

Jeremiah 37

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37 And king Zedekiah the son of Josiah reigned instead of Coniah the son of Jehoiakim, whom Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon made king in the land of Judah. (Coniah was Jehoiakin <Jeconiah> - the son of Jehoiakim. God told Jeremiah to remove His name from this king's name because the king hated God. So he was called Coniah)

NOTE: (Zedekiah was the last king of Judah. Nebuchadnezzar put him on the throne of Judah as a vassal king. He took an oath of loyalty to God and to Nebuchadnezzar. And then, he plotted against king Nebuchadnezzar and was removed from the throne. He only ruled a short three months, and then was taken prisoner to Babylon. There he was blinded and executed for his treason)

²But neither he, nor his servants, nor the people of the land, did hearken unto the words of the LORD, which he spake by the prophet Jeremiah. (Same problem as his predecessors; the king and the people refused God. They refused to accept the 70 year captivity to Babylon)

³And Zedekiah the king sent Jehucal the son of Shelemiah and Zephaniah the son of Maaseiah the priest to the prophet Jeremiah, saying, Pray now unto the LORD our God for us. (Were they serious? Why would God even want to help them?)

⁴Now Jeremiah came in and went out among the people: for they had not put him into prison. (Not yet)

⁵Then Pharaoh's army was come forth out of Egypt: and when the Chaldeans that besieged Jerusalem heard tidings of them, they departed from Jerusalem. (Zedekiah hired the Egyptians to defend him against the Chaldeans – even after Nebuchadnezzar had appointed him to be the vassal king to rule Judah)

(Zedekiah had given Nebuchadnezzar his word of allegiance; and then he broke it. God hates a man who breaks his oaths)

Jeremiah-17:5 (Cursed be the man who puts his faith in man; instead of God. This would be Zedekiah's fatal mistake. He and his sons paid the price with their lives)

⁶Then came the word of the LORD unto the prophet Jeremiah saying,

⁷Thus saith the LORD, the God of Israel; Thus shall ye say to the king of Judah, that sent you unto me to enquire of me; Behold, Pharaoh's army, which is come forth to help you, shall return to Egypt into their own land. (Mercenaries are not trustworthy. God told them over and over that they would be under the Chaldeans' rule for 70 years)

⁸And the Chaldeans shall come again, and fight against this city, and take it, and burn it with fire. (Having been betrayed again, by Zedekiah this time, the Chaldeans won't show any mercy on them this time)

⁹Thus saith the LORD; Deceive not yourselves, saying, The Chaldeans shall surely depart from us: for they shall not depart. (These are types for antichrist in the future. There will be no rapture. We will be here to stand and to testify against antichrist) See Mark-13

¹⁰For though ye had smitten the whole army of the Chaldeans that fight against you, and there remained but wounded men among them, yet should they rise up every man in his tent, and burn this city with fire. (God will not allow Judah to change His plan. Even if there had been but a few of Chaldeans left, they would still destroy Jerusalem – because God judged it to be so)

(A single man and God make up a majority. No army can prevail against God)

¹¹And it came to pass, that when the army of the Chaldeans was broken up from Jerusalem for fear of Pharaoh's army,

¹²Then Jeremiah went forth out of Jerusalem to go into the land of Benjamin, to separate himself thence in the midst of the people. (He went to Anathoth)

¹³And when he was in the gate of Benjamin, a captain of the ward was there, whose name was Irijah, the son of Shelemiah, the son of Hananiah; and he took Jeremiah the prophet, saying, Thou fallest away to the Chaldeans. (Irijah was calling Jeremiah a traitor. Jeremiah sided with God; not with Zedekiah. He was no traitor)

¹⁴Then said Jeremiah, It is false; I fall not away to the Chaldeans. But he hearkened not to him: so Irijah took Jeremiah, and brought him to the princes. (He arrested him)

¹⁵ Wherefore the princes were wroth with Jeremiah, and smote him, and put him in prison in the house of Jonathan the scribe: for they had made that the prison. (Jeremiah was beaten and then thrown into prison for obeying God)

NOTE: (This is a type for when the Elect will be arrested for siding with God, against the antichrist. They will probably be called "alt-right, and domestic terrorists for refusing the one world religion of Satan)

¹⁶ When Jeremiah was entered into the dungeon, and into the cabins, and Jeremiah had remained there many days;

¹⁷ Then Zedekiah the king sent, and took him out: and the king asked him secretly in his house, and said, Is there any word from the LORD? And Jeremiah said, There is: for, said he, thou shalt be delivered into the hand of the king of Babylon. (What part of that didn't Zedekiah understand? God's Word hasn't changed. Zedekiah kept thinking that he could make God change His mind)

(Jeremiah refused to make something up, just to please the king. He remained faithful to God)

¹⁸ Moreover Jeremiah said unto king Zedekiah, What have I offended against thee, or against thy servants, or against this people, that ye have put me in prison? (That is a good question. Jeremiah broke no laws or committed no violence)

¹⁹ Where are now your prophets which prophesied unto you, saying, The king of Babylon shall not come against you, nor against this land? (Where are your false prophets now that the Chaldeans are attacking? They were proven wrong; and now they were nowhere to be found)

²⁰ Therefore hear now, I pray thee, O my lord the king: let my supplication, I pray thee, be accepted before thee; that thou cause me not to return to the house of Jonathan the scribe, lest I die there. (The famine of the siege by Babylon was coming. Being locked in prison was a death sentence. When there was a famine, they didn't bother to feed the prisoners)

²¹ Then Zedekiah the king commanded that they should commit Jeremiah into the court of the prison, and that they should give him daily a piece of bread out of the bakers' street, until all the bread in the city were spent. Thus Jeremiah remained in the court of the prison. (Jeremiah never changed the Word of God – even under threat)

of imprisonment or death. God saw to it that Jeremiah was fed, even in prison)