

The Curse of Jeconiah; Does it Nullify the Davidic Regal Covenant?

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The curse of Jeconiah is found in Jeremiah 22. First, YHWH likens the king to a signet ring on God's hand—a ring that God will pull off (verse 24). Then, God pronounces a curse: "Write this man down as childless, a man who shall not succeed in his days, for none of his offspring shall succeed in sitting on the throne of David and ruling again in Judah." (verse 30).

The problem is that the curse of Jeconiah seems to invalidate the Messianic promise through Solomon's line from Jeconiah and onward, and thus would also invalidate Jesus' right to the throne of David for any Ebionite Jesus believer actually holding to Matthew's genealogy (unlike most Christians); the Davidic Covenant promised that the Messiah, the "Son of David," would reign forever on Jerusalem's throne (1Chronicles 17:11-14). For Jesus believers, if Jesus is a descendant of Jeconiah, then how can he be the Messiah, since the curse bars any of Jeconiah's descendants from assuming David's throne?

Well, the "seed" of Jeconiah mentioned in the curse could be a limited reference to the king's own children—his **immediate** offspring, in other words. On a related note, the phrase saying that he will not succeed "**in his days**," i.e. lifetime, could apply to the entire verse. The curse would only be in force while the king lived. This is exactly what happened, as Jeconiah was not successful as a king (he only reigned for three months before he surrendered to Nebuchadnezzar's forces), and none of his sons (he had seven of them: 1Chronicles 3:17-18) reigned over Judah.

However, whether this is the case or not (though I do think it is based on the language), it is clear from the context of Scripture that this curse is conditional, as we earlier see in the threats to the kings of the house of David in Jeremiah 21:12, and 22:1-5, as is the usual case with biblical blessings and curses in general (Jeremiah 18:7-10). This is hinted at by the prophet Haggai, who told Zerubbabel, Jeconiah's grandson, that God would make him a "signet ring" on God's hand (Haggai 2:23). Zerubbabel was blessed by God as the governor of Judea, and he prospered in that role when the Jewish exiles returned to Jerusalem. The "signet ring" imagery of Jeconiah's curse (Jeremiah 22:24) is repeated in Zerubbabel's blessing, which must be more than coincidence. Several Rabbinic sources teach that Jeconiah repented in Babylon and that God forgave him and lifted the curse.

I think this is a sufficient solution of the perceived problem and the necessary understanding based on the context of Jeremiah and the rest of the Hebrew Bible. More context regarding this is found right in the same book with the curse where we later read in Jeremiah 33:19-22 about God saying that if man can break God's covenant with night and day so that they will no longer happen as he has established them to, then also he will break his covenant with the Davidic dynasty seed that he has made. Then right after that in the same chapter in the next verses in Jeremiah 33:23-26 we read God saying that he equates the abolishment of the fixed order of day

and night as him not being the one that established that order. We know this is false based on Genesis 1, and Psalms 74:16 and 136:7-9. Then right after that in the same place he again redundantly belabors in making the point that if this order is abolished, then he hasn't established it, and that then only will he reject the seed of David as the kingly seed. And we know based on Genesis 8:22 that as long as the earth remains this order will not be abolished. And we know based on Psalms 78:69 and 104:5, and Ecclesiastes 1:4 that God intends the earth to remain forever. Thus, God is telling us that this particular covenant is unconditional in this respect. This makes sense because in Psalm 89:3/4-4/5, 29/30, 35/36-36/37, and 49/50 YHWH clearly says he made an everlasting covenant with David where he swore an oath to establish David's royal seed and build up his throne for all generations. You think God will break an oath? One can only swear by his name (Deuteronomy 6:13, & 10:20). Thus, when God swears an oath, he swears by himself (Genesis 22:16, Isaiah 45:23, & 49:13). He's not going to break his oath. You have to be retarded to think he will. He keeps his covenants (Deuteronomy 7:9). Notice also how in Psalm 89:37/38 it also says the Davidic covenant is established forever as the moon. Thus, more testimony that the covenant is forever just like the heavenly bodies and their ordinances.

In line with all that, we read,

“7:12 And when thy days be fulfilled, and thou shalt sleep with thy fathers, I will set up thy seed after thee, which shall proceed out of thy bowels, and I will establish his kingdom. 7:13 He shall build an house for my name, and I will stablish the throne of his kingdom for ever. 7:14 I will be his father, and he shall be my son. If he commit iniquity, I will chasten him with the rod of men, and with the stripes of the children of men: 7:15 But my mercy shall not depart away from him, as I took it from Saul, whom I put away before thee. 7:16 And thine house and thy kingdom shall be established for ever before thee: thy throne shall be established for ever. 7:17 According to all these words, and according to all this vision, so did Nathan speak unto David.” 2Samuel *KJV*

Here we read that David's Messianic seed-line goes through Solomon. Once again see how the covenant is overall unconditional, though it has a conditional aspect. God will punish David's son Solomon and his seed that come through him if they sin, but he will not utterly take away his mercy from them but will establish the house of David along with its kingdom and throne forever. What this means is, that God will put curses, punishments on this royal line, but he won't remove the chance for mercy to reverse them. This is why we read this:

“33:20 “Thus says the LORD: If you can break my covenant with the day and my covenant with the night, so that day and night will not come at their appointed time, 33:21 then also my covenant with David my servant may be broken, so that he shall not have a son to reign on his throne, and my covenant with the Levitical priests my ministers.” Jeremiah *ESV*

Some Christians will argue from this text that it necessitates Jesus is the Messiah because otherwise this word of God is a failure. They think when it says “so that he shall not have a son to reign on his throne” that this means that there always has to be a son of David reigning as king upon the throne in every generation and every moment otherwise this promise hasn't been kept. Thus, they think that only if there is a king now is this fulfilled, and so the only one all these

years that has been claiming to be king of Israel and a son of David is Jesus, and so he has to be the Davidic Messiah. But all it means is that God promises to preserve the royal seed of David in every generation, that there will always be a seed of David available to take a king from, that the throne is always available to the seed of David, and that it is guaranteed that it will be established to the house of David when Israel including the house of David is meeting the covenant conditions of obedience to be established as a kingdom in the Land. He's saying that David will always have a son to reign on his throne, and that it is guaranteed that he will reign on the throne as long as the covenant conditions are met (1Kings 2:1-4). When the people of Israel are not obeying God, then they go into exile along with the king and are under curses and lose the kingdom until they repent and meet the conditions again (Deuteronomy 28, namely verse 36). This is unlike it was with Saul where God took the kingdom away from him when he did not meet the covenant conditions and caused his seed to cease to continue existing.

If the aforementioned lame Christian interpretation was valid, it would actually nullify parts of the Davidic covenant and also God's Torah covenant as regarding covenant conditions. And if this interpretation was correct it would mean that even before Jesus the promise already failed because even before Jesus Israel went into exile and the throne was taken away, and so, according to them, all that time God broke his Davidic covenant but suddenly once Jesus came, now he decided to stop breaking it. It's nonsense and just shows partiality towards their Jesus sacred cow (anything to defend faith in Jesus, even if it is a double standard). Even if I was a believer in Jesus, I would never make such a retarded argument.

Thus, the Davidic covenant through Solomon is unconditional in regards to the agreement's perpetually validity (Psalm 89:1-29/30, & 33/34-37/38), but access to the blessings of the covenant are conditioned upon obedience (Psalm 89:30/31-32/33, & 38/39-52/53) but these blessings are always available when the conditions are actually met.

And so, there is no problem in this area for Jews and Ebionites, only virgin birth believing Christians who don't follow the Torah's patriarchal patrilineal descent ways.

And so with that, I say if you believe YHWH broke his covenant with David, you are either biblically incompetent or you outright reject what the Bible says about this. It is very clear and obvious. Yah went out of his way to drive his point home. Yet so many still can't get it in their heads, or they don't want to. Not only did Yah say he will not break his covenant, he even said he won't change it, i.e. amend or modify it (Psalm 89:34/35)! He said this under oath for crying out loud (Ps. 89:35/36)! But yeah, keep believing your retarded lies.