

The Lord of Jehoiakim

Jeremiah 36:30

30 Therefore thus saith the Lord of Jehoiakim king of Judah; He shall have none to sit upon the throne of David: and his dead body shall be cast out in the day to the heat, and in the night to the frost.

INFORMATION

Jehoiakim was the 3rd to last king of Judah. He was an evil man who did not serve God, and instead worshipped idols and ignored God's prophets. Shortly before the Lord made this statement, Jehoiakim had desecrated the Word of God by having a scroll containing a prophecy cut up and burned. Jehoiakim did not want to listen to the prophecy that Jeremiah had received from God and, so, was defiant. He even tried to capture Jeremiah and his scribe, Baruch, to have them killed. As is often the case with God's people, they escaped harm because God providentially protected them. Jehoiakim did not like the prophecy on the scrolls because he did not like what it said; Judah was going to be captured by the Babylonians. He destroyed the scrolls because he did not want God's Word to get out for others to hear.

In this verse, God establishes himself as the "Lord of Jehoiakim" indicating that though Jehoiakim was king of Judah, The Almighty God was Lord over him. In this case, God establishes his sovereignty, even over evil men. The Lord pronounced a curse upon Jehoiakim and his family. According to the curse, none of his children who would usually inherit the throne and become king when he died, would ever become king. The Lord's curse was carried out, and Jehoiakim was killed with none of his descendants' ever becoming king. The Lord also restored the scrolls that Jehoiakim had destroyed by having Jeremiah and Baruch write them again. The Lord's Word cannot be suppressed; it cannot be destroyed, even by powerful and wicked men.

WHAT IT MEANS TO OUR FAMILY

Here, we see that God establishes Himself as the supreme Lord. He is not subject to any person, but everyone is subject to Him. God also established the importance and value of his Word. Are we actively ignoring God's word in some part of our lives? Are we affectively burning it in the fire because we do not like what it says? Have we sought to silence or distance ourselves from someone who is telling us the truth about God's word? We must stop and remember who we are and who God is, and, as always, we must place the highest value on God's Word and what it says.

Relevant Passages

Job 40:9

Hast thou an arm like God? or canst thou thunder with a voice like him?

Psalm 24:1

The earth is the Lord's, and the fulness thereof; the world, and they that dwell therein.

Daniel 4:37

Now I Nebuchadnezzar praise and extol and honour the King of heaven, all whose works are truth, and his ways judgment: and those that walk in pride he is able to abase.

Luke 11:31

The queen of the south shall rise up in the judgment with the men of this generation, and condemn them: for she came from the utmost parts of the earth to hear the wisdom of Solomon; and, behold, a greater than Solomon is here.

1 Timothy 6:15

Which in his times he shall shew, who is the blessed and only Potentate, the King of kings, and Lord of lords;

Revelation 17:14

These shall make war with the Lamb, and the Lamb shall overcome them: for he is Lord of lords, and King of kings: and they that are with him are called, and chosen, and faithful.

Revelation 19:16

And he hath on his vesture and on his thigh a name written, King Of Kings, And Lord Of Lords.