

## Judgment Against Evil Kings - Jeremiah 22:1-30

**Topics:** Answers, Arrogance, Covenant, Death, Dishonesty, Enemies, Evil, Fear, Forsake, Greed, Heart, Idolatry, Injustice, Instructions, Justice, Knowledge, Law, Listening, Mourning, Obedience, Oppressed, Pain, People, Poor, Prophecy, Punishment, Questions, Rejection, Right, Security, Shame, Swearing, Youth

### Open It

1. In your opinion what are some of the best ways to teach children responsibility?
- \* 2. What do you consider the marks of greatness in a national leader?

### Explore It

3. Where was Jeremiah told to proclaim God's message? (22:1)
- \* 4. What principles of good government did God list as conditions for His blessing on Judah? (22:3-4)
5. What consequences were promised if the king did not obey God? (22:5)
6. Although Judah and Jerusalem had been special in God's sight, what did He swear to do to them? (22:6-7)
7. What reason would be given for the disgrace and destruction of Judah? (22:8-9)
8. What arrogant and selfish behavior on the part of the king angered God? (22:13-14)
9. How did God feel about the notion that displays of wealth indicated greatness in a ruler? (22:15)
- \* 10. How was Josiah different from Jehoiakim, his son? (22:15-16)
- \* 11. How did God judge Jehoiakim's heart? (22:17)
12. What did God say would become of Jehoiakim's "greatness" at the end of his life? (22:18-19)
13. Before God allowed Judah's enemies to crush them, what had He done to try to save them? (22:20-21)
14. When did Jehoiakim's rebellion against God begin? (22:21)
15. What was going to become of the king and his splendid buildings? (22:22-23)
16. To what did God compare Jehoiakim's son, Jehoiachin? (22:28)
17. Why didn't it matter whether Jehoiachin continued David's line by having children? (22:29-30)

### Get It

18. In what sense can our godliness be measured by our treatment of fellow human beings?
19. Why is God so concerned about the poor and powerless?
- \* 20. How do human indicators of greatness differ from God's?
- \* 21. What circumstances do we sometimes think would entitle us to God's favor?
22. What conclusion can we draw from the case of Josiah and Jehoiakim about the certainty of godly people having godly children?
23. In what way do you need to copy the example of your parents more consciously?

### Apply It

- \* 24. In what areas of your life can you act on the opportunity to do what is just and right for your fellow human beings?
25. What is one step you can take this week to learn from or copy something good that your parents did right?