

BEIT TEFILLAH



**Does the curse of Jeconiah  
still stand?**

# The Accusation

## The Curse of Jeconiah

**Yeshua cannot be the Messiah because of the lineage recorded in Matthew 1:12. This verse records that Yeshua is a descendant of King Jeconiah/Coniah/Jehoiachin. However, Scripture says that Jeconiah's descendants will never sit on the throne of David. Therefore, if the genealogy in Matthew is accurate, Yeshua cannot be the Messiah.**

# Jeremiah 22: 24 – 30

The Curse is Pronounced

**Jeremiah 22: 24 – 26 (JPS'99) 24 As I live -- declares the LORD -- if you, O King Coniah, son of Jehoiakim, of Judah, were a signet on my right hand, I would tear you off even from there. 25 I will deliver you into the hands of those who seek your life, into the hands of those you dread, into the hands of King Nebuchadrezzar of Babylon and into the hands of the Chaldeans. 26 I will hurl you and the mother who bore you into another land, where you were not born; there you shall both die.**

# Jeremiah 22: 24 – 30

The Curse is Pronounced

**Jeremiah 22: 27 – 30 (JPS'99) 27 They shall not return to the land that they yearn to come back to. 28 Is this man Coniah A wretched broken pot, A vessel no one wants? Why are he and his offspring hurled out, And cast away in a land they knew not? 29 O land, land, land, Hear the word of the LORD! 30 Thus said the LORD: Record this man as without succession, One who shall never be found acceptable; For no man of his offspring shall be accepted To sit on the throne of David And to rule again in Judah.**

# Jeremiah 22: 24 – 30

Another Jewish Translation

**Jeremiah 22: 24 – 26 (Soncino) 24. As I live, says the Lord, though Coniah the son of Jehoiakim king of Judah were the signet upon my right hand, yet I would tear you off. 25. And I will give you to the hand of those who seek your life, and to the hand of those whose face you fear, to the hand of Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon, and to the hand of the Chaldeans. 26. And I will cast you out, and your mother who bore you, to another country, where you were not born; and there shall you die.**

# Jeremiah 22: 24 – 30

Another Jewish Translation

**Jeremiah 22: 27 – 30 (Soncino) 27. But to the land to which they desire to return, there shall they not return. 28. Is this man Coniah a despised broken vessel? An object that no one cares for? Why are they cast out, he and his seed, and banished to a land which they know not? 29. O earth, earth, earth, hear the word of the Lord. 30. Thus says the Lord, Write this man down as childless, a man who shall not prosper in his days; for no man of his seed shall prosper, sitting upon the throne of David, and ruling any more in Judah.**

# But Jeconiah Was Not Childless

He had a Succession

1 Chronicles 3: 16 – 19 (JPS'99) <sup>16</sup> The descendants of Jehoiakim: his son Jeconiah, his son Zedekiah; <sup>17</sup> and the sons of Jeconiah, the captive: Shealtiel his son, <sup>18</sup> Malchiram, Pedaiah, Shenazzar, Jekamiah, Hoshama, and Nedabiah; <sup>19</sup> the sons of Pedaiah: Zerubbabel and Shimei; the sons of Zerubbabel: Meshullam and Hananiah, and Shelomith was their sister

# Jeconiah's Grandson is Chosen

Jeconiah's Great Grandson Zerubbabel gets the Signet Ring

Haggai 2: 23-23 (JPS'99) 22 And I will overturn the thrones of kingdoms and destroy the might of the kingdoms of the nations. I will overturn chariots and their drivers. Horses and their riders shall fall, each by the sword of his fellow.  
23 On that day -- declares the LORD of Hosts -  
- I will take you, O My servant Zerubbabel son of Shealtiel -- declares the LORD -- and make you as a signet; for I have chosen you -- declares the LORD of Hosts.



# Jeconiah Was Forgiven

According to the Talmud

Talmud Bavli, Sanhedrin 37b-38a (Soncino translation, w/footnotes)

R. Johanan said: "Exile atones for everything, for it is written, Thus saith the Lord, write ye this man childless, a man that shall not prosper in his days, for no man of his seed shall prosper sitting upon the throne of David and ruling any more in Judah. Whereas after he [the king] was exiled, it is written, And the sons of Jechoniah, -- the same is Assir -- Shealtiel his son etc.(1) (continued next slide)

(1) I Ch. III, 17. "Notwithstanding the curse that he should be childless and not prosper, after being exiled he was forgiven.

# Jechoniah Was Forgiven

According to the Talmud

Talmud Bavli, Sanhedrin 37b-38a (Soncino translation, w/footnotes)

(Continued) [He was called] Assir, because his mother conceived him in prison. Shealtiel, because God did not plant him in the way that others are planted. We know by tradition that a woman cannot conceive in a standing position. [yet she] did conceive standing.

Another interpretation: Shealtiel, because God obtained [of the Heavenly court] absolution from His oath."(2)

(2) Which He had made, to punish Jechoniah with childlessness."

# Jeconiah Was Pardoned

According to the Midrash Rabbah

## Leviticus Rabbah XIX:6 (Soncino translation)

"The Holy One, blessed be He, then said: 'In Jerusalem you did not observe the precept relating to issues, but now you are fulfilling it,' as it is said, As for thee also, because of the blood of thy covenant I send forth thy prisoners out of the pit (Zech. IX, 11) [which means], You have remembered the blood at Sinai, and for this do 'I send forth thy prisoners'. R. Shabbethai said: He [Jeconiah] did not move thence before the Holy One, blessed be He, pardoned him all his sins. Referring to this occasion Scripture has said: Thou art all fair, my love, and there is no blemish in thee (S.S. IV, 7). A Heavenly Voice went forth and said to them: 'Return, ye backsliding children, I will heal your backslidings'" (Jer. III, 22).

# The Curse was Annulled

According to the Midrash Rabbah

## Numbers Rabbah XX:20 (Soncino translation)

"...no sooner had they repented, than the danger was averted, And the Lord repented of the evil (ib. XXXII, 14). And so in many places. For example, He said about Jeconiah: For no man of his seed shall prosper (Jer. XXII, 30) and it says, I will overthrow the throne of kingdoms, and I will destroy the strength of the kingdoms of the nations . . . In that day, saith the Lord of hosts, will I take thee, O Zerubbabel, My servant, the son of Shealtiel, saith the Lord, and will make thee as a signet (Hag. II, 22 f.). Thus was annulled that which He had said to his forefather, viz. As I live, saith the Lord, though Coniah the son of Jehoiakim King of Judah were the signet upon My right hand, yet I would pluck thee thence" (Jer. XXII, 24).

# Conclusions

Does the curse on Jeconiah still stand?

**Jeconiah had descendants, one of whom, Zerubbabel, was chosen by Yah to receive the signet that had been removed from Jeconiah. From Scripture, the curse on Jeconiah was annulled.**

**Jewish tradition (Talmud and Midrash) agrees that the curse was annulled, and Jeconiah was pardoned and forgiven.**

**Accusers Exposed: Don't those that make this accusation already know it is refuted by Scripture, Talmud and Midrash?**