

“Ebed-melech, Another Ethiopian Eunuch”

Jer. 38:7-9

Introduction

- I. Many know the account of Philip and the Ethiopian eunuch from the book of Acts.
- II. It is probable that not many know the account of Jeremiah and another Ethiopian eunuch named Ebed-melech.

Discussion

- I. Jerusalem was being “besieged” by Babylon (Chaldeans), but there was a halt to the actions (Jer. 37:5).
 - A. During this time, Jeremiah prophesied that the Chaldeans would return (Jer. 37:7-10).
 - B. Unfortunately, Jeremiah was accused and arrested as a traitor (Jer. 37:11-16).
 - C. Zedekiah sent Jeremiah backed to prison for telling the king the truth (37:17-38:6).
 - D. Ebed-melech came to Jeremiah's defense (Jer. 38:8-13).
- II. What can we learn from Ebed-melech?
 - A. We can know the difference between right and wrong (Jer. 38:9; Isa. 5:20).
 1. God determines what is right and wrong, not man (Rom. 1:26-27; Prov. 6:17).
 2. False doctrines are real, and we must not justify such (Rom. 1:20-22; 2 John 9-11).
 - B. We must care for others, even if we are struggling (Jer. 38:7-8; Matt. 22:34-40; Rom. 12:10; Phil. 2:4).
 - C. Our care should lead us to respond and act (Jer. 38:9-11; James 1:22; 2:14-17; 4:17; Luke 10:29-37).
 - D. We should “go the extra mile” (Jer. 38:12; Matt. 5:41).

Conclusion

- I. Jeremiah lived in a time when people needed to stand for what was right.
- II. Today, we need courageous people that will also stand for what is right.