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Much of what Jeremiah wrote was current history when he lived in 600BC; nonetheless... a closer look at what he recorded serves a dual purpose not only speaking to faithless Judah and Jerusalem and lessons that caused the LORD to send them to Babylonian captivity; but also as a reminder to the faithful in both HOUSES Israel and Judah and to each of us... what to expect wherever we go throughout history, until Messiah comes to rule with a rod of iron.

<sup>1</sup> And Zedekiah son of Josiah, reigned in the place of Coniah son of Jehoiakim, whom Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon made king in the land of Judah.



- <sup>2</sup> Neither he, nor his servants, nor the people of the land, heeded the words of the LORD, which He spoke by the prophet Jeremiah.
- <sup>3</sup> However King Zedekiah sent Jehucal son of Shelemiah, and Zephaniah son of Maaseiah -- the priest to the prophet Jeremiah, saying, Pray now to the LORD our God for us.
- <sup>4</sup> Now Jeremiah was moving in and out among the people: for he had not yet been detained.
- <sup>5</sup> Then the army of Pharaoh came forth from Egypt: and when the Chaldeans who besieged Jerusalem heard news of them, they departed from Jerusalem.
- <sup>6</sup> Then the word of the LORD came to the prophet Jeremiah saying,
- <sup>7</sup> Thus says the LORD, the God of Israel; Thus you will say to the king of Judah, who sent you to Me to enquire of Me; indeed, the army of Pharaoh, which advanced to help you, will return to Egypt to their own land.
- <sup>8</sup> And the Chaldeans will return, and fight against this city, capturing it, and burning it.
- <sup>9</sup> Thus says the LORD; Do not deceive yourselves, saying, The Chaldeans will surely leave us alone: for they will not leave you alone.
- <sup>10</sup> Though you were to defeat the whole army of Chaldeans that fight against you, till none were left but wounded men, yet one to a tent, they will burn this city in the flames.
- <sup>11</sup> And it happened, when the army of the Chaldeans abandoned the siege of Jerusalem in fear of Pharaoh's army,
- <sup>12</sup>then Jeremiah went from Jerusalem to the region of Benjamin, to take over some property among his own people.

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<sup>13</sup> But as he reached the gate of Benjamin, a captain of the district, named Irijah, son of Shelemiah, grandson of Hananiah; arrested Jeremiah the prophet, shouting, You are deserting to the Chaldeans.

<sup>14</sup> It's a lie, said Jeremiah; I have not sided with the Chaldeans. But he did not listen to him: so Irijah arrested Jeremiah, and took him to the officials.

<sup>15</sup> For this reason the officials were angry with Jeremiah, and flogged him, confining him in the house of Jonathan the scribe: for they converted it into a prison.

<sup>16</sup> So Jeremiah entered the dungeon, that is the cell, and Jeremiah stayed there many days.

<sup>17</sup> Then King Zedekiah sent for him, and took him out: and in his house the king privately asked him, saying, Is there any word from the LORD? And Jeremiah said, There is: for He said, you will be handed over to the king of Babylon.

<sup>18</sup> Jeremiah then asked king Zedekiah, For what crime against you, or your servants, or this nation, have you put me in prison?

<sup>19</sup> Where are your prophets who assured you, saying, The king of Babylon would never attack you, or this country?

<sup>20</sup> So now, please hear, O my lord the king: please let my requests, be accepted by you; do not return me to the house of Jonathan the scribe, lest I die there.

<sup>21</sup> Then King Zedekiah ordered them to put Jeremiah in the guardhouse, and should give him bread from the bakers' bazaar daily, until all the bread in the city is used up. Thus Jeremiah remained in the guardhouse.

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