

Jehoiakim-Zedekiah; The Message of Jeremiah

Jehoiakim died and was not given a proper burial. His body was thrown out (Jer. 22:18-19; 36:30)! His son, Jehoiachin was made king. For the short time he reigned, he was very wicked. God told Jeremiah that Jehoiachin and his mother would be taken to Babylon and die there. He would never have a son to sit on the throne of David.

Jehoiachin surrendered to Nebuchadnezzar and was taken prisoner. Many were taken captive to Babylon at this time. Only the poor were left in the land. After Jehoiachin had been in Babylon a long time, he was able to eat with the king of Babylon and put away his prison clothes.

After Jehoiachin was taken prisoner, his uncle, Zedekiah was made king. He was a very wicked man.

God showed Jeremiah a vision of two baskets of figs. One basket of figs was so rotten, they could not be eaten. The other basket of figs was beautiful, good fruit. God told Jeremiah that the people who were taken to Babylon were like the good figs. They would return to the land with a new heart and know God. The people left in the land were like the rotten figs. They were so rotten, they would be destroyed.

God told the people that when they had finished their punishment, God would bring His people home. God told Jeremiah to wear a yoke around his neck and tell the people that if they would submit to the Babylonians, they could stay in their land. If they didn't submit, they would be punished. The false prophets told lies. Jeremiah told them they would know the true prophet by whose words came true. This made the Hananiah, a false prophet, angry! He broke Jeremiah's yoke and said the punishment would be over in 2 years. Hananiah told lies. Because Hananiah lied God said he would die that year. Shortly after this, he died!

Main Points:

1. God will punish the wicked.
2. God keeps His promises.

Lesson 20 Questions: Jehoiakim-Zedekiah;

Message of Jeremiah

1. What happened to Jehoiakim's body when he died?

Buried

Thrown out

2. Who was taken prisoner to Babylon?

Jehoiakim

Jehoiachin

3. Would Jehoiachin and his mother return to Judah?

Yes

No

4. Who was made king after Jehoiachin was taken prisoner?

Jeremiah

Zedekiah

5. What was in the vision God showed Jeremiah?

Apples

Figs

6. The good fruit was like which group of people?

Those in Babylon

Those in Judah

7. The bad fruit was like which group of people?

Those in Babylon

Those in Judah

8. What did God tell Jeremiah to put around his neck?

A necklace

A yoke

9. Were the people supposed to fight the Babyonians?

Yes

No

10. Did Hananiah, the false prophet, like this message?

Yes

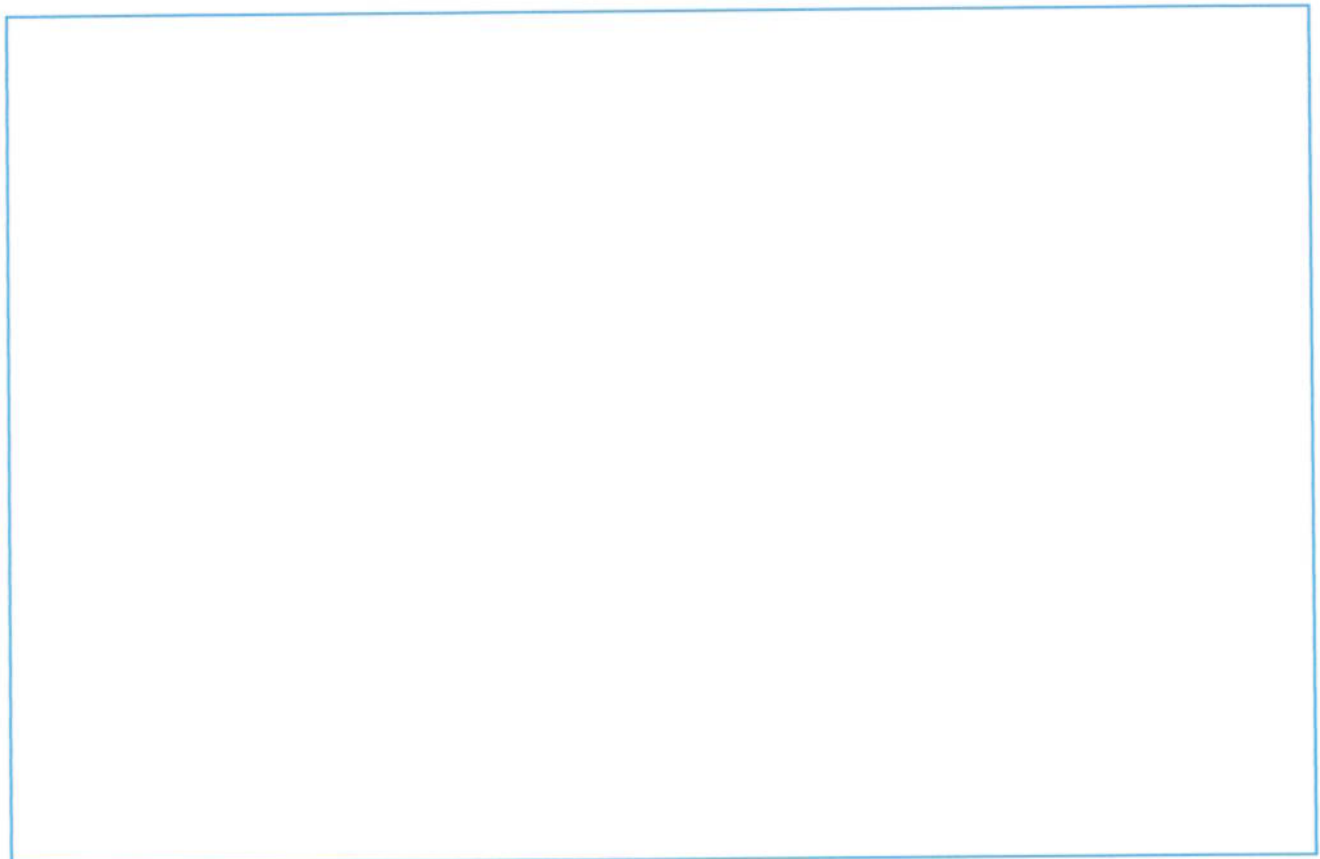
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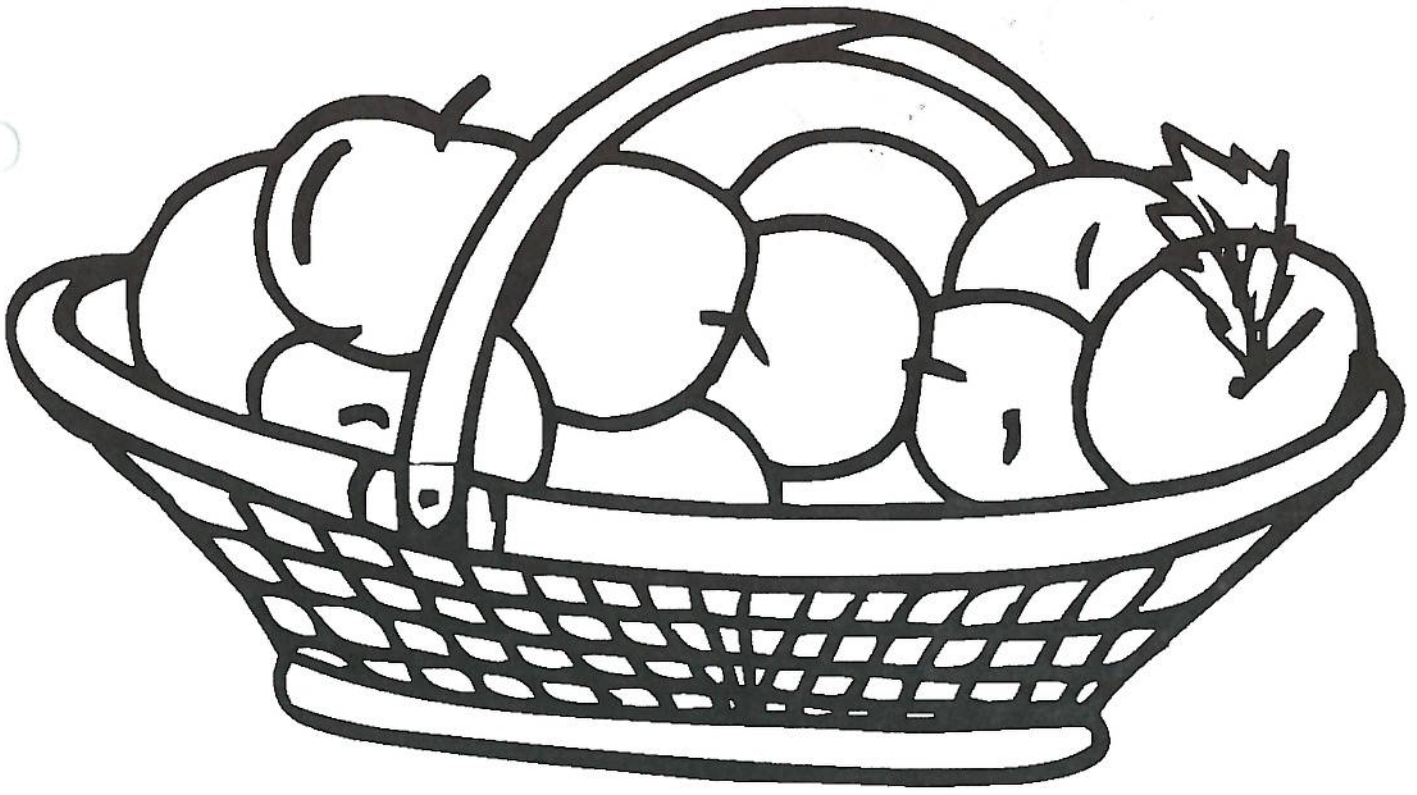
11. Because Hananiah told lies, what happened to him?

He got sick

He died

Draw a picture of Jeremiah's vision.

A large empty rectangular box with a blue border, intended for drawing a picture of Jeremiah's vision.



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