

# Jeremiah 38:6

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Then took they Jeremiah, and cast him into the dungeon of Malchiah the son of Hammelech, that was in the court of the prison: and they let down Jeremiah with cords. And in the dungeon there was no water, but mire: so Jeremiah sunk in the mire.

## Analysis

The princes cast Jeremiah into a muddy cistern where 'he sank in the mire.' This attempted murder through exposure and slow death shows the depths of opposition to God's word. Yet God preserves His prophet through Ebed-melech's intervention (38:7-13). Faithful witnesses often face death threats, but God's purposes prevail. The cistern foreshadows Christ's burial and resurrection.

## Historical Context

Cisterns were deep pits for water storage. When empty, they became prisons or execution chambers. Jeremiah's rescue from the miry clay echoes Psalm 40:2.

## Related Passages

**Romans 10:9** — Confession and belief for salvation

**Ephesians 2:8** — Salvation by grace through faith

## Study Questions

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1. How do you persevere when opposition to God's truth becomes life-threatening?
2. What does Jeremiah's deliverance from the cistern teach about God's faithfulness to His servants?

## Interlinear Text

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Then took H853 Jeremiah and cast H853 H413 And in the dungeon  
H3947 H3414 H7993 H953

הַמִּטְבֵּחַ הַ בְּחִצְׁצָה רַבְּשָׁר אֲשֶׁר בְּמִלְכֵי הָוּ  
of Malchiah the son H4429 H834 that was in the court of the prison  
H4441 H1121 H2691 H4307

וּבָבָבּ וְרֹרֶא אֶל יְרֵמִי הָוּ אֶת בְּקִבְּלֵל יִם  
and they let down H853 Jeremiah with cords And in the dungeon H369  
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בְּפִיטִים: יְרֵמִי הָוּ יָמַת עַמְּכֵי מִם יְמִים  
there was no water H3588 H518 but mire H2916 sunk H2883 Jeremiah but mire  
H4325 H3414 H2916

## Additional Cross-References

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**Jeremiah 37:21** (Parallel theme): Then Zedekiah the king commanded that they should commit Jeremiah into the court of the prison, and that they should give him daily a piece of bread out of the bakers' street, until all the bread in the city were spent. Thus Jeremiah remained in the court of the prison.

**Psalms 69:2** (Parallel theme): I sink in deep mire, where there is no standing: I am come into deep waters, where the floods overflow me.

**Jeremiah 37:16** (Parallel theme): When Jeremiah was entered into the dungeon, and into the cabins, and Jeremiah had remained there many days;

**Zechariah 9:11** (Parallel theme): As for thee also, by the blood of thy covenant I have sent forth thy prisoners out of the pit wherein is no water.

**Acts 16:24** (Parallel theme): Who, having received such a charge, thrust them into the inner prison, and made their feet fast in the stocks.

**Psalms 40:2** (Parallel theme): He brought me up also out of an horrible pit, out of the miry clay, and set my feet upon a rock, and established my goings.

**Psalms 109:5** (Parallel theme): And they have rewarded me evil for good, and hatred for my love.

**Jeremiah 38:22** (Parallel theme): And, behold, all the women that are left in the king of Judah's house shall be brought forth to the king of Babylon's princes, and those women shall say, Thy friends have set thee on, and have prevailed against thee: thy feet are sunk in the mire, and they are turned away back.

**Genesis 37:24** (Parallel theme): And they took him, and cast him into a pit: and the pit was empty, there was no water in it.