

New Updated

- Steve Esterline is finished with the round of antibiotics and his foot is better. It is being monitored by nurse visits. He will see the doctor again on Wednesday.

Sick/Recovering

- Dick Wilcox (undergoing chemotherapy for cancer)
- Bob Hoff (bad knee)
- Lincoln Scherer (recovering from foot surgery)
- Venecia Poirot (fibromyalgia and inflammatory arthritis)
- Bruce Bailey (nephew of Pat Wilcox in Illinois – colon cancer)
- Jim Leirer (nephew of Pat Wilcox in Florida – cancer)
- Greg Rhodes (neighbor of Mike and Ginny Wilcox – cancer)
- Payden (local infant – undergoing treatments for leukemia)

Shut-ins

- Landon and Sarah Hope (at home)

God's Use of Wicked Nations

Wayne Jackson

Jehovah may use an evil nation to chastise a relatively better one. There is no question but that the nations of Assyria and Babylon were far worse than both Israel and Judah, yet the Lord employed both of these pagan powers to punish his people who gradually (and sometimes more than gradually) were drifting into apostasy.

The Assyrians came marching against the northern kingdom of Israel under Tiglath-pileser (2 Kings 15:29; 16:7-9), and then twelve years later under Shalmaneser and Sargon. The capital city of Samaria was under siege for three years. It subsequently fell, and over twenty-seven thousand Jews were taken to Assyria as captives. All of this was because "they obeyed not the voice of Jehovah their God" (2 Kings 18:9-12).

A little more than a century later, Judah fell as well. Through the prophet Jeremiah, Jehovah pledged that he would send his "servant,"

This Week at a Glance	
Sun March 8	Morning: "O King, live forever" (Dan 6:21) - Religion and Politics Evening: Bad Rulers/Governments Doing God's Will
Mon March 9	
Tue March 10	
Wed March 11	Adult class, Prayer and Providence, Lesson 22 Happy Anniversary, Jim and Margaret Blackwell Happy Anniversary, Caleb and Jenn Cascairo
Thu March 12	Singing at Sonshine Manor, 10-10:30 a.m.
Fri March 13	
Sat March 14	
Sun March 15	Morning: Themed Service Invitation to the Brysons' (see below)

Nebuchadnezzar, against Judah, bringing desolation upon the land, and and most of the people would be taken captive into Babylon. This punishment was "because you have not heard my words" (Jeremiah 25:8ff). It is estimated that some seventy thousand Hebrews were transported into the pagan king's land.

When the Jewish nation reached the zenith of its rebellion, even to the extent of murdering its long-awaited Messiah, God determined to send the Roman armies (called "his armies") to destroy many of the Jews and burn their city (see Matthew 22:7). According to the Jewish historian, Josephus, more than a million Hebrews were slain and thousands more were sold into slavery.

Invitation

Everyone is invited to the Brysons' home next Sunday at 5 p.m. for a potluck dinner and to celebrate the upcoming marriage of Hannah Black and Tyler Gray. See the invitation on the bulletin board for more information.