

Lesson 10
Jeremiah's Message to Zedekiah and His Predecessors
Jeremiah 21-22

Questions

1. Why did Zedekiah want Jeremiah to inquire of the Lord (21:1-2)?

2. What answer did the Lord give to Zedekiah and the people of Jerusalem concerning Nebuchadr(n)ezzar (21:3-7)?

3. What two choices did the Lord give the people of Jerusalem (21:8-10)?

4. What final appeal did the Lord make with the king of Judah (21:11-14)?

5. What did the Lord tell the king of Judah to do and what would happen if he did it (22:1-4)?

6. What would happen to the king's house if he did not listen to the Lord (22:5-9)?

7. What was the fate of Shallum (Jehoahaz), son of Josiah (22:10-12)?

8. What was the fate of Jehoiakim and why (22:13-19)?

9. What was the fate of Coniah (Jeconiah or Jehoiachin), son of Jehoiakim (22:24-30)?

Digging Deeper

1. When did Zedekiah reign (21:1; see also 1:3)?
2. Who was Nebuchadr(n)ezzar and when did he make war with Judah (21:1-2)?
3. What were Gilead and Lebanon known for (22:6-7)?
4. Who is the dead one in 22:10 and who was the father in 22:15-16?
5. What should be noted about the time frame of Jeremiah 22:10-30 with respect to the four kings that are mentioned there: Josiah, Shallum (Jehoahaz), Jehoiakim, and Coniah (Jeconiah or Jehoiachin)?
6. What eventually happened to Jehoiachin according to Jeremiah 52:31-34 and 2 Kings 25:27-30?

Applications for Today

1. You do not want to face the anger, wrath, and great indignation of the Lord (21:5-10; Rom. 2:8).
2. Execute justice and righteousness toward others, especially those who are in need (21:11 – 22:4; Mt. 23:23; Eph. 4:24; Col. 4:1; Jas. 1:27; 3:16-17).
3. Do not forsake the covenant of the Lord God (22:5-9; Rom. 1:31)?
4. God's people who act unrighteously will be judged (22:10-30; Rom. 1:28-32; 1 Cor. 6:9-10; 2 Cor. 12:20; Gal. 5:19-21; Eph. 4:25 – 5:5; Col. 3:5-9; 1 Tim. 1:9-10; Jas. 3:14-16).