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The rise and fall of a country depends on those in power

Jeremiah 22

By the time of Jeremiah, many of the "priests" had strayed from the mission and responsibility that God had given them. The priests, unable to hear God's word, came to Jeremiah for help, saying, "Inquire of the Lord for us, for Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon has come against us, or Jehovah has done to us according to all his marvelous deeds, and has caused the king of Babylon to depart from us." Jeremiah prophesied that the enemy would besiege Jerusalem, and he rebuked the leaders of Judah and urged them to leave the city and surrender. God's Word is very harsh and will judge the sinful elect. But the use of the title "O house of David" in the scriptures also shows that God still expects them to repent and turn to God, after all, it is not God's will to see them perish in judgment. It was God's love for the people of Judah that encouraged Jeremiah to not give up on his mission even after he was hurt in ministry. Because Jeremiah knew that God had not given up on his people, and that his service was not in vain.

Jeremiah prophesied the end of the two kings, which also represented the judgment that would be judged by the leaders of Judah. The first was Joahaz, the son of Josiah, the son of King Josiah, who loved to do evil in the eyes of Jehovah, and after only three months of kingship, he was removed from the throne by Pharaoh Nigoth of Egypt, who took him to Egypt, where he died. God used Jehoahaz's fate as a warning to others that if they did not repent, they would end up the same.

And the second king was called Jehoiachin. Jehoiachin tried to curry favor with Babylon, but he quickly rebelled, and was exiled to Babylon after only three months and ten days, where he died.

None of God's words came to fruition, and the prophecies God had given to the prophet Jeremiah were fulfilled. The fate of these kings is also worth reflecting on, as in the Pentateuch, when God made a covenant with his elect, he repeatedly warned them not to indulge in their own desires and thus reject God's leading. As a result of their aversion to God, they will lose their way of peace and blessing. According to the Bible, the leaders of Judah came to a miserable end, and the root cause was that they turned their backs on God, went their own way, and embarked on the path of self-destruction and the destruction of the nation.

In the last days of Judah, the people were severely punished for their crimes, and the leaders foolishly went to their own destruction. These things are like a mirror, so that we should also reflect deeply on ourselves, are we also making the same mistakes? We have also noticed that in spite of God's heavy words through the prophets, he still gives God's children the unchanging hope that "God will not give up on his people." God has repeatedly promised that those in trouble will be healed if they repent, and those who are wounded will be relied on, and God will remain the greatest reliance and help for His children, no matter how much suffering there is in the world. Thank God that although we are often weak, God loves us and will always care for us as long as we trust Him.

The change in a country is either getting better or worse. The most important factor in this is the king who governs the kingdom. As the king is, he determines what the kingdom is. If the king hears the voice of God, worships and serves God, the nation will prosper. On the contrary, if the king does not listen to God's voice and worships and serves other gods, the whole country will naturally become a desolation. The king is responsible for four things, including: 1. administering justice and fairness; 2. Rescue the robbed; 3. Do not lose the weak; 4. Do not shed innocent blood. When the king does these four things according to the word of God, and causes life and grace to flow throughout the city, from the king to the people, and the goods of the nations to go in and out of the city, he will make the land prosperous. If they worship and serve other gods, God will be against them and will make the land a desolation and wilderness, so whether a nation can be converted depends on whether the king of that nation obeys God's word. Here we can see how important a king is to the nation, so we are to pray for our king. The prophets prophesied an end for each king, that is, exile without a burial. The prophet represents the heavenly government; The king represents the earthly government. So the prophet was going to change the king to bring about the conversion of the nation. Today, we see a spiritual kingdom that has an impact on the kingdom on earth. The church today is a spiritual kingdom, and if we really need to rise up and speak to society, we need a team of prophets to rise up and prophesy for kings.

Let's pray together:

Dear Heavenly Father, pray that the Lord will help us to continue to watch and pray for the King and Society to bring about the transformation and revival of the nation. Lord, help us to enforce justice and justice within our sphere of influence, to help the oppressed out of their hardship, and to join You in helping our sojourners and orphans so that the lonely may have a home! We want to govern this place together with you in accordance with the principles of your teaching. Heavenly Father, we praise you! Thank you for putting your word before us and letting us know

that your word, once it is spoken, will be carried out. Heavenly Father, let us know that justice and righteousness are in your hands. As Christians, we should also be fair and righteous. Please continue to lead our lives so that we can learn to be like you, and let us know that the faith of our original family is not the basis for us to become Christians, but for us to come to you and face you. We ourselves have to have a good relationship with you, and that is the foundation of faith. Give us and seek your heart, so that we may not deviate from your ways all our lives, so that we may follow you all our lives

In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, amen.

Jeremiah2-2

22:1 Thus saith Yahweh, Go down into the palace of the king of Jew, and say this there.

22:2 And he said, O king of Judah, who sits on the throne of the Great Vid, and thou, and thy servants, and all the people that enter into the gates, let ye hear the words of Jehovah.

22:3 Thus saith Yahweh, "Do not do justice and justice, and save the robbed from the hands of the oppressors, and do not disgrace the sojourners, and the orphans and widows, and do not treat them, and do not shed innocent blood in this land.

22:4 If you do this conscientiously, you will have the king who sits on the Great Avid's throne, and his servants, and the people, or chariots, or horses, from every gate of the city.

22:5 But if ye do not listen to these words, Yahweh says, "By myself I swear by myself, this city shall be desolate.

22:6 Thus did Yahweh say of the house of the king of Judah, "I see you as Gilead, and as the top of Rebanon, and I will make thee a wilderness, and a city without a man to dwell."

22:7 And I will prepare them to destroy, every man against thee with his weapons, and they shall cut down thy beautiful cedar trees and throw them into the fire.

22:8 And the people of many nations shall pass through this city, and every man shall say to his neighbor, why is Yahweh so to this great city?

22:9 They will answer that it is because they have forsaken the covenant of Yahweh and their gods, and have served and worshiped other gods.

22:10 Do not weep for the dead, do not mourn for him, but weep for those who are away from home, for he will not come back or see his country again.

22:11 For Jehovah speaks of Shalon, the son of Josiah king of Judah, who went out from this land, [2 Kings 23:30 Johaaz] who succeeded Joahaz his father as king. In this way , he will not have to come back here .

22:12 But they will die in the land of captivity, and they will not see it again. 22:13 Woe to him who builds houses unjustly, who does not build buildings by law, who uses men's work in vain and who does not pay them.

22:14 And he said, I will build for myself a large house, a wide building, and a window for myself; The wall panels of this building are made of cedar wood . The building is painted with red oil.

22:15 Is it hard to say that you are king because you are building cedar buildings and winning battles? Didn't your father also drink and drink and do justice and righteousness? He was blessed then.

22:16 And he took revenge on the poor and needy, and then he was happy; know i don't care about this . this is what ye and hua said .

22:17 But your eyes and your heart are devoted to covetousness, and you shed the blood of innocent, and you do oppression.

22:18 So Jehoah said of Jehoah the son of Josiah king of Judah, saying, "No one will mourn for him, saying, Alas, my brother; or say, Alas, my sister . neither will they mourn for him, saying, Alas, my Lord ; Or, Alas, the glory of our Lord.

22:19 He was buried like a pack, to be pulled out and thrown out of the gates of Jerusalem.

22:20 Go up to Lebanon, raise your voice in Bashan, and mourn from Abarim, for all that you love is destroyed.

22:21 When you were in your glory I spoke to you, but you said, I will not listen; You've always been like this since you were a kid and didn't listen to me . 22:22 Your shepherds will be swallowed up by the wind, and your dear ones will be taken captive, and then you will be ashamed and disgraced for all your wickedness.

22:23 How pitiful you are when you who live in Lebanon, who make a nest in a cedar tree, have pain upon you, like a woman who is in labor trouble.

22:24 And Jehohua said, By my eternal life, I will take you off the commandment, the son of Jehoiakim, the son of Jehoiakim, the king of Judah.

22:25 And I will deliver you into the hands of those who seek your life, and into the hands of those whom you fear, in the hands of Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon, and of the Chaldeans.

22:26 And I will take you and your mother, who gave birth to you, to a country where you will not live, where you will die.

22:27 But the land to which the soul desires not to return.

22:28 Is this man a despised and broken vessel, a vessel that no one likes, and why are he and his descendants driven to a place of ignorance?

22:29 O earth, earth ah, earth ah, earth give ear to the words of Yahwah.

22:30 Thus did Yahweh say, Make it clear that this man is counted childless, and that he will not prosper in life, for there is no one of his descendants who will be prosperous enough to sit on the throne of David and rule Judah.

Jeremiah 22 deals with how Jehoiakim, the son of Josiah, king of Judah, and Jehoiakim, Jehoiakim's son, handled the throne and the affairs of the state. The chapter can be divided into the following sections:

1. God's threats and warnings to the royal palace of Judah (22:1-9): God instructed Jehoiakim and Jehoiamin to keep justice and righteousness, not to oppress the people, not to deprive them of their rights and property, and not to disturb the social order, otherwise there would be terrible consequences.

2. Jehoiakim's political defeat (22:10-12): Although Jehoiakim did some good deeds, he was called

"Evildoers" and have no control over the political situation in Judah.

3. Jehojamin's sins and fate (22:13-19): Jehojamin is known as the "son of dissolvaught," and his rule is full of corruption and violence. Jehovah announced that Jehojamin would be arrested and die in the kingdom of Egypt.

4. Jehoiakim's path of no return (22:20-30): Jehoiakim is called the "wandering man" because he was detained in Babylon and no longer has a throne and power, and he and his descendants will no longer rule Judah. But God's promise is that in the future, a "Seed of David" will reign again in Judah and establish an eternal kingdom.

Thus, this chapter primarily emphasizes the importance of justice and justice, warning the rulers of Judah against abuse of power and stripping

Cut the people. In addition, God's punishment for sin and promises to those who are conscientious are displayed.

In Jeremiah 22, there are the following important verses:

1. "This is what the Lord says: "Go down to the palace of the king of Judah, and say this there, 2 'Sit on the throne of David, O king of Judah, and you and your servants and your people enter by the gate of the city with righteousness and justice. (Jeremiah 22:1-2)

Here, God commanded Jeremiah to go to the palace of the king of Judah and warn the king of Judah and his servants that justice and justice must be observed, and that their people should be treated mercifully and fairly.

2. "Didn't Josiah your father drink a cup and do righteousness and justice? Then he was blessed. 16 He hath happiness when he hath justice for the poor and needy. Doesn't this know me? This is what the Lord has said. (Jeremiah 22:15-16)

Here, God recalls the righteousness and justice of King Josiah of Judah, who was very merciful to the poor and vulnerable.

God asked Josiah's son, Jehoiakim, to follow his father's example.

3. "Therefore thus saith the Lord, 'I will carry you captive, and thy wife, who does not love thee, and the sons in whom thou trustest.'" They will die in Babylon, and you will not see their eyes. —Jeremiah 22:26.

Here, God announces judgment on Jehoiakim, king of Judah. God said that he would be taken captive to Babylon and prophesied that he would not see his wife and son return to Jerusalem again.

Jeremiah 22 records several kings of Judah, including Jehoiakim the son of Josiah, Jehoiachin the son of Jehoiakim, and Zedekiah, Jehoiachin's brother. This chapter emphasizes God's requirements for kings to rule fairly and justly, and points to the consequences they face if they disobey God's will. Here are just a few of the important theological central ideas and theological takeaways:

King's Responsibility: In Jeremiah 22, God instructed Jeremiah to proclaim a message to the kings of Judah asking them to rule the people fairly and justly. As God-appointed rulers, kings should have as their primary mission to serve the people and do God's will. This reminds us that leaders should uphold justice, righteousness, and respect for God's testimonies for the good of their people.

Warning against unrighteous rule: In Jeremiah 22, God condemns Jehoiakim and Jehoiachin for their unfair rule and greed toward the people. They built lavish palaces for themselves, but neglected the needs of the poor people. These unrighteous reigns will bring God's punishment and calamity. This reminds us that leaders should be careful to uphold righteousness or face God's judgment.

A Promise of Faithfulness and Obedience: In Jeremiah 22, God made a special promise to Josiah's son, Shallum (Jehoiachin), that even though he died at a young age, God would still see him as pleasing to God. This demonstrates God's love for faithfulness and obedience. God values a person's inner attitude and trust, not just his appearance and accomplishments.

Judgment on kings: In Jeremiah 22, God foreshadowed Zedekiah's future judgment. Although he was a descendant of David's house, his unrighteous deeds would cause calamity to him and his descendants. Again, this shows God's righteous judgment on kings and rulers.

Overall, Jeremiah 22 emphasizes God's requirement for kings to rule fairly and act righteously. The central idea of theology is the emphasis that leaders should do God's will and serve their people with justice and righteousness. God judges and punishes rulers who rule unjustly and turn away from God. However, God also values the attitude of the heart and faithful obedience, and He will show mercy and promise to those who truly obey Him.