

**Is God Angry with Rebellion?**  
**2 Kings 24:18-25:7**  
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**For Context: Joshua 24:1-28**

**Main Points:**

- 1.) God is angry with rebellion.
- 2.) God is merciful and forgives rebels.

**Exposition:**

**1.) *What was their rebellion?***

- a.) Concerning Zedekiah.....
  - i.) Zedekiah was warned. (Jeremiah 21:1-10)
  - ii.) Zedekiah was told to submit to Babylon. (Jeremiah 27:12-15)
  - iii.) Zedekiah rebelled against Babylon. (Ezekiel 17:11-21) (2 Chronicles 36:13)
  - iv.) Zedekiah was told not to trust Egypt. (Jeremiah 37:6-10)
  - v.) Zedekiah was warned again. (Jeremiah 38:14-28)
  - vi.) Zedekiah didn't submit, and his window of opportunity closed. (Jeremiah 52:3-11)
- b.) Concerning Judah.....
  - i.) They were guilty too. (Jeremiah 7:9-10)
  - ii.) They were reminded of their covenant. (Jeremiah 11:3-4)
  - iii.) They were warned. (Jeremiah 25:8-11) (Jeremiah 27:5-8)
  - iv.) They sought a word from the Lord. (Jeremiah 42:1-22)
  - v.) They rejected that word. (Jeremiah 43:1-7)

**2.) *Why do we rebel?***

- a.) Martin Luther: "The sin underneath all our sin is to trust the lie of the serpent that we cannot trust the love and grace of Christ and must take matters into our own hands."
- b.) Worry leads us to believe that we have to take control.
- c.) Pride leads us to believe that we can.

**3.) *What can we do about our rebellion?***

- a.) Repent and come back. (Luke 15:11-32)
- b.) Resist and suffer the consequences. (Luke 16:19-31)