

Sunday School Lesson

November 2, 2025

Jeremiah's Rescue

Jeremiah 38:7-13

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Jerusalem's Fall

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Questions for Us Today

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Have you ever rescued someone? How did you do it?

Have you ever been rescued? How was it done?

Sunday School Lesson Objective

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To understand how God enabled the rescue of Prophet Jeremiah in this situation – and, what followed thereafter.

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Points of Information – Jeremiah

Jeremiah is most commonly known as the “Weeping Prophet.” His sorrow came primarily from the disobedience, wicked actions (mainly idolatry) and deaf ears of the people of Judah.

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Jeremiah is credited with writing the Book that is named for him as well as the Book of Lamentations.

Points of Information – Jeremiah

Jeremiah was called to prophetic ministry by the Lord during the reign of King Josiah. Jeremiah 1:1-19.

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When called, Jeremiah claimed that he was too young to speak for the Lord. God told him that He had put His Words in Jeremiah's mouth. God had already told this prophet that he was anointed and appointed while he was still in his mother's womb. Jeremiah 1:5-9.

Points of Information – Jeremiah

Jeremiah spoke for the Lord – prophesied – during the reigns of the last five Kings of Judah: Josiah, Jehoahaz, Jehoiakim, Jehoiachin and Zedekiah – a prophetic career of over forty years.

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Jeremiah suffered much for his ministry: persecution, prosecution, punishing beatings, imprisonment, people not listening to him etc.

Points of Information – Jeremiah

Despite his sufferings and the resistance of the people, Jeremiah was compelled to press on with his ministry.

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Jeremiah wrote the words which are incorporated into one of the great hymns of all time: Great is Thy Faithfulness. Remember: “Morning by morning, new mercies I see. All I have needed Thy Hand hath provided. Great is Thy Faithfulness, Lord unto me.” Lamentations 3:22-23.

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In Chapter 37, the arrest and imprisonment of Jeremiah in a dungeon is described.

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Still, Jeremiah pressed on by delivering the messages which the Lord directed him to do: Advising the Israelites that they would be punished for their continuing disobedience.

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King Zedekiah was so weak that he approved of Jeremiah's punishments before then allowing the prophet to be rescued.

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In today's text, Jeremiah had been thrown into a large, deep cistern with mud (no water).

Jeremiah 38:7 (NIV)

But Ebed-Melek, a Cushite, an official in the royal palace, heard that they had put Jeremiah into the cistern. While the king was sitting in the Benjamin gate,

Jeremiah 38:8

Ebed-Melek went out of the palace and
said to him,

Jeremiah 38:9

“My lord the king, these men have acted wickedly in all they have done to Jeremiah the prophet. They have thrown him into a cistern, where he will starve to death when there is no longer any bread in the city.”

Jeremiah 38:10

Then the king commanded Ebed-Melek the Cushite, “Take thirty men from here with you and lift Jeremiah the prophet out of the cistern before he dies.”

Jeremiah 38:11

So Ebed-Melek took the men with him and went to a room under the treasury in the palace. He took some old rags and worn-out clothes from there and let them down with ropes to Jeremiah in the cistern.

Jeremiah 38:12

Ebed-Melek the Cushite said to Jeremiah, “Put these old rags and worn-out clothes under your arms to pad the ropes.” Jeremiah did so,

Jeremiah 38:13

and they pulled him up with the ropes and lifted him out of the cistern. And Jeremiah remained in the courtyard of the guard.

The Lord blesses those who take
care of His people.

Jeremiah 39:15

While Jeremiah had been confined in the courtyard of the guard, the word of the LORD came to him.

Jeremiah 39:16

“Go and tell Ebed-Melek the Cushite, ‘This is what the LORD Almighty, ‘the God of Israel, says: I am about to fulfill my words against this city – words concerning disaster, not prosperity. At that time they will be fulfilled before your eyes.

Jeremiah 39:17

But I will rescue you on that day,
declares the LORD; you will not be
given into the hands of those you fear.

Jeremiah 39:18

I will save you; you will not fall by the sword but will escape with your life, because you trust in Me, declares the LORD’.”

Remember this:

Let us emulate the Ethiopian official in this Biblical story by doing what we can to look out for the welfare of God's anointed.