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In the last chapter, Zedekiah the last king of Judah... sent 2 govt stooges to talk to Jeremiah; perhaps, they didn't adequately report back to the king; so Jeremiah is sent to talk to him directly.

¹ Thus says the LORD; Go down to the house of the king of Judah, and speak there this word,

² And say, Hear **the word of the LORD / you get the impression the king is a little deaf and dense,**

O king of Judah, who sits on the throne of David / like I said, Zedekiah might have been thick headed because he needed a little history lesson, **this chapter is about sitting on the throne of David rightly**

you, and you servants / your public cabinet officers...that everyone knows,

and your people who enter in by these gates / your private, unelected advisors, that nobody knows:

³ Thus says the LORD; administer justice and righteousness,

Deliver / rescue... the one who is robbed from the hand of the oppressor / which is what Jeremiah said the first time; which is nothing new, the LORD had been saying it for centuries:

and do no wrong, no **violating the stranger, the fatherless, nor the widow, nor shed innocent blood in this place.**

⁴ For if you do this / if you truly and rightly administer justice to the most likely to be abused,

then kings of David's dynasty, sitting on his throne, riding chariots and horses, they, and their officers, and the people will *continue* to enter in by the gates of this house.

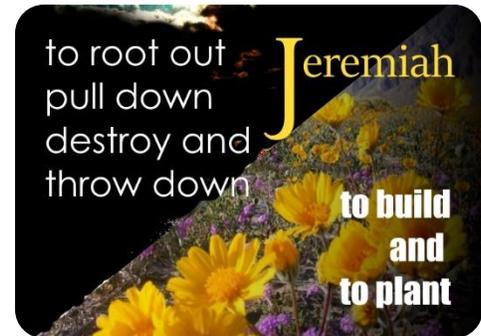
⁵ But if you will **not hear these words / which required doing some things, too,**

I swear by Myself, says the LORD, that this house will become a desolation.

⁶ For thus says the LORD to the king's house of Judah; to Me, you are like Gilead and the head of Lebanon / like a mountainous region with a curative connotation, mentioned 4 times; like those thickly forested highlands of cedar:

yet surely I will make you a wilderness, and cities which are not occupied.

⁷ And I will prepare destroyers against you, everyone with weapons: and they will cut down like choice cedars, and cast you in the fire.



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

9 Then they will answer, Because they have abandoned the covenant of the LORD their God, and worshiped and served other gods / who are not gods, but were demonic manifestations.

10 Do not weep for the dead / for King Josiah who had recently been killed, or mourn for him: but continue to weep for the one who goes away: for he will never return, nor see his native country.

11 For this says the LORD concerning Shallum / Jehoahaz, who reigned 3 months before his exile; the son of Josiah king of Judah, who reigned instead of Josiah his father, who was deported; he will never return there:

12 But he will die where they led him captive, and will see this land no more.

13 Woe to him who builds his house without righteousness / God's right way of doing things, and his upper rooms without justice; who uses his neighbor's service without pay, and gives him no wage for his work;

14 Who says, I will build me a roomy house with large upper rooms, and cut large windows; and panel it with cedar, and paint it **vermilion / bright red.**

15 Will you reign / are you now king, because you cover yourself in cedar?

Did not your father eat and drink, and judge rightly and justly? He did well.

16 He pled the cause of the afflicted and needy; then it was well. Isn't this what it means to know Me? says the LORD.

17 But your eyes and your heart, are they not for your greed, for shedding innocent blood, for oppression, and for **violence / for your insatiable dishonest gain; so they were just like the days of Noah; which will be the same in the last days of the Gentiles before Messiah comes again.**

18 Therefore thus says the LORD concerning Jehoiakim the son of Josiah king of Judah;

They will **not lament for him, saying, Ah my brother! or, Ah sister! / no man or woman would weep for his death**

They will **not lament for him, saying, Ah how masterful! or, Ah wasn't he grand! / no one will extol his achievement or reputation**

19 **He will be buried as an ass is buried, drawn and cast forth / dragged and thrown like garbage... beyond the gates of Jerusalem.**

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20 Go to Lebanon / remember, paneled Jerusalem is the subject, and cry out; lift up your voice in Bashan / the northern highlands, and cry from the passages: for all your lovers are destroyed.

21 I spoke to you in your prosperity; but you said, I will **not listen.**

From your youth, you have been this way; you did **not obey My voice.**

22 The wind will devour all your pastors / your shepherds who were to guard and guide; your lovers will go into captivity: surely then you will be ashamed and humiliated for all your wickedness.

23 O citizens of Lebanon, who make your nest in the cedars, how you will groan when your agony comes, like a woman in pain during childbirth!

24 As I live, says the LORD, even though Coniah / a shorten form of Jechoniah, and Jehoiakim who was 18 years old when he was exiled to Babylon, he already had more than one wife... and several children; ironically his name means: *the Lord establishes*

though Coniah the son of Jehoiakim king of Judah was like a signet ring on My right hand, yet I would pull him off;

25 And yes Coniah, I will hand you to them who seek your life, to those whose face you fear, even to Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon, and into the hand of the Chaldeans / those from the northern Persian Gulf, who lived by the sword; who still live by the sword.

26 And you and your mother who gave you birth, I will cast out... into another country, where you were not born; and there you will die.

27 But to the land where they desire to return, they will never return.

28 Is this man Coniah a despised broken pot? Is he a hated vessel? Why were he and his descendants cast out, and cast into a land they had **not known?**

29 O land, land, land, / promised to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob... hear **the word of the LORD.**

30 Thus says the LORD, Write this man as if childless / he wasn't, he actually had 7 worthless sons, a man who will **not prosper in his days: **no** males of his descendants will prosper,**

seated on the throne of David, and ruling any more in Judah / the Bible is so interesting. Matthew records the genealogy of Jesus, tracing descendants from Solomon and Jechoniah to Joseph the legal father of Jesus. Luke traces Jesus' physical descent through Mary and Nathan back to David, bypassing the line of Jechoniah, accurately showing the fulfillment of Jeremiahs prophecy. Had Jesus been born of Joseph, He would have been disqualified to one day rightfully reign in the lineage of David.