

The last appeal



Zedekiah always meets Jeremiah in secret because he is scared of the influential people in his kingdom. Does Jeremiah have a word of the Lord for Jeremiah? First of all, Jeremiah has a question for the king (see question 108), before giving him the desired information. The question regarding his own life, Zedekiah answers positively: He doesn't want Jeremiah to be killed.

The request that follows, meant to touch the king's heart, he leaves unanswered. His heart is hardened already.

Jeremiah appeals to the king for one last time: "Recognise the rule of Nebuchadnezzar, surrender, and you will live. If not, the city will be destroyed in battle."

As Jeremiah had assumed, Zedekiah doesn't listen to his word.

Instead, the king warns him: "Don't tell anyone that we have spoken together, otherwise someone will kill you."

The prophet stays in prison and waits there for the fall of Jerusalem.



108. What does Jeremiah want to know from the king before telling him God's message?

109. Why doesn't Zedekiah want to surrender?

110. Is this fear justified?



**Don't allow imaginary "fears" to keep you from following God's word.**



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108. Jeremiah wants to know whether the king is going to kill him because of his message (v15). 109. He is afraid that he would be handed over to the Jewish defectors who would then mistreat him (v19). 110. No, Jeremiah predicts that this is not going to happen (v20).