

Jeremiah Ch 22:24–23:8 • “Sitting on the Throne of David”

- Background Revisiting the “blood curse” on the line of Jehoiachin (aka Coniah) — the last of a series of pronouncements vs. kings of Judah in Ch 22.
- v24 Jehoiachin = 18 yrs old when father killed vs. Nebuchadnezzar c. 597BC
On throne 3 months then taken to Babylon in chains; imprisoned until 562BC
Jehoiachin = Jeconiah = Coniah (“YHWH will be firmly established”)
Coniah removes the “YHWH” part (still implicit but not explicit)
- Signet = ring = symbol of authority used to sign documents
God has determined to pluck off something treasured / valued / close.
Nothing can change God’s mind.
- v25 Going to be a prisoner of Nebuchadnezzar
v26 Going to be carried into exile (Babylon) with his mother
v27 Going to long to return but never will (cf 2 Kings 24-25)
v28 Broken idol (pot) (vessel) – completely worthless / thrown out – why??
- v29 “Earth earth earth” (3x signals importance / frustration)
Answer to “why” (v28) will affect whole planet – everyone needs to know!
- v30 “Write down” = “write off” = cancel = treat as if
None of sons will ever ascend throne; no descendent will ever sit on throne!
WHY? What did Jechoiachin DO? Bible doesn’t say! Is this right question??
- Set aside the question of what Jechoiachin DID... what are implications?
Potentially threatens Davidic Covenant (1 Chron 17:11-14)!
- But God has a plan!
- Matt 1 Four gospels (Matt = Messiah; Luke = Son of Man; John = Son of God; Mark = Servant)
Matthew = records genealogy from Abraham (first of the Jewish people)
Abraham ☞ David / Solomon (v6) ☞ Josiah (v10) ☞ Jeconiah (v11).
What about blood curse?? Joseph ≠ have Jeconiah’s DNA! Virgin birth!
- Except 1 Chron 17:11 says seed (son) (descendent) of David!
Just being legal heir to throne via Joseph doesn’t fulfill Covenant!
- Luke 3 Genealogy of MARY. Luke starts w Adam (v38) – interested in Jesus’ humanity!
Traces down thru Heli (Mary’s father / Joseph’s father-in-law)
Mary’s ancestry forks off thru Nathan (2nd son of Bathsheba) not Solomon.
Avoids the blood curse! How elegant is our God?!

But back to the earlier question: what did Jehoiachin DO?

PF: I don’t think he did anything in particular (okay to disagree w me!)

Jer 22:24-30 **Defending perspective Jehoiachin not being judged for his egregious sin:**

From context seems clear God had decided to judge before became king.
Becomes king when 18 years old; king for 3 months before exiled.
Time to do anything??

Review v17-19 @ did he have time do to anything worse than Jehoiakim?

Go back even further: judgment seems to originate in days of Manasseh!
2 Kings 21:11-14; Jeremiah 15:1-4; 2 Kings 24:1-3; Jer 25:8-11.

Weight of Scripture suggests curse on Jehoiachin's descendants ≠ about him!
God has determined to end succession of kings...
Jehoiachin happens to be on the throne when judgment takes effect.

What is God's goal? To emphasize there's only One who can save.
Being of the line of David isn't enough. Needs to be a Greater Son.

Blood curse calls attention to virgin birth.
Highlights that the One who will save will come in unique, miraculous way.
Isaiah 43:19 ☞ "Behold I AM doing a new thing!"

Jehoiachin was not a good guy by any means (Bible says so).
But perhaps blood curse not just about judgment but also about mercy.
What is God's urgency (v24) in ending the dynasty?
Very first thing God promised to do (Gen 3:15) = send a Savior.
Jehoiachin = broken clay pot. Picture of Israel; picture of humanity!
He was useless (not able to fulfill purpose).
God tosses him out so we'd have no choice but to wait / watch.

When God closes a door, He always opens a door to something better.

Jeremiah 23:1-9 ☞ the Coming Messiah!