**Jeremiah 21:1-22:30**

***“When The Wrong King Sits On The Throne”***

Introduction:

Josiah reigned (640-609 BC)...Jeremiah addresses the last four kings of Judah:

1. Jehoahaz (Shallum) (609 BC) (Jeremiah 22:10-12)

2. Jehoiakim (609-598 BC) (Jeremiah 22:13-19)

3. Jehoiachin (598-597 BC) (Jeremiah 22:20-30)

4. Zedekiah (597-586 BC) (Jeremiah 21:1-8)

Who sits on the throne of your life?

**I. THE RUINED KING 22:10-12**

Jehoahaz (Shallum) son of Josiah 608 B.C.

 ***A. Ruined By Alliances 10***

**1.** His father made pacts with Egypt. He was forever exiled from his land. He

 died there.

 **2.** Who are your friends? He lost his freedom and there was no way to escape.

 ***B. Ruined By Assailants 11***

**1.** Jehoahaz was the first ruler of Judah to die in exile.

 **2.** What has captured you? You have lost your freedom.

 **3.** It may be drugs or alcohol, but it doesn’t have to be. It may be credit cards,

 bitterness, hatred, jealousy or holding a grudge.

 ***C. Ruined By Atrophy 12***

 *“Arrested Development” “Stop Growing”*

1. In this case it’s because something other than Jesus Christ controls your life.
2. **Don’t die there!**

Who sits on the throne of your life?

**II. THE RICH KING 22:13-19**

Jehoiakim, also a son of Josiah (608-598 B.C.) was wealthy through forced labor.

 ***A. Self-Centered 14***

*I will build myself a wide house and large chambers.*

1. He was building without God.
2. It is the story of the rich farmer in the New Testament. *“I will tear down my old barns and build bigger ones.” Thou fool tonight your would is required of you.*

 ***B. Self-Controlled 17***

*Thine eyes and thine heart are but for thy covetousness and shedding innocent blood.*

1. It’s all about gain and you don’t care who you hurt.
2. It’s what you want. It’s not: *What does God want??*

 ***C. Self-Condemned 15,19***

**1.** Check your priorities. Does having all this stuff make you happy?

 **2.** Does the way you are living really make you king? 15

 **3.** Look at Josiah. Look at good godly people. **What makes them tick?**

 **4.** Walk to the grave yard and see how important you really are. 19 In 75 years

 no one will remember you. *Only one life twill soon be past, only what’s done for*

 *Christ will last.*  **How will you be remembered?**

Who sits on the throne of your life?

**III. THE REBELLIOUS KING 22:20-30**

 Jehoiachin (Jeconiah, Coniah) (598-597 B.C.) didn’t last long!

 ***A. Disobedient 21***

*I spoke unto thee…but thou said: “I will not hear.” “From thy youth you obeyed not*

 *My voice.”*

1. God speaks, but you won’t listen. You will not adjust your life!
2. *“I’m going to do what I want to do!”*

 ***B. Destruction***

You can’t ignore God and not lose!

1. **Your Lovers 20,22**

**\***Those things that took God’s place…gone!!

**\***What do you really love? One day it will all be gone! Then you will be ashamed because of your wickedness (just leaving God out)!

 **2. Your Life 24**

 **\***What do you live for…wealth, pleasure, power, prestige???

 \*God will yank it off like a signet ring. He was going to be giving the ring

 to Nebuchadnezzer.

 **3. Your Land 26,27**

 **\***Where do you live? Someday it will belong to someone else.

 \*Someday you will leave this world.

 **4. Your Leadership 28-30**

 **\***Although he had seven sons, none of his line would sit on the throne of

 David.

 \**Joseph (Jesus’ father) was from Coniah.* Why was Jesus born of a virgin?

 Jesus claimed the throne of David through Mary and Joseph’s first born son

 was by recognition, thus passing the right on to Him: *Joseph, call his name*

 *Jesus.*

Who sits on the throne of your life?

**IV. THE RECKLESS KING 21:1-8**

Zedekiah (597-586 B.C.) he had his whole life to get right with God. Now with the

 Babylonians beating on the gate it’s too late!!

 ***A. His Plea 2***

**1.** One day it will be too late!

 **2.** I’ll call on God one day…one day it will be too late!

 ***B. His Problem***

**1.** It’s God’s prerogative, not yours. *Thus saith the Lord…Behold*

**2.** There is a series of *I wills…I will turn back…I will assemble (5,6,7,10, 13, 14)*

**3.** When God is against you no one is for you!! One day your king will fall.

 *He cannot stand against the King!*

 **4.** Bypass the grace of God and only judgment remains!!

Who sits on the throne of your life?

**V. THE RIGHT KING 22:1-4; 23:5**

 ***A. The Righteous King 22:1-4***

**1.** The righteousness that Jeremiah was looking for can only be found in Jesus

 Christ!

 **2.** He rescues the poor. He delivers from bondage. He sets the captive free.

 He welcomes strangers!

 ***B. The Royal King 23:5***

This is the Messiah! **One day Jesus is coming. Are you ready?**

***Does Jesus Christ sit upon the throne of your life?***