

Jeremiah 22:1-30 **Message to the last kings of Judah**

Call to repentance for Security and continuing rule – Warning against rebellion

1 Thus says the Lord: "Go down to the house of the king of Judah, and there speak this word,
2 and say, 'Hear the word of the Lord, O king of Judah, you who sit on the throne of David, you and your servants and your people who enter these gates!

3 Thus says the Lord: "Execute judgment and righteousness, and deliver the plundered out of the hand of the oppressor. Do no wrong and do no violence to the stranger, the fatherless, or the widow, nor shed innocent blood in this place.

4 For if you indeed do this thing, then shall enter the gates of this house, riding on horses and in chariots, accompanied by servants and people, kings who sit on the throne of David.

5 But if you will not hear these words, I swear by Myself," says the Lord, "that this house shall become a desolation.""

6 For thus says the Lord to the house of the king of Judah:

"You are Gilead to Me, The head of Lebanon; Yet I surely will make you a wilderness, Cities which are not inhabited.

7 I will prepare destroyers against you, Everyone with his weapons; They shall cut down your choice cedars And cast them into the fire.

8 And many nations will pass by this city; and everyone will say to his neighbor, 'Why has the Lord done so to this great city?'

9 Then they will answer, 'Because they have forsaken the covenant of the Lord their God, and worshiped other gods and served them.'"

10 Weep not for the dead, nor bemoan him; Weep bitterly for him who goes away, For he shall return no more, Nor see his native country.

Message to the Sons of Josiah

11 For thus says the Lord concerning Shallum the son of Josiah, king of Judah, who reigned instead of Josiah his father, who went from this place: "He shall not return here anymore,

12 but he shall die in the place where they have led him captive, and shall see this land no more.

13 "Woe to him who builds his house by unrighteousness And his chambers by injustice, Who uses his neighbor's service without wages And gives him nothing for his work,

14 Who says, 'I will build myself a wide house with spacious chambers, And cut out windows for it, Paneling it with cedar And painting it with vermilion.'

15 "Shall you reign because you enclose yourself in cedar? Did not your father eat and drink, And do justice and righteousness? Then it was well with him.

16 He judged the cause of the poor and needy; Then it was well. Was not this knowing Me?" says the Lord.

17 "Yet your eyes and your heart are for nothing but your covetousness, For shedding innocent

blood, And practicing oppression and violence."

18 Therefore thus says the Lord concerning Jehoiakim the son of Josiah, king of Judah:
"They shall not lament for him, Saying, 'Alas, my brother!' or 'Alas, my sister!' They shall not
lament for him, Saying, 'Alas, master!' or 'Alas, his glory!'"

19 He shall be buried with the burial of a donkey, Dragged and cast out beyond the gates of
Jerusalem.

Message to Lebanon

20 "Go up to Lebanon, and cry out, And lift up your voice in Bashan; Cry from Abarim, For all your
lovers are destroyed.

21 I spoke to you in your prosperity, But you said, 'I will not hear. 'This has been your manner from
your youth, That you did not obey My voice.

22 The wind shall eat up all your rulers, And your lovers shall go into captivity; Surely then you will
be ashamed and humiliated For all your wickedness.

23 O inhabitant of Lebanon, Making your nest in the cedars, How gracious will you be when pangs
come upon you, Like the pain of a woman in labor?

Message to Coniah

24 "As I live," says the Lord, "though Coniah the son of Jehoiakim, king of Judah, were the signet on
My right hand, yet I would pluck you off;

25 and I will give you into the hand of those who seek your life, and into the hand of those whose
face you fear — the hand of Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon and the hand of the Chaldeans.

26 So I will cast you out, and your mother who bore you, into another country where you were not
born; and there you shall die.

27 But to the land to which they desire to return, there they shall not return.

28 "Is this man Coniah a despised, broken idol — A vessel in which is no pleasure? Why are they
cast out, he and his descendants, And cast into a land which they do not know?"

29 O earth, earth, earth, Hear the word of the Lord!

30 Thus says the Lord: 'Write this man down as childless, A man who shall not prosper in his days;
For none of his descendants shall prosper, Sitting on the throne of David, And ruling anymore in
Judah.'"

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Facts Revealed:

Call to repentance for Security and continuing rule – Warning against rebellion

✧ Thus says Yahweh (the Lord): "Go down to the house of the king of Judah, and there speak
this word, and say,

'Hear the word of Yahweh (the Lord), O king of Judah, you who sit on the throne of David,
you and your servants and your people who enter these gates! [\[Jeremiah 22:1-2\]](#)

✧ The message is to the king of Judah, his servants, and his people who enter the gates of
Jerusalem.

- ✧ Thus says Yahweh (the Lord): "Execute judgment and righteousness, and deliver the plundered out of the hand of the oppressor. Do no wrong and do no violence to the stranger, the fatherless, or the widow, nor shed innocent blood in this place. [\[Jeremiah 22:3\]](#)
 - ✧ Yahweh calls the king still for repentance and obedience to His commandments.
 - ✧ For if you indeed do this thing, then shall enter the gates of this house, riding on horses and in chariots, accompanied by servants and people, kings who sit on the throne of David. [\[Jeremiah 22:4\]](#)
 - ✧ Obedience will still assure continuing kings on the throne of David.
 - ✧ But if you will not hear these words, I swear by Myself," says Yahweh (the Lord), "that this house shall become a desolation.""
- For thus says Yahweh (the Lord) to the house of the king of Judah:
 "You are Gilead to Me, The head of Lebanon; Yet I surely will make you a wilderness, Cities which are not inhabited.
 I will prepare destroyers against you, Everyone with his weapons; They shall cut down your choice cedars And cast them into the fire.

And many nations will pass by this city; and everyone will say to his neighbor, 'Why has Yahweh (the Lord) done so to this great city?'

Then they will answer, 'Because they have forsaken the covenant of Yahweh Eloheyhm (the Lord their God), and worshiped le-elohiym (other gods) and served them.'"

Weep not for the dead, nor bemoan him; Weep bitterly for him who goes away, For he shall return no more, Nor see his native country. [\[Jeremiah 22:5-10\]](#)

- ✧ Continued disobedience will bring destruction to both the king's house, the Temple, and the city of Jerusalem.
- ✧ It will be a testimony to all who pass by that Yahweh is a God of His Word and desolation came because they forsook the covenant of Yahweh and worshiped other gods and served them.
- ✧ Yahweh commanded Jeremiah to weep bitterly for those carried away because they will not return.

Message to the Sons of Josiah

- ✧ For thus says Yahweh (the Lord) concerning **Shallum (Jehoahaz)** the son of Josiah, king of Judah, who reigned instead of Josiah his father, who went from this place: "He shall not return here anymore,
 but he shall die in the place where they have led him captive, and shall see this land no more.

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 Who says, 'I will build myself a wide house with spacious chambers, And cut out windows for it, Paneling it with cedar And painting it with vermilion.'

"Shall you reign because you enclose yourself in cedar? Did not your father eat and drink, And do justice and righteousness? Then it was well with him.
 He judged the cause of the poor and needy; Then it was well. Was not this knowing Me?" says Yahweh (the Lord).

"Yet your eyes and your heart are for nothing but your covetousness, For shedding innocent blood, And practicing oppression and violence." [Jeremiah 22:11-17]

- ✧ Shallum (Jehoahaz) reigned 3 months after his father Josiah.
- ✧ Josiah was killed by Pharaoh Necho at Megiddo when he went from his place in Jerusalem against Pharaoh when Pharaoh went to aid the Assyrians at the Euphrates River. [2 Kings 23:29]
- ✧ Pharaoh Necho took Jehoahaz to Egypt where he died. [2 Kings 23:34]
- ✧ Yahweh told Jeremiah that Jehoahaz would not return to Jerusalem but would die in the place to which he was taken captive, it proved true.
- ✧ Yahweh pronounced Woe to anyone who did unrighteousness and He described the error of Jehoahaz.
- ✧ Yahweh asked, "Shall you reign because you enclose yourself in cedar?"
- ✧ It went well for his father Josiah because he did justice and righteousness and knew Yahweh his God.
- ✧ Jehoahaz did not follow the example of his righteous father, but turned to covetousness, shedding innocent blood, and practicing oppression and violence.
- ✧ Therefore thus says Yahweh (the Lord) concerning **Jehoiakim (Eliakim)** the son of Josiah, king of Judah:
"They shall not lament for him, Saying, 'Alas, my brother!' or 'Alas, my sister!' They shall not lament for him, Saying, 'Alas, master!' or 'Alas, his glory!'"

He shall be buried with the burial of a donkey, Dragged and cast out beyond the gates of Jerusalem. [Jeremiah 22:18-19]

- ✧ When Pharaoh Necho carried Jehoahaz off to Egypt, he appointed Eliakim king of Judah and changed his name to Jehoiakim. [2 Kings 23:34]
- ✧ Jehoiakim was such an evil king eleven years that Yahweh sent against him bands of the Chaldeans, Syrians, Moabites, and Ammonites. [2 Kings 23:35-37, 24:1-6]
- ✧ The problem with Jehoiakim was that though Yahweh spoke to him in his prosperity, he refused to listen and did not obey Yahweh.
- ✧ His end was abhorrent.

Message to Lebanon

- ✧ "Go up to Lebanon, and cry out, And lift up your voice in Bashan; Cry from Abarim, For all your lovers are destroyed.

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The wind shall eat up all your rulers, And your lovers shall go into captivity; Surely then you will be ashamed and humiliated For all your wickedness.

O inhabitant of Lebanon, Making your nest in the cedars, How gracious will you be when pangs come upon you, Like the pain of a woman in labor? [Jeremiah 22:20-23]

- ✧ Lebanon has been blessed from the time of David and Solomon.
- ✧ Yahweh spoke to the inhabitants of Lebanon in her prosperity but they would not hear or obey His voice.
- ✧ Yahweh will shame and humiliate them for all their wickedness.

Message to Coniah

- ✧ "As I live," says Yahweh (the Lord), "though **Coniah (Jehoiachin)** the son of Jehoiakim, king of Judah, were the signet on My right hand, yet I would pluck you off;

and I will give you into the hand of those who seek your life, and into the hand of those whose face you fear — the hand of Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon and the hand of the Chaldeans.

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O earth, earth, earth, Hear the word of Yahweh (the Lord)!

Thus says Yahweh (the Lord): 'Write this man down as childless, A man who shall not prosper in his days; For none of his descendants shall prosper, Sitting on the throne of David, And ruling anymore in Judah.'" [\[Jeremiah 22:24-30\]](#)

✧ Jehoiachin reigned three month and followed the same evil path that his father had done.

[\[2 Kings 24:8-16\]](#)

✧ In the siege of Jerusalem, Jehoiachin (Coniah) went out to Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon.

✧ The king's house and the Temple were striped of all valuables including all articles of gold Solomon had made for the Temple of Yahweh. [\[2 Kings 24:13\]](#)

✧ Nebuchadnezzar carried to Babylon the king and all but the poorest of the people.

✧ All this was just as Yahweh had said.

✧ Yahweh put a curse on the descendants of Jehoiachin (Coniah) saying that none of his descendants will prosper, sitting on the throne of David in Jerusalem ruling anymore in Judah.

✧ The descendants of Jehoiachin (Coniah) is not in the line of Messiah Yeshua as seen in the genealogies of Matthew 1:1-17 genealogy of Joseph husband of Mary stepfather of Jesus and Luke 3:23-38 genealogy of Mary mother of Jesus, Joseph is named instead of Mary with the notation "as was supposed" because genealogies follow the line of the men not women. Women are named when they are an integral part of the story, not in genealogies.

✧ Coniah is listed in the ancestry of Judah the royal line but after the Babylonian captivity Judah had no king descended from David but was under foreign rule with kings appointed by foreign authorities.

✧ Jesus will be King of kings and Lord of lords and traces His human genealogy from David through Nathan not through Solomon. [\[Luke 3:31\]](#)

✧ Joseph husband of Mary traces his genealogy through Solomon and it includes Coniah called Jeconiah. [\[Matthew 1:6, 11\]](#)