**Ebed-Melech**

READ: Jeremiah 38:1-18

1. How receptive were God’s people to the words of Jeremiah, according to Jeremiah 37:1-2?
2. What happened to Jeremiah when he was traveling to the land of Benjamin? See Jeremiah 37:11-16.
3. What was Jeremiah’s prophecy recorded in Jeremiah 38:2-3?
4. What was the reaction of the King’s officials to Jeremiah’s prophecy, according to Jeremiah 38:4-6?
5. Why were the people so resistant to the words of Jeremiah? Relate your answer to 2 Timothy 4:3.
6. From what country was Ebed-Melech? What role or function did he serve in the King’s palace?
7. What did Ebed-Melech do when he heard of the fate that had befallen Jeremiah?
8. Unwilling to listen to Jeremiah, Zedekiah fled. What horrible end did he face? See Jeremiah 39:5-7.
9. What became of Ebed-Melech? See Jeremiah 39:15-18; James 1:12.
10. What lessons can we learn from Ebed-Melech?