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THE COST
OF SIN

It is so much better to learn
from **other people's** mistakes,
instead of experiencing those
mistakes for **ourselves**

Judah should have **learned**
from their brother's sin,
unfortunately, Judah **followed**
in his brother's footsteps

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THE FALL OF JUDAH

Judah was really good at **cross-comparing** (they looked at their wayward sibling and were quick to recognize Israel's sins)

As a whole, Judah **neglected** their own sin because they thought they weren't **nearly as bad** as their sibling

Jeremiah 3:6-10

Judah was a **witness** to her sister's treachery, but Judah didn't learn from her sister's **mistakes**

II Chronicles 36:11-13

**“Evil” = this is intentional and deliberate rebellion against God
(This was not a mistake, it was an act of defiance)**

“Humble himself” = to **bend low**,
to be fully submitted (Zedekiah
refused to respond by listening)

Ezekiel 17 describes how Zedekiah disregarded a **sacred oath**, which he swore by God to be faithful to King Nebuchadnezzar

Instead of **turning back** to God, Zedekiah stiffened his neck and hardened his heart **towards God**

II Chronicles 36:14-16

This heart level sin problem
was from top down

Our God is **patient** and
long-suffering – giving His creation
so many opportunities to humble
themselves and return to Him

II Chronicles 36:17-19

Judah didn't **repent** – so God sent
the Babylonians

God **removed** everything which
Judah trusted in

II Chronicles 36:20-21

After **70 years** of living in a foreign land surrounded by foreign gods,
God would end his **discipline**