

# 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

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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

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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

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**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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וַיִּקַּח וְ	אֶת יֵרֵמְיָהּ הוּא	וַיִּשְׁלֵךְ כֹּהֵן	אֶת וְ	אֶל וְ	וּבֵב הַ
Then took	Jeremiah	and cast		And in the dungeon	
H3947	H853 H3414	H7993	H853	H413	H953
מֶלֶכִּי הוּא	בֶּן	הַמֶּלֶךְ לֵךְ	אֲשֶׁר	בְּחֹצֵר	הַמִּטְכָּה הַ
of Malchiah	the son			that was in the court	of the prison
H4441	H1121	H4429	H834	H2691	H4307
וַיִּשְׁלַח וְ	אֶת יֵרֵמְיָהּ הוּא	בְּחֹבְלֵי יָם	וּבֵב הַ	אֵין	
and they let down	Jeremiah	with cords	And in the dungeon		
H7971	H853 H3414	H2256	H953	H369	
מֵי	כִּי	אֲמַר	בְּטִיטָה	וְטָבַע	יֵרֵמְיָהּ הוּא
there was no water		but mire	sunk	Jeremiah	but mire
H4325	H3588	H518 H2916	H2883	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.