

## Jeremiah 22

King James Version (KJV)

(It is believed that chapter 22:1 through 23:8 pertains to introducing Jesus Christ who will be the true King. As God in the flesh, Jesus descended from the seed line of David. He will sit on the throne for ever and judge righteously. The kings in these following chapters were evil and corrupt. God disinherited them from the king line of Judah)

**22** Thus saith the LORD; Go down to the house of the king of Judah, and speak there this word, **(At this time – Jehoiakim was king)**

<sup>2</sup>And say, Hear the word of the LORD, O king of Judah, that sittest upon the throne of David, thou, and thy servants, and thy people that enter in by these gates:

<sup>3</sup>Thus saith the LORD; Execute ye judgment and righteousness, and deliver the spoiled out of the hand of the oppressor: and do no wrong, do no violence to the stranger, the fatherless, nor the widow, neither shed innocent blood in this place. **(He was another of the evil kings in the last days of Judah. God is warning him to change his ways and to start doing right by the people)**

<sup>4</sup>For if ye do this thing indeed, then shall there enter in by the gates of this house kings sitting upon the throne of David, riding in chariots and on horses, he, and his servants, and his people. **(They won't. The men will lose the seed line. Zedekiah and his sons will be executed by Nebuchadnezzar. The daughters will survive and go with Jeremiah to Egypt and then to southern England. Scots, one of Zedekiah's daughters went on to establish Scotland as a kingdom)**

<sup>5</sup>But if ye will not hear these words, I swear by myself, saith the LORD, that this house shall become a desolation. **(God's giving the king a choice. He'll choose to ignore God)**

<sup>6</sup>For thus saith the LORD unto the king's house of Judah; Thou art Gilead unto me, and the head of Lebanon: yet surely I will make thee a wilderness, and cities which are not inhabited. **(Gilead was where some of the best healing balm came from – to soothe the sick; Cedar from Lebanon was considered one of the healthiest and protective woods)**

<sup>7</sup>And I will prepare destroyers against thee, every one with his weapons: and they shall cut down thy choice cedars, and cast them

into the fire. (Past – Nebuchadnezzar and the Babylonians; Future - antichrist and the Kenites)

<sup>8</sup> And many nations shall pass by this city, and they shall say every man to his neighbour, Wherefore hath the LORD done thus unto this great city? (man= ish, not adam – ish means the heathen men)

<sup>9</sup> Then they shall answer, Because they have forsaken the covenant of the LORD their God, and worshipped other gods, and served them. (Even the heathen people will know that Israel destroyed itself by abandoning the Living God, for idols and perversion; and yet the Israelites couldn't see it)

<sup>10</sup> Weep ye not for the dead, neither bemoan him: but weep sore for him that goeth away: for he shall return no more, nor see his native country. (The dead are with God – the exiled will suffer. Josiah was dead at this time and is with God; Jehoiakim and his other sons would be taken captive by Babylon)

<sup>11</sup> For thus saith the LORD touching Shallum the son of Josiah king of Judah, which reigned instead of Josiah his father, which went forth out of this place; He shall not return thither any more (Shallum was Jehoiachaz – one of his names. It means retribution)

<sup>12</sup> But he shall die in the place whither they have led him captive, and shall see this land no more. (The evil king will die in captivity, like a slave)

<sup>13</sup> Woe unto him that buildeth his house by unrighteousness, and his chambers by wrong; that useth his neighbour's service without wages, and giveth him not for his work; (Ill gotten gains, bribery, corruption; God holds crooked leaders accountable for the suffering they cause the people that they were appointed to protect)

<sup>14</sup> That saith, I will build me a wide house and large chambers, and cutteth him out windows; and it is cieled with cedar, and painted with vermilion. (ceiled= inlaid with wood) (They become rich through corruption and bribery while in office, instead of serving the people that put them in that office – just like the US government workers today)

<sup>15</sup> Shalt thou reign, because thou closest thyself in cedar? did not thy father eat and drink, and do judgment and justice, and then it was well with him? (Good leaders are right with God, and are rewarded)

<sup>16</sup> He judged the cause of the poor and needy; then it was well with him: was not this to know me? saith the LORD. (Josiah followed the Word of God and ruled justly and honestly. God loved and blessed him)

<sup>17</sup> But thine eyes and thine heart are not but for thy covetousness, and for to shed innocent blood, and for oppression, and for violence, to do it. (This king, Jehoiakim, forced the people to work for him without wages, while he lived in luxury. He judged falsely so he could seize peoples' possessions. God will correct this)

<sup>18</sup> Therefore thus saith the LORD concerning Jehoiakim the son of Josiah king of Judah; They shall not lament for him, saying, Ah my brother! or, Ah sister! they shall not lament for him, saying, Ah lord! or, Ah his glory! (They'll be glad to be rid of him. No one will feel sorry for him)

<sup>19</sup> He shall be buried with the burial of an ass, drawn and cast forth beyond the gates of Jerusalem. (Act like one, be buried like one. It is believed that he died on the way to Babylon. They tossed his body by the side of the road and left him there)

<sup>20</sup> Go up to Lebanon, and cry; and lift up thy voice in Bashan, and cry from the passages: for all thy lovers are destroyed. (Written to Jerusalem; her perversion and corruption are coming to an end)

<sup>21</sup> I spake unto thee in thy prosperity; but thou saidst, I will not hear. This hath been thy manner from thy youth, that thou obeyedst not my voice. (Spoiled rotten and self-centered from the day she was born)

<sup>22</sup> The wind shall eat up all thy pastors, and thy lovers shall go into captivity: surely then shalt thou be ashamed and confounded for all thy wickedness. (The east wind was a hot dry wind that would dry out the crops and cause drought. The east wind came from across the Euphrates – symbolic for the Babylonians then, and for the muslims today)

<sup>23</sup> O inhabitant of Lebanon, that makest thy nest in the cedars, how gracious shalt thou be when pangs come upon thee, the pain as of a woman in travail! (You live in luxury now. Where will you be when this age ends and a new age is being born?)

<sup>24</sup> As I live, saith the LORD, though Coniah the son of Jehoiakim king of Judah were the signet upon my right hand, yet would I pluck thee thence; (Coniah- Jeconiah – the youngest of Jehoiakim's sons – also

evil; God had no respect for him either, and changed his name to Coniah – to take His name out of Coniah's name)

(Jeconiah – whom God has appointed; Coniah = appointed)

<sup>25</sup> And I will give thee into the hand of them that seek thy life, and into the hand of them whose face thou fearest, even into the hand of Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon, and into the hand of the Chaldeans. (Chaldeans were the Cyrics) (Death sentence – all the males in this lineage will die by the Babylonians; the daughters will be taken to Egypt, then to England by Jeremiah; example- Scota <daughter of Zedekiah> ruled what would later become Scotland <Land of Scota>)

<sup>26</sup> And I will cast thee out, and thy mother that bare thee, into another country, where ye were not born; and there shall ye die. (Babylon; the queen mother went with him and died there also)

<sup>27</sup> But to the land whereunto they desire to return, thither shall they not return.

<sup>28</sup> Is this man Coniah a despised broken idol? is he a vessel wherein is no pleasure? wherefore are they cast out, he and his seed, and are cast into a land which they know not?

<sup>29</sup> O earth, earth, earth, hear the word of the LORD. (3 times for great emphasis)

<sup>30</sup> Thus saith the LORD, Write ye this man childless, a man that shall not prosper in his days: for no man of his seed shall prosper, sitting upon the throne of David, and ruling any more in Judah. (The daughters became the inheritance of this family- all the males were killed by the Babylonians)