



## II Kings

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The reign of Zedekiah 2 Kings 24:18-25:21; 2 Chronicles 36:11-21

- Jeremiah 37
  - Zedekiah and the people of Judah rejected God's messages delivered by Jeremiah.
  - Zedekiah sent a delegation asking Jeremiah to pray to Yahweh for them.
  - This was prompted by the withdrawal of the Babylonians besieging Jerusalem at the approach of the Egyptian army. (see Ezekiel 17:11-21)

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- Jeremiah 37
  - God's reply to Jeremiah
    - The Egyptian army would turn back to their own land
    - The Chaldeans would return to attack the city
    - The fall of the city has been determined

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•Jeremiah 37

- Jeremiah tried to take advantage of the lifted siege to secure the land he had recently purchased.

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•Jeremiah 37

- A guard named Irijah detained Jeremiah and accused him of attempting to desert to the Babylonians.
- Irijah was the grandson of Hananiah. A man by this name had been denounced by Jeremiah as a false prophet which may explain Irijah's actions.(chapter 28)

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•Jeremiah 37

- The officials (probably the people named in 38:1), were enraged at Jeremiah, beat him, and put him in a dungeon cell in the house of Jonathan, the secretary which had been converted into a prison.
- Zedekiah summoned Jeremiah to his presence and inquired about any word from Yahweh.
- Jeremiah restated the word that Zedekiah would be delivered into the hands of the Babylonians.

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•Jeremiah 37

- Jeremiah used the occasion to inquire about what wrong he had done requiring imprisonment.
- He pointed out that the message of the false prophets that the Babylonians would not come against Judah had proven to be false.
- Zedekiah responded to Jeremiah's plea by confining him to the court of the guard in the king's palace and providing food for him.

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•Jeremiah 38

- A group of influential men demanded Jeremiah be put to death for his message that the people who surrendered to the Chaldeans would be spared.
- Zedekiah gave a resigned response to their request and allowed them to proceed.
- They threw him into an empty cistern belonging to one of Zedekiah's sons to die.

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•Jeremiah 38

- An Ethiopian who served in the house of the king made a plea for Jeremiah's life.
- Zedekiah gave him 30 men to rescue Jeremiah from the cistern.
- Jeremiah was then returned to confinement in the court of the guard.

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## Lessons

- *Although prayer will not bail you out of a mess you have made, we must never hesitate to pray.*
- *Attempts to silence the truth have been around a long time.*
- *Nothing can stop God from accomplishing His Word.*
- *The instability of worldly thinking is seen in one moment seeking out those who are true to God's Word and in the next moment attacking the person for delivering God's Word.*

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## Lessons

- *God allows His people to endure suffering, but He is never absent or inactive.*
- *Fear of people and circumstances always leads to bad decisions and sinful behavior.*

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