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#### SERVICE TIMES

**Bible Study & Sunday School** 

Bible Study 9:00- 9:45 AM. Sunday School 9:00-9:45 AM Young Adults 9:00- 9:45 AM. Youth 9:00- 9:45 AM. <u>Sunday Worship</u> AM: 10:00 - 11:15 PM: 18:00 -19:00

From the desk of Dereck...

# God Rejected Israel and Judah—Why?

This situation was dire in the northern kingdom of Israel. Following Solomon's death, they chose not to follow the lineage of David for their kings. They determined they would no longer keep the feast days in Jerusalem but created their own feast days like those Moses had given. Students of history know the rest of the story. Over the next 200+ years, they had nineteen kings, and not one of them was a follower of Jehovah. Are we surprised that God finally gave up on them, and they were scattered among the nations? An even more important question is what caused all of this to happen?

A very similar situation happened in the southern kingdom of Judah. Shortly following Solomon's death, they had two righteous kings from David's lineage. As a was ruler over them for forty-one years, then righteous Jehosophat reigned for twenty-five years. Much later, there were two other righteous kings, Hezekiah and Josiah, but the rest of the years of this kingdom were ones of a rebellious nation forsaking God. As Jehovah had done with the northern king, He did the same to the southern kingdom. Babylon came and totally razed the city of Jerusalem. The temple was destroyed, and they no longer had those tables of stone and the golden ark in which they were kept. We ask the same question again. What caused this to happen?

The Old Testament has been given to us so we can understand what can happen, not just to our nation but to each of us in our personal lives. To discover God's answer to the question, we asked what caused this rejection of Israel and Judah. Finding this answer can teach us so much about how to avoid the same judgment coming to us.

To find the answer, read God's words about these two nations. I have placed in bold print certain words to emphasize the answer to this question. Do not simply read the words to find the answer. Think about how they apply to your life.

God spoke about the northern kingdom and said, "My people are **destroyed for lack of knowledge;** because you have **rejected knowledge**, I will reject you...and since you have **forgotten the law** of your God, I will also forget your children" (**Hos. 4:6**). No knowledge; rejected knowledge; forgetting the law!

God spoke concerning the southern kingdom and said, "For My people are foolish, they have **not known Me.** They are silly children, and they have **no understanding.** They are wise to do evil, but to do good they have **no knowledge** (Jer. 4:22). They do not know God; they have no understanding, no knowledge!

Reading these words is far more than reading about historical events. God wrote them down to give us the fundamental basis of keeping close to Him. Think about this!

Its best and valuable when we walk with God is to get to the heart of God and be sustained through His love and our obedience.

I pray that your love for God will grow in your closeness to His will.

Love in Christ

Dereck

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Worship: Hugh Kirby 082 3325434 Sunday School: Darryn & Danelle McLachlan 072 385 9062 Finance: Richard Lang 084 575 4408 World Bible School: Desiree Human 060 501 8540 Benevolence: Johan Gerber 083 233 4726 Maintenance: Stephen Leibbrandt 084 790 7721

## LADIES BIBLE CLASS

Tuesdays at 10am Contact: Sue 063 779 9914 or Ali 084 5584 508

# MID WEEK BIBLE STUDY CLASS

Wednesday 7.00 - 8.00 pm SMALL GROUPS

Thursday evening group, Bible Study

Thursday 7.00—8.00pm Contact: Johan G 083 233 4726 or Darryn 072 385 9062

YOUTH FRIDAYS 18H30—20H00 (alternates) Kids for Christ Grade 2 to Grade 7 Contact: Tish 084 398 8556 or Gaynor 072 111 5220 YOUTH Grade 8 to Grade 12

Contact: Johan & Gaynor Pienaar 083 456 0791

<u>SI</u>	SUNDAY SCHOOL 9am—9:45am					
DATE	25 May	01 June				
Cradle roll	ТВС	ТВС				
Age 4—6	Lydia & Lauren Leonie & La					
Grade 1—2	Angie Ganesh	Angie Ganesh				
Grade 3 - 4	Angie Ganesh	Angie Ganesh				
Grade 5 - 7	Willie Bester	Willie Bester				

#### PRAYER REQUESTS

# Those who are ill/surgeries: Chrismart Beukes, Elijah April.

The bereaved: Our love & condolences to all those who have lost loved ones. May the God of comfort be with you.

The elderly & those in need of prayer: SA Bible College, our country & leaders & world leaders, and those affected by the wars in the Ukraine, Palestine & Israel.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

BELLVILLE CoC LADIES RETREAT 22—24 August

## INTERCONGREGATIONAL MENS BREAKFAST

Date: Saturday 13 September Time: 08h30—11h00 Venue: Bellville CoC

#### THICKET ROAD CoC LADIES DAY

Date: Saturday 27 September Time: 10h00—14h00 Venue: Central CoC 162 De Villiers Street, Vasco Estate



# HAPPY BIRTHDAY

	Ryan Peinke	25 May
	Glenda Van Heerden	25 May
	Caitlyn Visagie	28 May
	Hester Randall	29 May
	Keeda Webb	29 May
	Richard Lang	30 May
	Harrison Markotter	30 May
	Alex Sloan	30 May
	Amy Bowers	31 May
	Angie Ganesh	31 May
	Hannah Brocklebank	31 May
1	Gloria Holly	31 May
l	Kristen Jacobs	31 May

## HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

No one this week

#### **TUESDAY LADIES' CLASS**

Teaching: Gaynor Book: Thought Garden Ch 16 Building a fence Announcements & prayer: Ali

## THURSDAY GROUP

Durbanville group will meet at the home of Skot & Elise Gordon. Skot will be teaching.

Please contact Christa Gerber on 084 897 4974 with any queries.

Malmesbury/Paarl group also meet on a Thursday, on zoom. Please

## SUNDAY EVENING SERVICE

Lads & Lasses to Leaders Date: Sun 25 May at: 6pm Johan & Gaynor are teaching

THIS WEEK 25 May 2025		DUTY ROSTER	NEXT WEEK 01 June 2025		
АМ	РМ	DUITROSIER	AM	РМ	<u>FINANCES</u>
Dereck Beukes		ANNOUNCE- MENTS	Glen DW Holmes		God bless you
Johan Gerber		SONG LEADER	Criston Sloan		as you excel
Rikki Jäck		LORD'S SUPPER	Stephen Leibbrandt		In your giving -
Rikki, Zane, G	Rikki, Zane, Geoff, Ridodzula		Stephen, Darryn, Juan, Neil		2 Cor. 8 : 7
Zane Elgar		SCRIPTURE & PRAYER	Darryn McLachlan		*****
Dereck Beukes	Lads & Lasses to Leaders	PREACHING	Stephen Leibbrandt		
Geoff Jäck		CLOSING PRAYER	Juan Thomas		<u>BANKING DETAILS</u> NEDBANK
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