

#35 - The Climactic Moment (Jeremiah 38-39)

I. In and Out of the Pit (38:1-13)

- This is a continuation of the narrative account of the end of the reign of _____, the last king of Judah.
- Several officials come to Zedekiah and demand the _____ of Jeremiah for preaching a _____ message to the people. (1-4)
- Jeremiah's message was consistent: The city will be overthrown—stay and _____, or go to the Babylonians and receive your _____ as the spoils of war. (2-3)
- Zedekiah allows the men to do what they want, so they throw Jeremiah into a muddy _____. (5-6)
- An _____ eunuch, Ebed-Melech, intervenes and pleads with Zedekiah to rescue Jeremiah before he dies. (7-9)
- Zedekiah (again) obliges the request, and Ebed-Melech goes so far as to collect old rags for Jeremiah to pad his _____ while he is lifted out. (10-12)
- Jeremiah's brought up from the _____, returned to the court of the guard. (13)

II. A Secret Meeting (38:14-28)

- Zedekiah calls for Jeremiah to meet in secret and ask for information. (14)
 - **Jeremiah** (15) :
 - **Zedekiah** (16) :
 - **Jeremiah** (17-18) :
 - **Zedekiah** (19) :

- **Jeremiah (20-23) :**

- **Zedekiah (24-26) :**

- After the conversation, Jeremiah returns to the court of the guard and Zedekiah continues to _____ act on the word of God from Jeremiah. (27-28)

III. Jerusalem Falls (39:1-10)

- After a year and a half siege, the Babylonians _____ Jerusalem's wall. (1-3)
- Zedekiah and his men _____, but are chased down and seized. (4-5)
- Nebuchadnezzar _____ the sons and men of Zedekiah before _____ his eyes and carrying him off to Babylon. (6-7)
- Jerusalem is _____, and all but the poorest people of the city are taken away into exile in Babylon. (8-10)

IV. Your Life as the Spoils (39:11-18)

- Upon capturing the city, Nebuchadnezzar orders Jeremiah be _____. (11-12)
- Jeremiah stays with the people and is entrusted to _____, son of Ahikam (see 26:24), the son of Shaphan (see 2 Kings 22:10). (13-14)
- God had provided that Ebed-Melech (who rescued Jeremiah from the pit) be delivered, receiving his _____ as the spoils for _____ in God. (15-18)