

#19 - Messages for Kings (Jeremiah 21-22)

I. Message for Zedekiah (21:1-10)

- King Zedekiah (_____ king of Judah) asks Jeremiah to inquire of the Lord to _____ them from the Babylonians. (1-2)
- Jeremiah responds by saying that the Babylonians will be _____ because God is _____ for them and bringing his wrath against Jerusalem. (3-6)
- Zedekiah & his people will fall by the _____ – if not famine or pestilence. (7-9)
- Jeremiah’s message to the people: Choose _____ or choose _____. (8-9)
 - Stay in the city and fight – _____.
 - Surrender to the Babylonians – you get your _____ as spoil.

II. Message for the King (21:11 - 22:9)

- God’s word to those who sit on David’s throne: Administer _____ and deliver the oppressed – so that God’s wrath doesn’t burn against you. (11-12)
- Instead, the people of Jerusalem trust in themselves and their _____. (13-14)
- Again to the king: Do justice and righteousness and David’s line will endure and prosper; but if not the house will be left _____. (22:1-5)
- Destroyers will come and cut down their “cedars” – what the _____ (and _____) was made from. (6-7)
- Jerusalem’s destruction will be a _____ to others about forsaking God. (8-9)

III. Message about Jehoahaz (22:10-12)

- Don’t weep for the one whose dead (_____)—weep for the one taken captive (_____), because he will never return. (10)
- Jehoahaz will die in the land to where he was taken (_____). (11-12)

IV. Message for Jehoiakim (22:13-23)

- Apparently Jehoiakim had built a very fancy _____ (without affording it) and cared more about _____ like a king than being a king. (13-14)
- His father (Josiah) had enough and committed himself to _____ – he is intent on _____ gain, oppression, and extortion. (15-17)
- Therefore, Jehoiakim will die without _____ or _____. (18-19)
- The royal house that thought itself so secure in its _____ will be caught up in sudden anguish—and no one will be there to help. (18-23)

V. Message about Jehoiachin (22:24-30)

- If Jeconiah (Jehoiachin) was as precious to God as a royal ring, he would still throw him to the Babylonians—and he will be thrown into _____. (24-27)
- God declares that Jehoiachin will not have a son sit on the throne—and that _____ of his descendants will sit on the throne of David. (28-30)