

# TEMKIT FOR CHILDREN

## TEMKIT'S MISSION:

To provide Bible based, true reading material for children and youth.

Year 3 - 3rd Quarter - Issue #11



### CREATION CORNER The Tobacco Chart

Note: Not all that long ago even children could get tobacco and use it. Now thankfully, it is much harder for that to happen!

"Daddy, The teacher put a chart on the wall today."

"What was the chart about?"

"It was about tobacco."

"Now I am interested. I hope it is a good chart."

"I'll say it is good! Teacher wants us to study it carefully and learn it by heart."

"Have you learned any of it yet?"

"Yes, some of it. I expect to know all of it in a few days. It tells what some famous men think of tobacco."

"Who are these men, and what do they say about it?"

"Ex-President Hoover is one of them."

"Is that so? And what does Mr. Hoover say?"

"He says, 'There is no agency in the world today that is so seriously affecting the health, efficiency, education, and character of boys and girls as the cigarette habit.'"

"I believe he is right. Remember it. Did you

### CONTENTS:

CREATION CORNER

HISTORY LESSON

STORY

WEEKLY BIBLE LESSON

learn what any of the rest of them said?"

"Yes, there was one who was Mr. Hoover's teacher at Stanford University, Dr. David Starr Jordan."

"He was one of the most famous teachers America ever had. What did he say?"

"Your first duty in life is to your after self. So live that the man you ought to be may, in his time, be possible, be actual."

"Mighty fine! Do you know any more of them?"

"Yes, I learned one other."

"Whose was that?"

"Henry Ford's."

"He is a famous American. Few are better known around the world. What does he say?"

"Boys, through cigarettes, train with bad company. The cigarette drags them down."

"That is a very good chart. I hope you will learn all of it."

"All the children are learning it. And already several of the boys who have been smoking say they are going to quit."

"I am glad to hear that. It will make your whole school better."

"That's what the teacher says."

"Daddy, I have been thinking of what you told me about tobacco the other day."

**HISTORY LESSON****Why Moses Nailed a Serpent to a Cross**

The greatest day in the history of the human race occurred on a Friday nearly two thousand years ago. It was the greatest day to devil worshipers because on that day their leader seemed to be victorious over the God of heaven; and it was the greatest day to the worshipers of the true God, for on that day the divine plan of redemption was made sure, and eternal death, the wages of sin, was overcome for the righteous by the sacrifice of Jesus.

The full meaning and greatness of this sacrifice cannot be understood without knowing a little of the history of crucifixion. Nailing people to a cross did not start at Calvary. It was the favorite form of the death penalty for centuries before Christ. It was common way of offering human sacrifices to the evil one. When a sun-worshiping general went forth to battle anciently, he was almost sure to offer a multitude of the captives to his sun-god, who was really Satan.

Ancient writings tell us, how three thousand chief Babylonians were crucified at one time as an offering to the sun-god by a Persian general, who captured them in battle. Alexander the Great is said to have crucified thousands as a similar offering.

The cross has been a sacred symbol of the sun-god since ancient times. If you look at the sun or at any other bright light through partially closed eyelids, and you will see that the rays of light form themselves into a cross, this is likely why the cross was used as a symbol of the sun.

In ancient Babylonian art we sometimes find the sun pictured in the sky as a cross rather than as a circle. The robe of Cyrus the Great, a worshipper of the sun, was decorated with crosses.

In almost any museum today, you will find statues of Ra, the Egyptian sun-god, holding the ankh, or ringed cross, in his hand.

On page 223 of "A History of Babylon," by



"Well, Danny, I am glad you do not forget what I tell you. To have a good memory is one of the best things in the world."

"You remember, daddy, that you said folks should not use tobacco because it is a poison and not a food."

"Yes, the tobacco plant contains several poisons, among them one that is called nicotine, which is very deadly."

"Oh Yes. And I remember now that in our history lesson the other day the teacher told us that in colonial days in America the Indians put nicotine on their arrow points to poison the white men and kill them."

"That's right. A drop of nicotine on an Indian's arrowhead would kill a man even if the arrow made only a little cut on any part of his body."

"But, daddy, why did God make such a poisonous plant?"

"I think I can answer that best by telling you a story. One day I was at Rochester, Indiana. They told me that there was a large apple orchard, containing two thousand trees, just out at the edge of town. I said I should like to see it. It was in September. Every tree was full of apples, and every apple seemed to be perfect.

"I asked the man who had charge of the orchard how he could raise such perfect apples on all his trees. He said he did everything for them that was good for apple trees, but had found that there was one thing more important than anything else.

"`What is that?' I asked. `I must carefully spray my trees, in order to kill the bugs, worms, lice, and insects. Nothing else is more important,' he answered.

"`What do you use as a spray?' I asked him.

"He replied, `A preparation called "Black Leaf Forty," made from nicotine. It is such a strong poison that when one drop of nicotine is mixed in two thousand drops of water and thrown up into a tree in the finest spray, it kills every harmful insect that it touches.' Then he added, `I have tried all kinds of sprays, but this nicotine is the best bug poison that is made.'"

"If that is so, daddy, God must have made nicotine grow for a poison for harmful bugs."

"That's what I think, and I do not believe bug poison is good for boys."

"Neither do I, daddy, and I am never going to use it as long as I live." = ^ .. ^ =

Leonard W. King, is shown, an early Egyptian picture. King Akhenaten, with his wife and daughters, is shown on the balcony of his palace. On the headdresses of the pharaoh and the queen is found the sacred serpent, symbol of the evil one, which we find everywhere connected with sun worship. Overhead the sun sends out its rays, each of which ends in a hand shown caressing the royal family. Hanging from the sun's disk is a cross, and one of the rays offers a similar cross to the queen.

In the Rosicrucian Egyptian museum, at San Jose, California, is a jeweled crucifix attached to a string of prayer beads. In this same museum are many other examples of Egyptian crucifixes attached to prayer beads.

Prayer beads are widely used to this day among Oriental pagan religions, a prayer being said for each bead. There is no mention of prayer beads in the Scriptures.

Even the American Indians, were worshiping the sun on the hilltops with crosses before the landing of the white man. The missionaries who accompanied early colonists astonished to find crucifixes being used by the Indians, and thought that the gospel had preceded them, only to find later, that among the Indians the cross was sacred to the sun-god.

When the plague of serpents attacked the children of Israel in the wilderness:

(Numbers 21:6-9) God commanded Moses: "Make thee a fiery serpent," set it upon a pole." This pole was evidently a cross, for we read in John 3:14 that "as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so shall the Son of man be lifted up."

The people were to look upon the brazen serpent when bitten, and live. They were to see in the crucified serpent a type of the work of Christ, not a type of Christ; it would be strange indeed, if God should suddenly start using the universal symbol of the evil one as a symbol of His Son.

It was the death of Christ on the cross that sealed Satan's doom. When Satan inspired demon-possessed men to crucify their Creator, he was also crucifying himself in type. Christ came down from the cross; the brazen serpent will never come down.

Every nail driven through the hands and feet of Christ was a mortal weapon that would some day be turned against Satan, Every wound Christ received was a deathblow to Satan and to his chances for the future.

God took advantage of the standard means of offering sacrifices to Satan to depict a prophecy of his doom. For centuries men had worshipped the serpent as a symbol of the evil one; they had also used the cross as a symbol of the serpent sun-god, and had crucified people on it as an offering. Now God reversed the tables, and put the serpent himself upon the cross.

What gloating there must have been in Satan's kingdom when Christ Himself came within the full power of Satan at Calvary! With the prophecy of his own destruction rankling in his heart, Satan and all his angels must have come in person to direct the taunting and crucifixion of Christ.

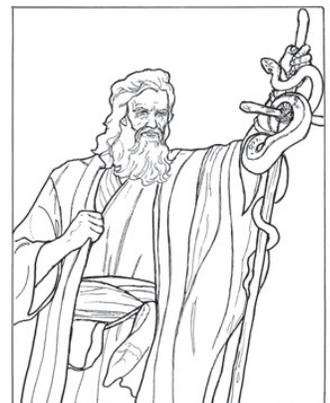
What a difference between the principles of the two spiritual kingdoms was revealed at that moment! While the leader of one was showing his jealousy, his hatred, and his cruelty, the Leader of the other was praying, "Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do." Luke 23:34.

Since the crucifixion of Christ, it is natural that in its symbolic sense, the cross should represent His sacrifice and death. We can "glory in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ," and we can "take up our cross and follow Him" (Galatians 6:14; Matthew 16:24); but only as a symbol of the great sacrifice. But surely, because of its origin in demon worship, no one should worship a real cross.

The true follower of God, who takes his stand upon the teachings of the Scriptures, and is well grounded in the word of God can know the difference between the genuine worship of God and its counterfeit, demon worship.

There is no confusion on this subject in the mind of any open-minded student of the Bible; the dividing line between the two is clear and distinct.

There seems today to be a tendency to do what the children of Israel did with their cross and brazen serpent; for we read in 2 Kings 18:4 that they made a god out of it, and offered incense to it. People today seem to think they should adore the cross instead of the Lord! But true Bible believers do not wear crosses!  
= ^ .. ^ =



## TRUE-STORY-TIME

### The Vision of King Zechariah

This story took place in the early days of Adventist Missions

“This gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come.” How interesting it is to know that in the old city of On, the home of Joseph’s wife, there is a school where young people are taught “this gospel of the kingdom” and are being trained to become missionaries! This city is now called Materieh. Materieh is not only the place where Joseph got his wife, but it is supposed to be the place where Moses went to school. It is in that part of Egypt now called Abyssinia, but in the Bible it is called Ethiopia.

Near our training school in this place is a tree called “The Tree of Mary.” This is a very, very old sycamore tree where Joseph and Mary are supposed to have rested when they fled from Herod with Jesus. To this tree Moslem mothers have tied bits of cloth. These pieces of cloth are to them a prayer asking some favor for their children, or they may even be a prayer for forgiveness of sins.

A number of years ago, there lived in Abyssinia a Moslem king, called Zechariah. He hated the very name of Christ. One day, King Zechariah had a vision. He saw a man standing by him, whom he at once knew to be Christ. Such love and tenderness and compassion he had never before seen on any face. Speechless he stood and looked at the vision.

“Zechariah, I love you,” Jesus said at last.

Zechariah only gazed in wonder.

“Zechariah, I love you,” Jesus repeated. “I gave My life for you.”

“Are you Christ?” the king asked timidly.

“Yes,” He answered.

“What do you want me to do?”

“Get My Book, and read it.”

The king bought a New Testament. For ten years, he studied this Book. Then the vision appeared to him again. The divine look in Jesus’ face was even more loving than before. “Zechariah,” He said, “for ten years, you have read My Book. You know I am your Saviour. Will you come to Me?”

“My Lord, I will come,” he answered almost before he knew what he was saying.

After that, the king started to preach all through Abyssinia. He preached for seventeen long years, and thousands were won to Christ. Just before his death, he wrote a statement which he left with his

people. This is what he wrote

“I am like the moon. But the full sun is coming, I am like John the Baptist; but after me is coming a people who have the full light of the gospel. When they come, accept their message.”

Two or three years after his death, a few of his followers started in search of those who the king had said had the full light of the gospel. They came to a Christian mission. They were taken into a church to worship. Here they saw images.

“These folks are heathen,” they said. “Look at all the idols they have in their church.”

Then they found another Christian mission. It was Sunday.

“You are here on the Lord’s day,” the minister said.

“How is that? Maybe we have lost a day traveling about. What day was the day before yesterday?” they asked.

“Friday,” the minister replied.

“If that was Friday, yesterday was the Lord’s day, for the Sabbath comes next after Friday,” they said.

The minister invited them to dinner where meat was served. “What kind of meat is that?” they asked.

“It is pork.”

“Oh no, we don’t belong here,” they said.

“I’ll tell you where you belong,” said the minister. And he sent them to the Adventist mission.

The next Sabbath morning, when the little bell rang for Sabbath school, they came in. They attended Sabbath school and heard the sermon in their own language.

“We are very hungry, they said to the missionary’s wife. “We would like to eat at your table.”

She invited them to go home with her, and soon they sat down to dinner.

“Haven’t you any pork?” they asked.

“No, we don’t eat pork.”

“Do you pay tithes?”

“Yes, we follow all the Bible.”

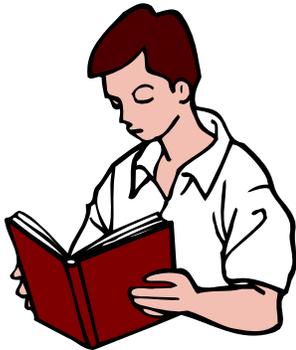
Today, the private secretary and the most trusted friend of King Zechariah are our missionaries. The only grandson of this king is a student in our school in that old city of On. From all over that part of Abyssinia the people ask us to come and teach them the truth. Many are being baptized, and they are good Christians.

These people have been severely tried and have suffered persecution as true children of God. Some

time ago, the heathen and Moslems put an old friend of the king into prison for two months. They flogged him and starved him till he was nearly dead.

They offered him his choice of giving up the Seventh-day Adventist religion or of being shot on the spot.

"I am ready to die," the man said, "but never to deny my Saviour." God honored this man's loyalty, and saved him from death. = ^ .. ^ =



**Year 3: 3rd Quarter:**

**"GOD'S MESSENGERS: THE PROPHETS"**

**WEEKLY BIBLE LESSON 11:**

**"JEREMIAH: TEARS AND TRIALS"**

This series of Bible Story Lessons is about God's Messengers, His Prophets. For our Bible lessons we are going to use the King James Version of the Bible. Just like the boys and girls used to use to learn to read from in the pioneer days.

There will be some texts to look up for each day and you should practice your memory verse until you can say it without looking. Don't forget to learn the text too.

**MEMORY VERSE: "And they shall fight against thee; but they shall not prevail against thee; for I am with thee, saith the LORD, to deliver thee." Jeremiah 1:19**

**Sunday**

**Text: Jeremiah 16:1, 2 "The word of the LORD came also unto me, saying, Thou shalt not take thee a wife, neither shalt thou have sons or daughters in this place."**

Remember how Isaiah had children whose names were prophecies to Israel? Well, God asked something different of Jeremiah, He told him not to marry and have any family. Why was this?

Because of the times Jeremiah would go through, it would be so much easier for him to be single.

You may have noticed these days that so much of people's attention is caught up with the opposite sex. Dating, trying to meet other people who are looking for mates and so on is the big subject with all too many, even so-called Christians. Jesus warned that just before His return, people would be all caught up in marrying and getting married, and they would be like the people before the flood and like the filthy people in Sodom.

So many get the idea that they just have to get married, they just can't manage on their own and so they dash off to do this. Often later they regret it and are just as eager to break up the marriage. Then do they learn to leave this subject with God? Ah, no, not usually, they dash off again and get into another unwise marriage.

Jeremiah was content to obey God, and God helped Jeremiah to be content to remain unmarried. No matter what our circumstances are, God will keep us and protect us from sin, if we choose His ways and trust in Him we will be happy. Marriage is not wrong in itself, but each person needs to seek God to know what is right for them. We can safely leave this choice to God, and trust Him to lead us and to keep us pure.

There are indeed times when it is wise to stay unmarried. Paul was not married either, and though he did not say marriage was wrong, he also said there were times it was better to be unmarried. Never, never should we think it is so important to be married, that we would marry one who does not believe the truths for these last days!!

**Thought** - God does not want His people all caught up in the world's idea of dating and flirting with one another. It is much more important to seek to know Jesus than get a husband or wife.

**Monday**

**Text: Jeremiah 19:1,10,11 "Thus saith the LORD, Go and get a potter's earthen bottle, and take of the ancients of the people, and of the ancients of the priests; 10,11,Then shalt thou break the bottle in the sight of the men that go with thee, And shalt say unto them, Thus saith the LORD of hosts; Even so will I break this people and this city, as one breaketh a potter's vessel, that cannot be made whole again: and they shall bury them in Tophet, till there be no place to bury."**

Jeremiah did not have an easy job being the Prophet of the Lord. Over and over, God sent messages to the leaders and the people by Jeremiah, and he went and told the messages faithfully. They were not sweet messages full of flowers, Oh, No! They were warnings that unless the people repented and changed their ways, the nation would be destroyed!

Sometimes Jeremiah was sent to stand in the very doors of the temple and give these terrible warnings. Sometimes he was sent to the gates of the city and in our text we see him told to get a clay bottle, and then take some of the leaders to the place that had been where they worshipped idols and sacrificed their children, called Tophet. (This name means the place of drumming, as the beat of drums *always* goes along with devil worship)

At that place he was to break the bottle and tell them that because of their evil ways, God would break them and their city. Terrible times were coming unless they repented and returned to God.

Did the people listen? They heard, but they didn't listen. They hated Jeremiah for his hard words, but inside they could not deny that his words were true! But they felt they were just fine as a people, they were proud and determined to do their own ways. They loved their pagan holidays and celebration worship. How they wished they could get rid of Jeremiah!!

**Thought** – It is easy to go to church, have lots of fun times, celebrate holidays and ceremonies, feel real good about ourselves- yet not know God at all.

## Tuesday

**Text: Jeremiah 20:1,2 “Now Pashur the son of Immer the priest, who was also chief governor in the house of the LORD, heard that Jeremiah prophesied these things. Then Pashur smote Jeremiah the prophet, and put him in the stocks that were in the high gate of Benjamin, which was by the house of the LORD.”**

It wasn't long before Jeremiah began to be punished, beaten and fastened in stocks. Did this make him afraid to speak the words from God?

Oh, No! When this chief ruler Pashur came to take Jeremiah out of the stocks, thinking that now, the Prophet would be afraid to speak evil of him anymore, Jeremiah just told him to his face, “The LORD hath not called thy name Pashur, but

Magormissabib.” What does that funny name mean? It meant, “surrounded by fear”. The prophet just went right on telling him what terrible things were going to happen and that Pashur would go captive to Babylon and die there.

Never did Jeremiah give into fear of the rulers but there were times when he poured out his sorrow to God. None of us like to be hated all the time. He told God how he tried to be quiet and just keep the words God gave him to himself, but then it was like a fire in his bones. He had to speak the truth the Lord gave him.

He told God how it was so hard to have all the people just watching to catch something to throw at him, and twisting his words to mean something else. His life was a lot like what Jesus went through later. He even told God that he even wished he had never been born. But still he loved the Lord, and His truth and God gave him strength to keep on going.

Soon the King sent men to ask him if God would fight for them and deliver them from the Babylonian enemy. Jeremiah told him that God said, “And I myself will fight against you with an outstretched hand and with a strong arm, even in anger, and in fury, and in great wrath. And I will smite the inhabitants of this city, both man and beast: they shall die of a great pestilence.” Jeremiah 21:5,6.

He advised the king to surrender to Nebuchadnezzar because God could not defend them as they were so wicked. But anyone who surrendered would have their lives spared. If the King would surrender, then the city would be spared and not burned.

How angry the king and all the rulers were to be told this. Jerusalem was later burned to the ground, where if the king had listened, it would not have been burned.

**Thought** – We are always safe to talk over our trials and sorrow with Jesus. He is the only One who can really help us anyway.

## Wednesday

**Text: Jeremiah 28:15-17 “Then said the prophet Jeremiah unto Hananiah the prophet, Hear now, Hananiah; The LORD hath not sent thee; but thou makest this people to trust in a lie. Therefore thus saith the LORD; Behold, I will cast thee from off the face of the earth: this year thou shalt die, because thou hast taught rebellion**

**against the LORD. So Hananiah the prophet died the same year in the seventh month."**

There were many false prophets at the time of Jeremiah. While the true prophet of God was warning that the city was going to fall and unless they surrendered, they would really suffer, the false prophets were saying, "Don't worry! We are God's special people. God will take care of us. Nebuchadnezzar can never conquer our city."

One day God told Jeremiah to make wooden yokes, like the harness they put on an ox to have him pull a load. He was to go to the kings round about, give each one a yoke, and tell each one that if they would surrender to Nebuchadnezzar and serve him, they would not die.

When he came to give the yoke to the King Zedekiah of Judah, there was a false prophet named Hananiah, there who was telling the people that the Lord told him that within two years all the things the Babylonians had taken away from the temple would be brought back and they would never be captured by Babylon.

Did Jeremiah get angry with this false prophet? No, he said, "Amen, the Lord do this." But he warned, "The prophet which prophesieth of peace, when the word of the prophet shall come to pass, then shall the prophet be known, that the LORD hath truly sent him." Jeremiah 28:9

Then Hananiah even had the nerve to take the wooden yoke off of Jeremiah's neck and break it to pieces. He told the people that God would break the yoke of Nebuchadnezzar off of them like he broke Jeremiah's wooden yoke.

Jeremiah told him he was lying to the people and the Lord had not sent him. He told the false prophet that his lies would make things harder for the people, like making a yoke of iron for them. He also warned that because of his lying in the name of the Lord, Hananiah would die, and soon he did die.

**Thought** – We cannot judge if a prophet is true or false by how sweet his message sounds to our ears. Usually those who tell us things we enjoy hearing, are false prophets. Better a true message from God, even if it hurts, than a sweet, lovey message from Satan.

### Thursday

**Text: Jeremiah 36:2,3 "Take thee a roll of a book, and write therein all the words that I have spoken unto thee against Israel, and against Judah, and**

**against all the nations, from the day I spake unto thee, from the days of Josiah, even unto this day. It may be that the house of Judah will hear all the evil which I purpose to do unto them; that they may return every man from his evil way; that I may forgive their iniquity and their sin."**

God told Jeremiah to write all the prophecies down in a book. So he did. By this time the King was very angry with him for telling him that Jerusalem would be captured. But the prophet just kept telling the truth.

He got the scribe Baruch to help him and he wrote the word of the Lord into a scroll-book. Then he sent Baruch to read it in the temple. When he did this, the princes and rulers all heard about it and asked for it to be read to them. So it was read to them.

Then they said they would tell the King about this. The rulers took the scroll and told Baruch and Jeremiah to hide. Now it was King Jehoiakim at that time and they went and told him about the words of the scroll, but they hid the scroll in the home of the scribe.

The King demanded to hear the scroll read to him, so it was brought and read to him. Now this king was very wicked and stubborn, when he heard a few pages, he grabbed his penknife and cut the pages off and burned them in the fire set before him as the weather was cold. He did this until the book was all burned up.

Then he sent out to capture Jeremiah and Baruch but the Lord hid them. Then the Lord told them to take another scroll and write the book again and write even more in it, and so they did.

What happened to this king who took the Word of God and cut it up and burned it? God said he would die and not even be properly buried, but would be thrown out like a dead donkey! He was rejected by God, and his name does not even appear in the list of Jesus' ancestors. God does not excuse people who cut parts out of His word!

**Thought** – It is important to realize that all the modern versions of the Bible cut out many words from the true Bible, and change many others. Those who make these false Bibles and who tell others to read them, may be popular now, but will one day be cast out like a dead donkey also!!

### Friday

**Text: Jeremiah 38:12,13 "And Ebedmelech the**

**Ethiopian said unto Jeremiah, Put now these old cast clouts and rotten rags under thine armholes under the cords. And Jeremiah did so. So they drew up Jeremiah with cords, and took him up out of the dungeon: and Jeremiah remained in the court of the prison."**

Many times Jeremiah was threatened with death, but because he remained true the Lord protected him as He had promised. Finally the cruel rulers got permission from the king to imprison Jeremiah and they lowered him into a dungeon. Actually, this was like a sewer, and there was poor Jeremiah sunk in the muck.

Poor Jeremiah, surely this looked like the end for him. But God found a friend for his servant right in the court of the King. Ebedmelech the Ethiopian servant found out what had happened and he hurried to the King and pleaded for Jeremiah to be rescued.

So the king sent Ebedmelech with thirty men to the place where Jeremiah was in the dungeon. This servant man did a very kind thing, he took some old rags and let them down to Jeremiah so he could put them under his arms and the rope would not hurt him as they pulled him out of the filthy hole.

God later sent a special message to Ebedmelech, telling him that because of his kindness, he would be protected by God when Jerusalem fell. So Jeremiah was rescued and his friend was rewarded.

Now the king pretended not to believe in Jeremiah, but really he did. Secretly he called Jeremiah to talk to him. He asked him to tell him the words of the Lord. But Jeremiah said to him, "If I tell you, you will only put me to death!"

So the King promised not to harm him. Jeremiah then pled with the king, telling him that if he would only surrender to Nebuchadnezzar as the Lord said, he would not die and the city would not be burned. Many lives would be spared if only the king would listen to the prophet.

But he did not; instead he tried to escape and was captured. His sons were killed and his eyes put out. He was taken to Babylon and there executed. All this would not have happened if he had stopped being stubborn and listened to the Lord.

Jeremiah was treated kindly by Nebuchadnezzar and allowed to go wherever he wanted to. He chose to stay with the people left in the land of Judah.

**Thought** - Even after every word that Jeremiah had told the people had come true, most still refused to listen and obey the Lord! Let us not be stubborn like that today!! = ^ .. ^ =

