

Jeremiah Chapter 22

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See Also 2 Chronicles 34-35

I. DESTRUCTION TO JEHOIAKIM (22:1-6)

- A. Jehoiakim is the son of David who is ruling at this time.
- B. He is warned about the coming destruction if the king does not obey the word of the Lord
- C. Future kings will rule in David's throne if they obey, 4
- D. Disobedience will bring desolation, 4-5
- E. Gilead and Lebanon were wonderful places of prosperity and beauty. This is God's attitude toward Israel-Judah unless they turn from him, 6

II. DETAILS OF JUDAH'S DESTRUCTION (22:7-12)

- A. Destroying the "choice cedars." The sons of the king were like strong cedars standing in the forest. God will destroy this kingly line so no king will rule in Judah, 7
- B. Why has the Lord done this?, 8
- C. Because they forsook the Lord and went after other gods, 9
- D. Do not sorrow for the dead; because it is those who are taken captive who will have the worse sorrow: they will not return again to this beautiful land. They will die in captivity, 10
- E. As for Shallum (Jehoahaz, Josiah's fourth son—1 Chron 3:15), he will not return, 11
- F. Shallum left Jerusalem and was taken to Egypt by Pharaoh-necho (2 Chron 36:3), 12

III. BUILDING THE WICKED HOUSE (22:13-19)

- A. Jehoiakim had a house to live in, but he wanted more, and he used slave labor to build it. This may be a new house or an expansion of the king's palace, 13
- B. He had ceilings of cedar and paint of vermilion (red), 14
- C. Jehoiakim is compared to his father, Josiah, who reigned with righteous judgment; but he did not need a new house bright and clean, 15-16
- D. Jehoiakim's work is the way of violence and to shed innocent blood, 17
- E. He will be killed and have a beast's burial, 18-19—"So Josephus says, that when Nebuchadnezzar entered Jerusalem, he slew the most robust and beautiful with Jehoiakim their king, and ordered him to be cast without the walls unburied."

IV. THE CRY FOR HELP (22:20-22)

- A. Lebanon and Bashan are places with high mountains where trumpets could be blown, calling for help from Israel's "lovers." These lovers are their friends and allies, but they cannot help, 20
- B. God spoke to Israel in their time of prosperity, but they would not hear, 21
- C. The wind (Nebuchadnezzar and his armies) will eat up the pastors: their kings, prophets, priest, and prophets, etc., 22

V. NO RETURN AND NO CHILDREN (22:23-30)

- A. Lebanon is here given for Jerusalem, for many of the great houses were built from the cedars of Lebanon, but they will still fall, 23
- B. This Coniah is Jechoniah, the son of Jehoiakim. He is also called Jehoiachin.
- C. If Coniah, meaning “this man,” were a signet on God’s ring, God would still bring judgment upon Jerusalem.
 - 1. A signet on a ring was a pagan practice of putting the religious guru’s image on a ring and wearing it for good luck.
- D. God will give these people to the Chaldeans, 25
- E. This is a country with which these people were not familiar, 26
- F. When they go, they will not return, 27
- G. Coniah (this man, Jechoniah) is as a despised broken idol, 28, and will be cast out.
- H. The earth is called upon to hear the word of the LORD, 29
- I. Coniah (Jechoniah) is said to have no children. Though he did have children in captivity, they were not in Jerusalem so the children could reign on the throne of David, 30