

# A Study of the Prophets

## O.T. Survey Lesson 153--Jeremiah 21:1-22:30

**Introduction:** This section begins a new division in Jeremiah. The discourses of chapters 21-29 are given special headings indicating the time and circumstances of the prophecies. The prophecies of this lesson reveal Jeremiah's predictions to Zedekiah that Judah would lose the war against Babylon, and his messages concerning the sinful leadership of Judah's kings, Jehoahaz, Jehoiakim, and Jehoiachin.

**Lesson aim:** To show the consequences of corrupt leadership.

### Jeremiah's message for Zedekiah--Jeremiah 21:1-22:9

1. Who did king Zedekiah send to Jeremiah? (v. 1) What was occurring at the time these men were sent? (v. 2) What message was Zedekiah hoping to hear from the Lord through Jeremiah?
2. What did the Lord reveal to Jeremiah in answer to Zedekiah's request? (v. 3-7)
3. What two ways did the Lord set before the people? (v. 8) How did God reveal the people would be able to save their lives? (v. 9-10)
4. What did Jeremiah charge Judah's kings to do? (v. 11-12) What judgment did Jeremiah pronounce against those who felt secure in the natural fortification of Jerusalem? (v. 13-14)
5. To what destination did God send Jeremiah? (22:1) List the things that the kings needed to do to be pleasing to the Lord. (v. 3) What incentive did God give the kings to do this? (v. 4-5)
6. What would the nations be told when they asked why the Lord allowed Jerusalem to be destroyed? (v. 9)

## **Jeremiah's message concerning Jehoahaz-- Jeremiah 22:10-12**

- 1.1. For whom was Jeremiah told not to weep? (v. 10) For whom was he told to weep? Why?
2. What prediction did Jeremiah make concerning Shallum (Jehoahaz)? What does 2 Kings 23:28-33 reveal about Jehoahaz?

## **Jeremiah's message concerning Jehoiakim-- Jeremiah 22:13-19**

1. With what sins does Jeremiah charge Jehoiakim? (v. 13, 17)
2. What did Jehoiakim do to try to impress others with his greatness as a king? (v. 14-15a)
3. How had Jehoiakim's father, Josiah, demonstrated his godliness? (v. 15-16) What were the results?
4. Josiah's godly life was proof that he knew \_\_\_\_\_ (v. 16).
5. How did Jeremiah predict people would respond to Jehoiakim's death? (v. 18) How would he be buried? (v. 19)
6. God revealed that Judah's shepherds and lovers would do what? (v. 20-23)

## **Jeremiah's message concerning Jehoiachin-- Jeremiah 22:24-30**

1. If Coniah were a signet ring of God's, what did God say he would do with it? (v. 24) Into whose hands would Coniah be given? (v. 25-27) Read 2 Kings 24:10-16 and relate what happened to Coniah (Jehoiachin).
2. What prediction did Jeremiah make about Coniah's offspring? (v. 30)