

**TRUST AND OBEY:
THE EXAMPLE OF EBED-MELECH**
(Jeremiah 38:7-13; 39:15-18)

I) Background to Jeremiah 38-39

- ⋄ Jerusalem in trouble with Babylon
- ⋄ King Zedekiah rebelled against Nebuchadnezzar (2 Chron.36:11-13)
 - Reasons for the punishment (2 Chron.36:14-21)
- ⋄ Jerusalem besieged (2 Kings 25:1-3)
 - God used these kings to punish Israel (Jer. 27:6; 43:10; Isa.44:28; 45:1)

II) Ebed-melech

- ⋄ Jeremiah cast into a dungeon (Jer.38:4)
- ⋄ Ebed-melech, the Ethiopian (Jer.38:7). See Acts 8 also
- ⋄ A brave man in action (Jer.38:7-9)
- ⋄ A brave act honoured by God (Jer.39:15-18)
 - God will save Ebed-melech (Jer.39:16-17)
 - His faith in God (Jer.39:18)
 - Zedekiah in trouble (Jer.39:5-7)

Conclusion:

The just shall live by faith (Rom.1:17)