

Punishment and Hope
Jeremiah 32-33:1-11, chs. 37-38
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Today we will see the contrast between a weak, ungodly king and the Lord's godly prophet, as well as God's promises of punishment and restoration.

I. Weak and ungodly leaders behave inconsistently. (v. 37:1-3)

II. Strong and godly leaders speak God's truth. (v. 37:4-10)

III. Strong and godly leaders often face hardship because of their stands. (v. 37:11-21)

So in the ninth year of Zedekiah's reign, on the tenth day of the tenth month, Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon marched against Jerusalem with his whole army. They encamped outside the city and built siege works all around it. The city was kept under siege until the eleventh year of King Zedekiah.

By the ninth day of the fourth month the famine in the city had become so severe that there was no food for the people to eat. Then the city wall was broken through, and the whole army fled. (Jeremiah 52:4-7)

IV. Weak and ungodly leaders give in to popular pressure. (v. 38:1-6)

V. Strong and godly leaders stand up against injustice. (v. 38:7-13)

VI. Weak and ungodly leaders keep looking for alternatives to the truth. (v. 38:14-18)

VII. Weak, ungodly leaders have a distinct fear of men. (v. 38:19-28)

VIII. Weak and ungodly leaders refuse to believe God's Word to them. (v. 32:1-5)

IX. Strong and godly leaders believe God's promises even when circumstances suggest they shouldn't. (v. 32:6-15)

X. Strong and godly leaders acknowledge God's power and sovereignty. (v. 32:16-25)

XI. God again reiterates the punishment He has ordained and the reasons for it. (v. 32:26-35; 33:1-5)

**XII. God reiterates His promise to restore His people to the Promised Land. (v. 32:36-44;
33:6-11)**