

UNLIKELY HEROES



EBED-MELECH

JEREMIAH 37 & 38

1. Tucked away in the pages of the book of Jeremiah is the brief mention of a man named, Ebed-Melech
2. This obscure character became an unlikely hero in the life of Jeremiah.
3. Ebed-Melech was rewarded by God for his actions.

A. Historical Background of Our Text

- Babylon was _____ the city of Jerusalem (Jeremiah 37:5).
- Babylon received news that _____ was coming from the _____ to help Jerusalem, so they temporarily _____ their _____ (Jeremiah 37:5).
- During this time, Jeremiah _____ that Babylon would _____ and _____ (Jeremiah 37:7-10).
- Jeremiah was _____, _____ with being a _____ (Jeremiah 37:11-16).
- King Zedekiah _____ for Jeremiah and Jeremiah tells him the _____ news. After _____, the King decides to _____ Jeremiah once again _____ (Jeremiah 37:17-38:6).
- Ebed-Melech _____ to Jeremiah's _____ (Jeremiah 38:8-13).

Practical Lessons From This Ethiopian Eunuch

- (1) He was _____ and would not stand by _____ when he saw _____ Jeremiah 38:9**
 1. Such a stand was _____.
 2. God has called us to be _____, not _____ (Acts 4:13; 2 Timothy 1:7; Isaiah 5:20)
- (2) He had _____ for another in the M _____ of his own personal _____ Jeremiah 38:7-8**
 - Matt. 22:34-40
- (3) His _____ Led him to _____ Jeremiah 38:9-11**
 - James 2:14-17; Luke 10:29-37; James 1:22; 4:17
- (4) He went the _____ Jeremiah 38:12**

- Just as in the days of Jeremiah, God _____ people of _____ and _____ today.
- Would you have _____ up for Jeremiah if you were one of his _____?
- God valued the _____ of Ebed-Melech.

Will you stand up for Jesus today?