

An Unstable Man

Jeremiah 37:1-3, 17; 38:17-20

¹⁰Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of His might.

¹³Therefore, take up the full armor of God, so that you will be able to resist in the evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm."

(Ephesians 6:10, 13)

His name was Zedekiah.

- He didn't LISTEN. (37:2)

- He didn't PRAY. (37:3)

The price of prayer is faith.

⁵But if any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all generously and without reproach, and it will be given to him. ⁶But he must ask in faith without any doubting, for the one who doubts is like the surf of the sea, driven and tossed by the wind. ⁷For that man ought not to expect that he will receive anything from the Lord." (James 1:5-7)

Matthew 14 – Peter walking on water

"The Spirit gives life. The flesh profits nothing." (John 6:63)

- He didn't OBEY. (38:19)

Jesus on Palm Sunday – Stable. Strong. Courageous.

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^{37:1}Now Zedekiah the son of Josiah whom Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon had made king in the land of Judah, reigned as king in place of Coniah the son of Jehoiakim. ²But neither he nor his servants nor the people of the land listened to the words of the Lord which He spoke through Jeremiah the prophet. ³Yet King Zedekiah sent to Jeremiah the prophet, saying, "Please pray to the Lord our God on our behalf."

^{37:17}Now King Zedekiah sent and took him out; and in his palace the king secretly asked him and said, "Is there a word from the Lord?" And Jeremiah said, "There is!" Then he said, "You will be given into the hand of the king of Babylon!"

^{38:17}Then Jeremiah said to Zedekiah, "Thus says the Lord God of hosts, the God of Israel, 'If you will indeed go out to the officers of the king of Babylon, then you will live, this city will not be burned with fire, and you and your household will survive. ¹⁸But if you will not go out to the officers of the king of Babylon, then this city will be given over to the hand of the Chaldeans; and they will burn it with fire, and you yourself will not escape from their hand.'" ¹⁹Then King Zedekiah said to Jeremiah, "I dread the Jews who have gone over to the Chaldeans, for they may give me over into their hand and they will abuse me." ²⁰But Jeremiah said, "They will not give you over. Please obey the Lord in what I am saying to you, that it may go well with you and you may live."