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"Jeremiah on the Ruins of Jerusalem"
(Horace Vernet, 1844)

*'For I know the plans that I have for you,' declares the LORD,
'plans for welfare and not for calamity to give you a future and a hope.'*
-- Jeremiah 29:11
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JEREMIAH: "PROPHET TO THE NATIONS"

Sin - "I Will Punish" (Jer 9:25)

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Judah & Jerusalem

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Map of Israel at Time of Jeremiah
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Jeremiah 22:1 Thus says the LORD, “Go down to the house of the king of Judah, and there speak this word

NLT - Then the LORD said to me, "Go over and speak directly to the king of Judah. Say to him,

- **Go:** Jer 21:11 34:2 1Sa 15:16-23 2Sa 12:1 24:11,12 1Ki 21:18-20 2Ch 19:2,3 25:15,16 33:10 Ho 5:1 Am 7:13 Mk 6:18 Lu 3:19,20

JEREMIAH ORDERED TO SPEAK TO KING ZEDEKIAH

Thus says the LORD, “Go down to the house of the king of Judah (Zedekiah), and there speak this word

The king of Judah is spoken to, as sitting upon the throne of David, the man after God's own heart. Let him follow his example, that he may have the benefit of the promises made to him. The way to preserve a government, is to do the duty of it. But sin will be the ruin of the houses of princes, as well as of meaner men. And who can contend with destroyers of God's preparing? God destroys neither persons, cities, nor nations, except for sin; even in this world he often makes it plain for what crimes he sends punishment; and it will be clear at the day of judgement.

Jeremiah 22:2 and say, ‘Hear the word of the LORD, O king of Judah, who sits on David’s throne, you and your servants and your people who enter these gates.

NLT - 'Listen to this message from the LORD, you king of Judah, sitting on David's throne. Let your officials and your people listen, too.

- **Hear:** Jer 22:29 13:18 17:20-27 19:3 29:20 1Ki 22:19 Isa 1:10 28:14 Eze 34:7 Am 7:16
- that sittest: Jer 22:4,30 17:25 29:16,17 36:30 Isa 9:7 Lu 1:32
- enter: Jer 7:2 17:20

JEREMIAHS COMMAND LISTEN TO THE LORD

and say, ‘Hear the word of the LORD, O king of Judah, who sits on David’s throne, you and your servants and your people who enter these gates

Jeremiah 22:3 ‘Thus says the LORD, “Do justice and righteousness, and deliver the one who has been robbed from the power of his oppressor. Also do not mistreat or do violence to the stranger, the orphan, or the widow; and do not shed innocent blood in this place.

NLT - This is what the LORD says: Be fair-minded and just. Do what is right! Help those who have been robbed; rescue them from their oppressors. Quit your evil deeds! Do not mistreat foreigners, orphans, and widows. Stop murdering the innocent!

- Execute: Jer 5:28 9:24 21:12 Ex 23:6-9 Lev 19:15 De 16:18-20 25:1 2Sa 23:3 Job 29:7-17 Ps 72:2-4 Mic 3:11 Zec 7:9-11
- do no wrong: Jer 22:17
- do no violence: De 10:18 24:7 27:19 Job 22:9 24:9 29:12 Ps 68:5 94:6 Pr 23:10 Isa 1:23 Eze 22:7 Mal 3:5 Jas 1:27
- neither: Jer 22:17 7:6 26:16 De 19:10-13 2Ki 24:4 Ps 94:21 Pr 6:17 Isa 1:15-20 Joe 3:19

Thus says the LORD, “Do justice and righteousness, and deliver the one who has been robbed from the power of his oppressor. Also do not mistreat or do violence to the stranger, the orphan, or the widow; and do not shed innocent blood in this place

Jeremiah 22:4 “For if you men will indeed perform this thing, then kings will enter the gates of this house, sitting in David’s place on his throne, riding in chariots and on horses, even the king himself and his servants and his people.

NLT - If you obey me, there will always be a descendant of David sitting on the throne here in Jerusalem. The king will ride through the palace gates in chariots and on horses, with his parade of officials and subjects.

- then: Jer 17:25

For if you men will indeed perform this thing, then kings will enter the gates of this house, sitting in David’s place on his throne, riding in chariots and on horses, even the king himself and his servants and his people

Jeremiah 22:5 “But if you will not obey these words, I swear by Myself,” declares the LORD, “that this house will become a desolation.””

NLT - But if you refuse to pay attention to this warning, I swear by my own name, says the LORD, that this palace will become a pile of rubble.”

- if: Jer 17:27 2Ch 7:19,22 Isa 1:20
- I: Ge 22:16 Nu 14:28-30 De 32:40-42 Ps 95:11 Am 6:8 8:7,8 Heb 3:18 6:13,17
- that: Jer 7:13,14 26:6-9 39:8 Mic 3:12

But if you will not obey these words, I swear by Myself,” declares the LORD, “that this house will become a desolation

Jeremiah 22:6 For thus says the LORD concerning the house of the king of Judah: “You are like Gilead to Me, Like the summit of Lebanon; Yet most assuredly I will make you like a wilderness, Like cities which are not inhabited.

NLT - Now this is what the LORD says concerning the royal palace: "You are as beloved to me as fruitful Gilead and the green forests of Lebanon. But I will destroy you and leave you deserted, with no one living within your walls.=

- unto: Jer 22:24 21:11 Ge 37:25 De 3:25 Song 5:15

- surely: Jer 4:20 7:34 9:11 19:7,8 21:14 25:9,10 26:6-9,18 Ps 107:34 Isa 6:11 24:1-6 27:10 Eze 33:27,28

For thus says the LORD concerning the house of the king of Judah: “You are like Gilead to Me, Like the summit of Lebanon; Yet most assuredly I will make you like a wilderness, Like cities which are not inhabited

Tsk - Thou: Gilead was the most fertile part of the country, and renowned for its rich pastures; and Lebanon was the highest mountain in Israel, celebrated for its stately cedars; and both were, therefore, proper emblems of the reigning family. "But though thou art the richest and most powerful, I, who raised thee up, can bring thee down, and make thee a wilderness."

Jeremiah 22:7 “For I will set apart destroyers against you, Each with his weapons; And they will cut down your choicest cedars And throw them on the fire.

NLT - I will call for wreckers, who will bring out their tools to dismantle you. They will tear out all your fine cedar beams and throw them on the fire.

- I: Jer 4:6,7 5:15 50:20-23 Isa 10:3-7 13:3-5 54:16,17 Eze 9:1-7 Mt 22:7
- cut: Jer 21:14 Isa 10:33,34 27:10,11 37:24 Zec 11:1

For I will set apart destroyers against you, Each with his weapons; And they will cut down your choicest cedars And throw them on the fire

Jeremiah 22:8 “Many nations will pass by this city; and they will say to one another, ‘Why has the LORD done thus to this great city?’

NLT - People from many nations will pass by the ruins of this city and say to one another, 'Why did the LORD destroy such a great city?'

- De 29:23-25 1Ki 9:8,9 2Ch 7:20-22 La 2:15-17 4:12 Da 9:7

Many nations will pass by this city; and they will say to one another, ‘Why has the LORD done thus to this great city

Jeremiah 22:9 “Then they will answer, ‘Because they forsook the covenant of the LORD their God and bowed down to other gods and served them.’”

NLT - And the answer will be, 'Because they violated their covenant with the LORD their God by worshipping other gods.'

- Jer 2:17-19 40:2,3 50:7 De 29:25-28 2Ki 22:17 2Ch 34:25

Then they will answer, ‘Because they forsook the covenant of the LORD their God and bowed down to other gods and served them.’”

HM - the covenant. The covenant forsaken was what has been called the "Palestinian covenant" (see note on Jeremiah 11:3).

Jeremiah 22:10 Do not weep for the dead or mourn for him, But weep continually for the one who goes away; For he will never return Or see his native land.

NLT - Do not weep for the dead king or mourn his loss. Instead, weep for the captive king being led away! For he will never return to see his native land again.

- Weep ye: 2Ki 22:20 23:30 2Ch 35:23-25 Ec 4:2 Isa 57:1 La 4:9 Lu 23:28

- weep sore: Jer 22:11 2Ki 23:30-34 Eze 19:3,4

Do not weep for the dead or mourn for him King Josiah, who had been killed recently.

But weep continually for the one who goes away the one who goes away. I.e., Josiah's son (Shallum, or Jehoahaz; 1 Chron. 3:15), who reigned three months before being deported to Egypt by Neco. He never returned to Palestine (2 Kings 23:29-35).

For he will never return Or see his native land.

Jeremiah 22: 11 For thus says the LORD in regard to Shallum the son of Josiah, king of Judah, who became king in the place of Josiah his father, who went forth from this place, "He will never return there;

NLT - For this is what the LORD says about Jehoahaz, who succeeded his father, King Josiah, and was taken away as a captive: "He will never return.

- Shallum: 1Ch 3:15 2Ch 28:12 34:22 36:1-4, Jehoahaz

For thus says the LORD in regard to Shallum the son of Josiah, king of Judah, who became king in the place of Josiah his father, who went forth from this place, "He will never return there

Jeremiah 22:12 but in the place where they led him captive, there he will die and not see this land again.

NLT - He will die in a distant land and never again see his own country."

- Jer 22:18 2Ki 23:34

but in the place where they led him captive, there he will die and not see this land again

Jeremiah 22:13 "Woe to him who builds his house without righteousness And his upper rooms without justice, Who uses his neighbor's services without pay And does not give him his wages,

NLT - And the LORD says, "Destruction is certain for Jehoiakim, who builds his palace with forced labor. By not paying wages, he builds injustice into its walls and oppression into its doorframes and ceilings.

- unto: Jer 22:18 2Ki 23:35-37 2Ch 36:4
- buildeth: Lev 19:13 De 24:14,15 Job 24:10,11 Mic 3:10 Hab 2:9-11 Mal 3:5 Jas 5:4

WOE TO KING JEHOIAKIM

Woe to him who builds his house without righteousness And his upper rooms without justice, Who uses his neighbor's services without pay And does not give him his wages - the eldest son of Josiah but not originally chosen by the people as King because he favored Babylon over Egypt. King Jehoiakim built elaborate buildings with FORCED LABOR. Jeremiah predicted that the normal form of lament would not be used when Jehoiakim died and that he would not be buried, but simply dragged out of the city and dumped on the garbage heap (the absence of "and was buried" in 2 Kings 24:6 is significant).

Ryrie - 22:13-19 A denunciation against Jehoiakim, the elder brother and successor of Shallum. He built elaborate royal buildings with forced labor (vv. 13-14). Jeremiah predicted that the normal form of lament would not be used when Jehoiakim died and that he would not be buried, but simply dragged out of the city and dumped on the garbage heap (the absence of "and was buried" in 2 Kings 24:6 is significant).

Jeremiah 22:14 Who says, 'I will build myself a roomy house With spacious upper rooms, And cut out its windows,

Paneling it with cedar and painting it bright red.'

NLT - He says, 'I will build a magnificent palace with huge rooms and many windows, paneled throughout with fragrant cedar and painted a lovely red.'

- I will: Pr 17:19 24:27 Isa 5:8,9 9:9 Da 4:30 Mal 1:4 Lu 14:28,29
- large: Heb. through-aired
- windows: or, my windows
- ceiled with cedar: 2Sa 7:2 2Ch 3:5 Song 1:17 Hag 1:4

Who says, 'I will build myself a roomy house With spacious upper rooms, And cut out its windows, Paneling it with cedar and painting it bright red

Jeremiah 22:15 "Do you become a king because you are competing in cedar? Did not your father eat and drink And do justice and righteousness? Then it was well with him.

NLT "But a beautiful palace does not make a great king! Why did your father, Josiah, reign so long? Because he was just and right in all his dealings. That is why God blessed him.

- thy: Jer 22:18 2Ki 23:25 1Ch 3:15
- eat: 1Ki 4:20-23 2Ch 35:7,8,12-18 Ec 2:24 9:7-10 10:17 Isa 33:16 Lu 11:41 Ac 2:46 1Co 10:31
- and do: Jer 22:3 21:12 23:5 2Sa 8:15 1Ki 10:9 2Ki 22:2 23:25 2Ch 34:2 Pr 20:28 21:3 25:5 29:4 31:9 Isa 9:7
- then: Jer 42:6 De 4:40 Ps 128:1,2 Isa 3:10

Do you become a king because you are competing in cedar? Did not your father eat and drink And do justice and righteousness? Then it was well with him

Jeremiah 22:16 "He pled the cause of the afflicted and needy; Then it was well. Is not that what it means to know Me?" Declares the LORD.

NLT He made sure that justice and help were given to the poor and needy, and everything went well for him. Isn't that what it means to know me?" asks the LORD.

- judged: Jer 5:28 Job 29:12-17 Ps 72:1-4,12,13 82:3,4 109:31 Pr 24:11,12 Isa 1:17
- was not: Jer 9:3,16,24 31:33,34 1Sa 2:2 1Ch 28:9 Ps 9:10 Joh 8:19,54,55 Joh 16:3 17:3,6 Tit 1:16 1Jn 2:3,4

He pled the cause of the afflicted and needy; Then it was well. Is not that what it means to know Me?" Declares the LORD

Jeremiah 22:17 "But your eyes and your heart Are intent only upon your own dishonest gain, And on shedding innocent blood And on practicing oppression and extortion."

NLT - "But you! You are full of selfish greed and dishonesty! You murder the innocent, oppress the poor, and reign ruthlessly."

- thine eyes: Jos 7:21 Job 31:7 Ps 119:36,37 Eze 19:6 33:31 Mk 7:21,22 Jas 1:14,15 2Pe 2:14 1Jn 2:15,16
- covetousness: Ex 18:21 Ps 10:3 Lu 12:15-21 16:13,14 Ro 1:29 1Co 6:10 Eph 5:3-5 Col 3:5 1Ti 6:9,10 2Pe 2:3,14
- to shed: Jer 22:3 26:22-24 1Ki 21:19 2Ki 24:4 2Ch 36:8 Eze 19:6 Zep 3:3

But your eyes and your heart Are intent only upon your own dishonest gain, And on shedding innocent blood And on practicing oppression and extortion

Jeremiah 22:18 Therefore thus says the LORD in regard to Jehoiakim the son of Josiah, king of Judah, “They will not lament for him: ‘Alas, my brother!’ or, ‘Alas, sister!’ They will not lament for him: ‘Alas for the master!’ or, ‘Alas for his splendor!’

NLT - Therefore, this is the Lord's decree of punishment against King Jehoiakim, who succeeded his father, Josiah, on the throne: "His family will not weep for him when he dies. His subjects will not even care that he is dead.

- They: Jer 22:10 16:4,6 2Ch 21:19,20 35:25
- Ah my brother: 2Sa 1:26 3:33-38 1Ki 13:30

Therefore thus says the LORD in regard to Jehoiakim the son of Josiah, king of Judah, “They will not lament for him: ‘Alas, my brother!’ or, ‘Alas, sister!’ They will not lament for him: ‘Alas for the master!’ or, ‘Alas for his splendor!

Jeremiah 22:19 “He will be buried with a donkey’s burial, Dragged off and thrown out beyond the gates of Jerusalem.

NLT - He will be buried like a dead donkey--dragged out of Jerusalem and dumped outside the gate!

- Jer 15:3 36:6,30 1Ki 14:10 21:23,24 2Ki 9:35 2Ch 36:6

He will be buried with a donkey’s burial, Dragged off and thrown out beyond the gates of Jerusalem

Jeremiah 22:20 “Go up to Lebanon and cry out, And lift up your voice in Bashan; Cry out also from Abarim, For all your lovers have been crushed.

NLT - Weep, for your allies are all gone. Search for them in Lebanon. Shout for them at Bashan. Search for them in the regions east of the river. See, they are all destroyed. Not one is left to help you.

- and cry: Jer 2:36,37 30:13-15 2Ki 24:7 Isa 20:5,6 30:1-7 31:1-3
- for: Jer 22:22 4:30 25:9,17-27 La 1:2,19 Eze 23:9,22

Go up to Lebanon and cry out, And lift up your voice in Bashan; Cry out also from Abarim, For all your lovers have been crushed.

The "lovers" are the political allies of Judah. Nebuchadnezzar had destroyed these after the Egyptian forces fell at Carchemish in 605 B.C. The picture here is of Jerusalem being left alone.

Jeremiah 22:21 “I spoke to you in your prosperity; But you said, ‘I will not listen!’ This has been your practice from your youth, That you have not obeyed My voice.

NLT - "When you were prosperous, I warned you, but you replied, 'Don't bother me.' Since childhood you have been that way--you simply will not listen!

- I spake: Jer 2:31 6:16 35:15 36:21-26 2Ch 33:10 36:16,17 Pr 30:9
- prosperity: Heb. prosperities
- This: Jer 3:25 7:22-28 32:30 De 9:7,24 31:27 32:15-20 Jud 2:11-19 Ne 9:16-37 Ps 106:6-48 Isa 48:8 Eze 20:8,13,21,28 23:3-39

JEHOIAKIM REFUSES WARNING

I spoke to you in your prosperity; But you said, ‘I will not listen!’ This has been your practice from your youth, That you

have not obeyed My voice

Jeremiah 22:22 “The wind will sweep away all your shepherds, And your lovers will go into captivity; Then you will surely be ashamed and humiliated Because of all your wickedness.

NLT - And now your allies have all disappeared with a puff of wind. All your friends have been taken away as captives. Surely at last you will see your wickedness and be ashamed.

- wind: Jer 4:11-13 30:23,24 Isa 64:6 Ho 4:19 13:15
- thy pastors: Jer 2:8 5:30,31 10:21 12:10 23:1,2 Eze 34:2-10 Zec 11:8,17 Ac 7:51,52
- thy lovers: Jer 22:20
- surely: Jer 2:26,27,37 20:11

The wind will sweep away all your shepherds, And your lovers will go into captivity; Then you will surely be ashamed and humiliated Because of all your wickedness.

Jeremiah 22:23 “You who dwell in Lebanon, Nested in the cedars, How you will groan when pangs come upon you, Pain like a woman in childbirth!

NLT - It may be nice to live in a beautiful palace lined with lumber from the cedars of Lebanon, but soon you will cry and groan in anguish--anguish like that of a woman about to give birth.

- Lebanon: Jer 22:6 Zec 11:1,2
- makest: Jer 21:13 48:28 49:16 Nu 24:21 Am 9:2 Ob 1:4 Hab 2:9
- how: Jer 3:21 4:31 6:24 30:5,6 50:4,5 Ho 5:15 6:1 7:14
- when: Jer 4:30,31

**LIVING LARGE NOW
GROANING LATER!**

You who dwell in Lebanon, You who dwell in Lebanon. The reference is to Jerusalem, many of whose buildings were built with cedars from Lebanon.

Nested in the cedars, How you will groan when pangs come upon you, Pain like a woman in childbirth!

Jeremiah 22:24 “As I live,” declares the LORD, “even though Coniah the son of Jehoiakim king of Judah were a signet ring on My right hand, yet I would pull you off;

NLT - "And as surely as I live," says the LORD, "I will abandon you, Jehoiachin son of Jehoiakim, king of Judah. Even if you were the signet ring on my right hand, I would pull you off.

- Coniah: Jer 22:28 37:1 2Ki 24:6-8, Jehoiachin, 1Ch 3:16, Jeconiah, Mt 1:11,12
- the signet: Jer 22:6 Song 8:6 Hag 2:23

Related Passages:

1 Chronicles 3:16 The sons of Jehoiakim were Jeconiah his son, Zedekiah his son.

As I live,” declares the LORD, “even though Coniah the son of Jehoiakim king of Judah were a signet ring on My right hand, yet I would pull you off;

Vs. 22:24-30 These verses describe the fate of Jehoiachin (here and in 37:1 called Coniah; also called Jeconiah, 24:1; 27:20), son of Jehoiakim. After a three-month reign, he was taken to Babylon, never to return (2 Kings 24:8-15; 25:27-30), in spite of Hananiah's false prophecy to the contrary (Jer. 28:4, 15; cf. 52:31-34).

Coniah is an abbreviation of Jeconiah (1 Chronicles 3:16), which is another form of the name Jehoiachin (2 Kings 24:6). Coniah was the last king of Judah in the direct line from King David. When he was deported to Babylon by Nebuchadnezzar (2 Chronicles 36:10), Coniah's uncle Zedekiah was assigned to rule Judah for a brief reign, but he also was put down, and no later king was ever able to regain the throne.

Jeremiah 22:25 and I will give you over into the hand of those who are seeking your life, yes, into the hand of those whom you dread, even into the hand of Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon and into the hand of the Chaldeans.

NLT - I will hand you over to those who seek to kill you, of whom you are so desperately afraid--to King Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon and the mighty Babylonian army.

- I: Jer 22:28 21:7 34:20,21 38:16 2Ki 24:15,16
- whose: Pr 10:24

and I will give you over into the hand of those who are seeking your life, yes, into the hand of those whom you dread, even into the hand of Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon and into the hand of the Chaldeans

Jeremiah 22:26 "I will hurl you and your mother who bore you into another country where you were not born, and there you will die.

NLT - I will expel you and your mother from this land, and you will die in a foreign country.

- Jer 15:2-4 2Ki 24:15 2Ch 36:9,10 Isa 22:17 Eze 19:9-14

I will hurl you and your mother who bore you into another country where you were not born, and there you will die

Jeremiah 22:27 "But as for the land to which they desire to return, they will not return to it.

NLT - You will never again return to the land of your desire.

- to the: Jer 22:11 44:14 52:31-34 2Ki 25:27-30
- desire: Heb. lift up their mind, Ps 86:4

But as for the land to which they desire to return, they will not return to it.

Jeremiah 22:28 "Is this man Coniah a despised, shattered jar? Or is he an undesirable vessel? Why have he and his descendants been hurled out And cast into a land that they had not known?

NLT - "Why is this man Jehoiachin like a discarded, broken dish? Why are he and his children to be exiled to distant lands?

- Coniah: Jer 22:24
- a despised: Jer 48:38 1Sa 5:3-5 2Sa 5:21 Ps 31:12 Ho 8:8 13:15 Ro 9:21-23 2Ti 2:20,21
- his seed: Jer 22:30 1Ch 3:17-24 Mt 1:12-16
- which: Jer 14:18

This appears to be the application of the whole discourse to Zedekiah; for it is to be observed, that Jeconiah is spoken of as absent, and already in captivity. Now if he and his seed had been for their sins thrown aside as a broken idol, or as a vessel which a man despises, how could Zedekiah, who copied and far exceeded them, expect to prosper on the throne of David?

Jeremiah 22:29 "O land, land, land, Hear the word of the LORD!"

NLT - O earth, earth, earth! Listen to this message from the LORD!

- Jer 6:19 De 4:26 31:19 32:1 Isa 1:1,2 34:1 Mic 1:2 6:1,2

O land, land, land, Hear the word of the LORD

Jeremiah 22:30 "Thus says the LORD, 'Write this man down childless, A man who will not prosper in his days; For no man of his descendants will prosper Sitting on the throne of David Or ruling again in Judah.'"

NLT - This is what the LORD says: Let the record show that this man Jehoiachin was childless, for none of his children will ever sit on the throne of David to rule in Judah. His life will amount to nothing."

- Write: Zedekiah was taken prisoner by Nebuchadnezzar; his sons slain before his eyes; and his eyes being put out, he was carried to Babylon; and we read no more either of him or his posterity. 1Ch 3:16,17 Mt 1:12-16
- sitting: Jer 36:30 Ps 94:20 Lu 1:32,33 Mt 1:11,12

Thus says the LORD, 'Write this man (JEHOIACHIN) down childless,

All forms of his name have the same meaning, i.e., "Yahweh will firmly establish"-a name dishonored by its bearer, who was ruled by his own desires. The prophecy concerning his childlessness is not to be understood in the sense that he would have no offspring (cf. 1 Chr. 3:16, 17), but that none of his heirs would sit on the throne of David. Coniah had five sons, but none reigned. Joseph, the legal father of Jesus, was descended from Jeconiah and was therefore in the kingly line (cf. Matt. 1:11-16), but he could not reign because of the curse. The children of Joseph would also carry this curse. But Jesus was not affected by this divine prophecy, because His physical descent came from David only through His mother Mary, who conceived Him by an overshadowing of the Holy Spirit (Matt. 1:18; Luke 3:21-38). Thus, both Mary and Joseph were numbered among the royal descendants to the throne of David. Jesus sat upon the throne of David by dynastic or legal right through Joseph, by physical descent through Mary, and by divine appointment of the living God. Since Jesus had no children, the line to the throne climaxes and ends in Him. This passage demonstrates again the precision with which God makes and fulfills His prophecies.

Ryrie - Although Coniah had seven sons (perhaps adopted; cf. 1 Chron. 3:17), none occupied the throne. So, as far as a continuing dynasty was concerned, Coniah was to be considered "childless." Although his line of descendants retained the legal throne rights, no physical descendant (no man of his descendants) would ever prosperously reign on the Davidic throne. The genealogy of Matthew traces the descent of Jesus through Solomon and Jeconiah (Heb., Coniah; Matt. 1:12); this is the genealogy of Jesus' legal father, Joseph. Luke traces Jesus' physical descent back through Mary and Nathan to David, bypassing Jeconiah's line and showing accurately the fulfillment of this prophecy of Jeremiah. If Jesus had been born only in the line of Joseph (and thus of Jeconiah), He would not have been qualified to reign on the throne of David in the Millennium. See note on Matt. 1:11.

HM - "This man" was Coniah (Jeremiah 22:24,28), and he did have children. His descendants are listed in Matthew 1:11-16. The last of these was Joseph, the legal father (but not the biological father) of Jesus. Although Joseph was legally entitled to the throne, neither he nor any other among the seed of Jeconiah ever occupied the throne, just as this prophecy indicated.

22:30 throne of David. This curse seems at first to contradict Jacob's prophecy that the sceptre would not depart from Judah "until Shiloh come" (Genesis 49:10), and even more the promise to David that "I will set up thy seed after thee...and I will establish his kingdom...and I will stablish the throne of his kingdom for ever" (2 Samuel 7:12,13). In fact, the latter promise was even renewed through Jeremiah himself (Jeremiah 33:17). The apparent contradiction is resolved in Christ, who inherited the legal right to the throne through his legal father David (Luke 1:32,33), but was not descended biologically from Jeconiah. His mother, Mary, however, was descended from David through Nathan (Luke 3:23-31), and Christ was her Seed, uniquely. Thus Jesus, and He only, held both the legal and genetic right to David's throne and, as the promised "Shiloh," was the last one who did. He shall, indeed, reign over the house of David forever.

A man who will not prosper in his days - NLT "His life will amount to nothing."

For no man of his descendants will prosper Sitting on the throne of David Or ruling again in Judah-