

God's Warnings Remain Unheeded

Jeremiah 19-22

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The prophet's calling continued to cause him even greater pain and sorrow.

- I. Chapter 19 contains a repetition of charges for child sacrifice and the visual object lesson of a smashed clay jar. (ch. 19)**
- II. Jeremiah was punished by Pashur the priest for preaching God's prophetic word. (v. 20:1-6)**
- III. Jeremiah continues to candidly share his feelings with God about what he has been called to do. (v. 20:7-13)**
- IV. God says only those who surrender to the invaders will survive. (v. 21:1-10)**
- V. God rebukes the kings of Judah for governing unjustly and for their idolatry. (v. 21:11-22:23)**

The sons of Josiah:

Johanan the firstborn,

Jehoiakim the second son,

Zedekiah the third,

Shallum the fourth. (1 Chronicles 3:15)

While Josiah was king, Pharaoh Necho king of Egypt went up to the Euphrates River to help the king of Assyria. King Josiah marched out to meet him in battle, but Necho faced him and killed him at Megiddo. Josiah's servants brought his body in a chariot from Megiddo to Jerusalem and buried him in his own tomb. And the people of the land took Jehoahaz son of Josiah and anointed him and made him king in place of his father. (609 BC) Jehoahaz was twenty-three years old when he became king, and he reigned in Jerusalem three months...He did evil in the eyes of the LORD, just as his predecessors had done. Pharaoh Necho put him in chains at Riblah in the land of Hamath so that he might not reign in Jerusalem, and he imposed on Judah a levy of a hundred talents of silver and a talent of gold. Pharaoh Necho made Eliakim son of Josiah king in place of his father Josiah and changed Eliakim's name to Jehoiakim. But he took Jehoahaz and carried him off to Egypt, and there he died. (2 Kings 23:29-34)

“When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, he will sit on his glorious throne. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate the people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. He will put the sheep on his right and the goats on his left.

“Then the King will say to those on his right, ‘Come, you who are blessed by my Father; take your inheritance, the kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.’

“Then the righteous will answer him, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink? When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothe you? When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you?’

“The King will reply, ‘Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.’

“Then he will say to those on his left, ‘Depart from me, you who are cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. For I was hungry and you gave me nothing to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, I was a stranger and you did not invite me in, I needed clothes and you did not clothe me, I was sick and in prison and you did not look after me.’

“They also will answer, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or needing clothes or sick or in prison, and did not help you?’

“He will reply, ‘Truly I tell you, whatever you did not do for one of the least of these, you did not do for me.’

“Then they will go away to eternal punishment, but the righteous to eternal life.” (Matthew 25:31-46)

Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: to look after orphans and widows in their distress and to keep oneself from being polluted by the world. (James 1:27)

“If you love me, keep my commands. (John 14:15)

Jehoiakim was twenty-five years old when he became king (609 BC), and he reigned in Jerusalem eleven years... And he did evil in the eyes of the LORD, just as his predecessors had done. During Jehoiakim's reign, Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon invaded the land (1st siege 605 BC), and Jehoiakim became his vassal for three years. But then he turned against Nebuchadnezzar and rebelled (601 BC). The LORD sent Babylonian, Aramean, Moabite and Ammonite raiders against him to destroy Judah, in accordance with the word of the LORD proclaimed by his servants the prophets. Surely these things happened to Judah according to the LORD's command, in order to remove them from his presence because of the sins of Manasseh and all he had done, including the shedding of innocent blood. For he had filled Jerusalem with innocent blood, and the LORD was not willing to forgive. (2 Kings 23:36-24:4)

Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon attacked him and bound him with bronze shackles to take Jehoiakim to Babylon. Nebuchadnezzar also took to Babylon articles from the temple of the LORD and put them in his temple there. (597 BC - 2nd siege)

The other events of Jehoiakim's reign, the detestable things he did and all that was found against him, are written in the book of the kings of Israel and Judah. And Jehoiachin his son succeeded him as king. (2 Chronicles 36:5-8)