

A Nation in Peril (#3)
(The Curse of Coniah)

In our last lesson, we learned:

- That Matthew's genealogy of Jesus Christ was referenced from **Jer.1:3** – "Josiah became the father of Jeconiah and his brothers at the time of the deportation to Babylon." (**Matt.1:11**)
- That Josiah's son Jehoiakim was the father of Jeconiah (Jehoiachin or Coniah (2 Kings 24:6; Jer.37:1).
- That Josiah was the father of four of the last five kings of Judah. Jeconiah was the only king that was not a son of Josiah.
- That Jeremiah pronounced a curse upon Jeconiah (Coniah) in Jer.22:30 – "Write this man down childless." The curse of Coniah meant that Davidic lineage to the throne ended with Jeconiah until Jesus Christ sits on it in the Millennial Kingdom.
- That this made Matthew's point that Josiah was the last father of the Davidic messianic throne.

This lesson will study FOUR aspects of Jeremiah's prophesy of the Curse of Coniah and how it affected messianic history.

NOTE: You might wonder why all of this biblical history study is important. The answer is because it is associated with Jesus Christ, messianic history, eschatology, and YOU.

1. The Curse of Coniah was part of the Divine Discipline clause of the Davidic Covenant recorded in (2 Sam.7:12-15).

(2 Sam.7:14) "I will be a father to him and he will be a son to Me; when he commits iniquity, I will correct him with the rod of men and the strokes of the sons of men."

This Divine Discipline clause applied to any Judean king who sat upon the Davidic throne until Christ.

We learned that it was enforced upon seven Judean kings during Jeremiah's ministry: Ahaziah, Athaliah (Q), Joash, Amaziah, Jehoahaz, Jehoiakim, and Zedekiah (Matt.1:8, 11).

All seven kings were removed from the Book of Genealogy of Jesus Christ (Matt.1:1, 11).

However, Jeconiah was given a special curse in (Jer.22:30). It established that no Judean king would sit upon the Davidic throne until Jesus Christ – "The record (book) of the genealogy of Jesus the Messiah, the son of David, the son of Abraham." (Matt.1:1, 11)

2. Jeconiah (the 19th King) continued to practice the evil abominations of his father Jehoiakim (the 18th King) and Manasseh (the 14th King).

Jeconiah did so in spite of the spiritual reformation of Josiah, the prophetic warning of Jeremiah, the divine discipline of the Judean kings, and the cycles of divine discipline upon the nation.

(**Jer.15:1-4**) "And he did evil in the eyes of the Lord, just as his fathers had done." (2 Kings 23:37) (Deut.28; Lev.26; 2 Kings 21:2, 6, 9-16; 23:26-27, 37; 24:3, 9; Deut.28:25 abhorrent).

As a shepherd leader of a Divine Agency, The nation of Israel, he refused to take the spiritual reformation, prophetic warnings and signs of divine discipline responsibly.

(Jer.23:1) “Woe to the shepherds who are destroying and scattering the sheep of my pasture!” declares the Lord.”

(Jer.10:21) “For the shepherds have become stupid and have not sought the Lord; therefore they have not prospered, and all their flock is scattered.”

- “The leaders of the nation who are responsible for the calamity.” (Ryrie NASB, Jer.10:21)

The last spiritual shepherd king was Josiah (2 Kings 22:1-23:30).

(2Kings 23:25) “Neither before nor after Josiah was there a king like him who turned to the Lord as he did - with all his heart and all his soul and with all his strength, in accordance with all the Law of Moses.”

(Deut.6:4-5)

3. From the top to the bottom, the nation of Judah had become apostate and reversionistic.

They would not listen nor obey the Word of the Lord spoken by the prophets sent by God. They were anti-God and anti-Christ and anti-word of God (Jer.7:13, 25-28).

(Jer.25:3-4) “From the 13th year of Josiah, even to this day, these 23 years the word of the Lord has come to me, and I have spoken to you **again and again**, but you have not listened. And the Lord has sent to you all His servants the prophets **again and again**, but you have not listened nor inclined your ear to hear.”
(2 Chron. 36:14-28) The lost book of Deuteronomy and the 5th cycle; ch.28)

Jesus compared the apostate generation of His day to prophets like Jeremiah and issued a stern warning:

(Matt.23:31-32) “So you testify against yourselves, that you are sons of those who murdered the prophets. Fill up, then, the measure of the guilt of your fathers.” (Matt.23:33-39; Luke 11:47-53).

After only 3 months as king, Jeconiah was taken as a prisoner of war to Babylon in 597 BC. (2 Kings 24:8-16). Then, after 37 years in Babylonian prison, God showed him mercy and had him released from prison, but not from Babylon (2 Kings 24:27-30; Jer.52:31-34).

4. Because of the curse of Coniah and the 5th cycle of Divine Discipline to Judah, Israel will be under Gentile rule until the Second Coming of Jesus Christ.

(Luke 21:24) “They will fall by the sword and be taken as prisoners to all the nations. Jerusalem will be trampled on by the Gentiles until the times of the Gentiles are fulfilled.”

The 5th cycle to Babylon was 70 years

(Jer.25:11) This whole land will be a desolation and a horror, and these nations will serve the king of Babylon seventy years.

However, the curse of Coniah was “until the times of the Gentiles are fulfilled.” **We live in the “times of the Gentiles.”**

This is important because it is your FUTURE: The next king to sit upon David’s throne will be the **resurrected Lord Jesus Christ in the Millennium along with Church age believers**, Jewish age believers, and Gentile age believers (1 Thess.4:13-18; Rev.20:5-6; 1 Cor.15:20-24; Rev.19:7-9; 21:9; Jer.23:5-8).