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May 12, 2016

Why does God allow ~~_____~~ (suffering) to happen?

A) In the case of Israel, it was to motivate repentance.

Why does God allow ~~_____~~ (causes of suffering)

A.) Our sin → God allows suffering here to encourage repentance.

B.) Others sins → God allows suffering here to draw us closer to himself. (If we let him!)

C.) When we suffer for others' sins, we can offer it up as reparation for other's sins.

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→ Elijah → Prophet to Israel ~~_____~~
was faithful to the call God gave him.

• God called him to be faithful, not necessarily successful, though he was both.

• ~~_____~~ (the queen) tried to kill him and failed.

• God called ~~_____~~ to Mount Horeb, and came to him as a 'still small voice'.

• God sent a fiery chariot to bring Elijah to Himself.

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→ Elisha takes his place! 2 Kings 5:1-19

Aram = enemy of Israel, Naaman = general of Aram

- 1.) What was Elisha's response to a.) Israel's king?
b.) Naaman? (9-12)
- 2.) What was Naaman's response to a.) Elisha?
b.) Servant girl?
- 3.) What was Naaman's defining virtue? Explain.

Elisha's response to Israel's king was he was a bit confused because he did ^{not} know why the king had torn his garments. He then told the king to send Naaman to him instead.

When Naaman arrived at the house of Elisha, Elisha told him to go down to the Jordan and wash himself to see what his response would be. Naaman's response was anger because he had thought that Elisha was going to heal him right away of his leprosy, but he did not. Naaman's response to the servant girl was probably gratitude because she had helped him to believe in the Lord and be forgiven because she had told him about what was happening in Israel. Naaman's defining virtue was hope. He had hope that he would be cured and he later had hope in the Lord.

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He hoped and trusted in God. Humility?

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Naaman is ~~general~~ of Aram → Israel's ~~oppressors~~

Naaman is a ~~leper~~, and wants a cure ~~for his leprosy~~.

∴ Naaman comes to Elisha's house and Elisha does not even ~~bother~~ to come to the ~~door~~. Elisha was trying to teach Naaman humility!

~~Naaman~~ was insulted that the 'cure' would be accomplished by washing in the ~~river~~. This was the ~~last~~ thing a leper would want to do!

Naaman became humble and did what ~~he was told~~

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~~Docility~~: The 'brother' of humility.

~~Docility~~: the virtue of being able to be taught.

→ Humility is a pre-requisite for ~~docility~~

→ Docility is what opens us to God's grace.

* Sadly ~~Israel~~ (North Kingdom) was not humble,

therefore they were not docile, therefore

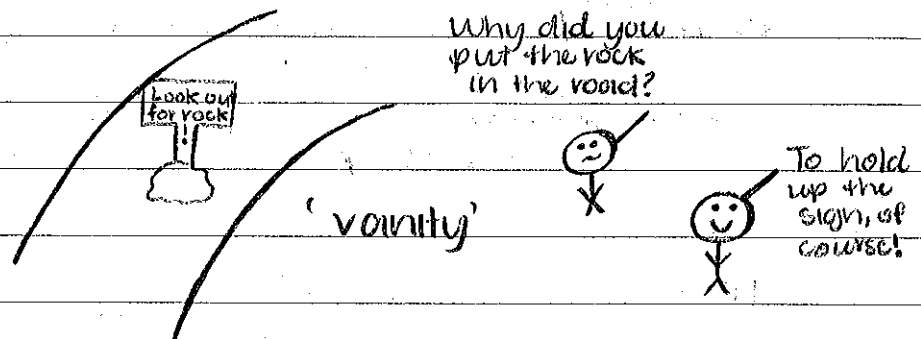
they ~~rejected God~~.

→ By 722 BC their time ~~ran out~~ 2 Kings 17

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- ~~Chalch~~ takes over Israel
- Israelites became ~~slaves~~
- They will never rebuild the kingdom.
- God made these people a witness to the ~~nations~~
- Instead of ~~teaching~~ the nations about God they just acted like ~~everyone else!~~

2 Kings 17: "The vanity they pursued, they themselves became."



Read 2 Kings 18: 1-37 Assyria is planning on invading Judah. Do you think they will be successful? Explain your answer in 5-7 sentences.

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- 722 BC. Israel is destroyed by Assyria, and became slaves' exiles.
- This happened because Israel was ~~unfaithful~~ to God! The prophets had been warning of this for ~~generations!~~

The Kingdom of Judah after 721 B.C.

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• Judah in the South remains, Hezekiah becomes King and institutes reforms. 2 Kings 18.

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→ Hezekiah trusts God and teaches the Jews to do the same! Why is Assyria so confident?
a) If you were a Jew, how would you feel?

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1) The Assyrians were the ~~dominant~~ world power @ the time. They did not worship the real God nor did they take the time to get to know him!

To hold up the sign of course!

→ Hezekiah went to the temple, he prayed for help!
→ Hezekiah goes to Isaiah.

→ Hezekiah does not say their main problem was the main problem with Assyria, they were ~~dominant~~ ^{Killing + steal things!} the ~~living God~~ Blasphemy → insulting God or that which is Holy

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• Assyria's downfall was... pride
They did not give credit where credit was due!

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What do we learn from this?

1. God is ~~sovereign~~: he is in charge/control of everything!
2. When we accomplish ~~great things~~ we need to give credit where credit is due!

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Assyria fell in battle because of pride.

They thought they were so great, and did not give credit where credit was due: God is sovereign: God is in control and everything in the world happens without God's permission.

If God is sovereign, then why suffering?

→ God brings greater good out of suffering
if we let him - to encourage repentance
- to draw us closer to himself!

Judah lasted until ⁽⁶⁾ 587 BC. Sadly they had returned to their land. The Assyrians had been conquered by Babylon. King Nebuchadnezzar invades Jerusalem and destroys it and the temple. The Jews become exiles and slaves. → Babylonian Exile

2 Chronicles 36: 15-21

The exile lasts 70 years until Persia conquers

Babylon and King Cyrus comes into power.

→ A number of the Jewish people do not want to return to Jerusalem, but a remnant returns to rebuild the temple.