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ZEDEKIAH'S FATE REVEALED AS BABYLON FIGHTS AGAINST JERUSALEM

• What did the Lord say would be the fate of Zedekiah?

 He would be captured by Nebuchadnezzar, see him eye to eye, speak to him face to face, and be taken to Babylon. He will not die by the sword, but in peace, with spices burned and lamentations made over him after he passes.

FICKLE TREATMENT OF SLAVES UNDER ZEDEKIAH

 What covenant did Zedekiah make with all the people? Jewish brother in bondage • Did they really listen? slavery.

Releasing male and female servants so that no one should keep a

Only briefly, then they relented and forced the slaves back into

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JUDAH WAVERS IN THEIR OBEDIENCE OF GOD'S COMMANDS

• What law that the lord had made with their fathers did he remind them of which they had broken?

 At the end of 7 years they were to set free his Hebrew brother who has been sold into slaveryand has served for 6 years. Send him out free.

JUDAH TO BE GIVEN INTO THE HANDS OF THEIR ENEMIES BECAUSE OF DISOBEDIENCE

 Among the kingdoms of the earth, what would the Lord deliver Jerusalem and Judah to?

 He would release them to the sword, pestilence and famine, and make them a terror all the kingdoms of the earth.

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THE HOUSE OF THE RECHABITES OBEY THEIR FATHER

- When did the Lord tell Jeremiah to go speak to the house of the **Rechabites?**
 - In the days of Jehoiakim the son of Josiah
- Why did the Rechabites refuse to drink wine?
 - forever.

Because Jonadab the son of Rehab commanded them not to

JUDAH AND JERUSALEM WERE NOT LIKE THE RECHABITES

- How was Judah difference from the sons of the Rechabites?
 - The Rechabites continue to observe and obey the words which their father commanded not to drink wine.
 - The Lord spoke to Judah and Jerusalem again and again, yet they did not listen.
 - Prophet after prophet was sent commanding the sons of Judah to turn from their evil ways and amend their deeds but they refused.

THE HERITAGE OF JONADAB, THE SON OF REHAB WILL STAND BEFORE THE LORD FOREVER

- Because the Rechabites obeyed Lord make to them?
 - Jonadab the son of Rehab window
 Lord always.

Because the Rechabites obeyed their father what promise did the

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JEREMIAH INSTRUCTED TO CHRONICLE ALL THE WORDS THE LORD HAD COMMANDED HIM SINCE THE DAYS OF JOSIAH

What was Jeremiah commanded to write on a scroll?

 All the words the Lord had spoken to him concerning Israel and Judah and all the nations from the first time He spoke to him from the days of Josiah up to the current day.

BARUCH WRITES AND READS THE BOOK FOR JEREMIAH IN THE LORD'S HOUSE

- Why did Jeremiah ask Baruch to read the scroll for him?
 - Because he was restricted from the house of the Lord by the king



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BARUCH READS THE BOOK BEFORE ALL THE PRINCES

How did the princes react when read by Baruch?

• The princes asked where the book came from then told Baruch to go hide himself

How did the princes react when they heard all the words of the book

THE KING REACTS TO THE READING OF THE **BOOK IN HIS PRESENCE**

- When the scroll was read in the presence of the king (Jehoiakim), what did he do with it?
 - brazier
- He wanted them seized

Cut it with the scribes knife then threw it into the fire that was in the

What instructions did the king give concerning Baruch and Jeremiah?

JEREMIAH WAS INSTRUCTED TO WRITE A **REPLACEMENT SCROLL**

- the king?
 - He shall have no one to sit on the throne of David
 - the night
- How was the second scroll different from the first?
 - Similar words were added to the second scroll

• When Jeremiah rewrote the words of the scroll, what was he to tell

• His dead body will be cast out to the heat of the day and frost of

LESSONS AND APPLICATIONS

34:8-11 - Here we find an example of superficial repentance. Judah's sin is revealed concerning their failure to release their servants after 7 years. When they hear it they obey but later they change their mind and made their servant return. Similarly today, many will repent in the presence of those who are exposing their wrong, but when their backs are turned they revert back to their sinful ways. This is NOT true repentance.

LESSONS AND APPLICATIONS

- We should allow nothing to remove us from the TRUTH.
- and that of others. But they will never succeed. Why?

 In the Rechabites of chapter 35 we find an example of steadfastness and loyalty. It is a virtue that we should strive to imitate in our lives.

• 36:22-24 - Just as Jehoiakim tried to destroy the word of the Lord, so many today mutilate and try to remove God's word from their lives

LESSONS AND APPLICATIONS

 36:24 – After the king cut up and burned the first scroll we are told that there was no fear or tearing of the garments. How hardened they must have been to God's word. There OUGHT to be some things that strike fear and disgust in our hearts immediately. Chief among them is a blatant irreverence for God's word.