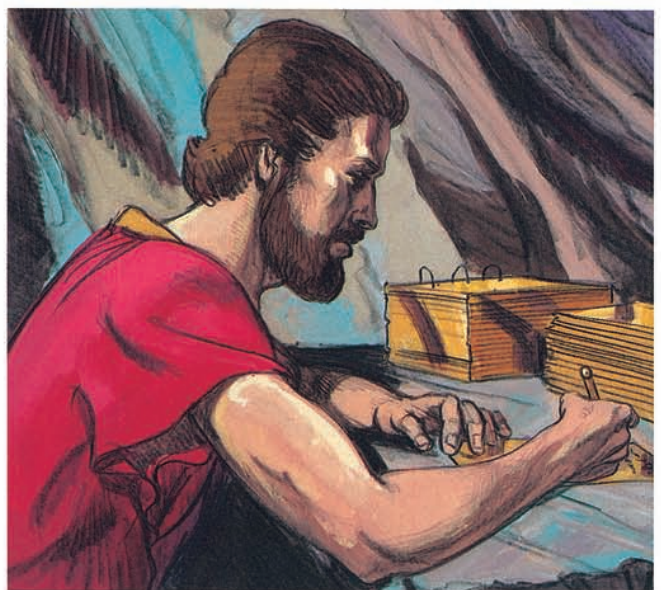
Lehi told the people to repent. He said Jerusalem would be destroyed if they did not repent. But the wicked people did not believe him. Some people laughed at him. Some were angry. They wanted to kill Lehi.

1 Nephi 1:13-20; 2 Chronicles 36:16



God told Lehi to leave Jerusalem with his family. Lehi obeyed God. He and his family traveled to the sea. They built a ship and sailed to America.

1 Nephi 2:2-4; 17:8; 18



Lehi's son Nephi wrote what happened to them. Their story is in the Book of Mormon.

1 Nephi 19:1-4



The Jews heard the prophets, but they did not repent. God sent the king of Babylon and his army to destroy Jerusalem. There was a big battle.

2 Kings 25:1-2



The soldiers from Babylon captured Jerusalem. They took all the gold and silver from the temple. They took beautiful dishes from the temple.

2 Kings 25:13-17



Then they burned the temple of God. They also burned the homes of the people. They broke down the wall around Jerusalem.

2 Kings 25:1-10



Many Jews were killed. Many others were captured. They were taken to Babylon to be slaves.

2 Kings 25:18-21