Reading: Jer 37-40
1. How does God emphasize the futility of fighting against His ordained providence?
2. Why do you think they were convinced Jeremiah was defecting?
3. List three kindnesses that Zedekiah showed Jeremiah Jer 37:17-38:10
4. Jeremiah uses his experience in the well as a metaphor to teach what?
5. Why does Jeremiah offer a favorable outcome for Zedekiah and the city (38:17,18) but then refer to destruction and punishment of Zedekiah as unavoidable (38:23)
6. Thought question: What do you think was the point of slaughtering the nobles, considering, 1) that they were already conquered, and 2) other elites and nobles had been given advantageous positions in Babylon?
7. How did Nebuchadnezzar know about Jeremiah, and why do you think he was treated so favorably?
8. What was the point of letting Jeremiah be captured, if God was going to have him released? (40:1-4)
9. What do you think was Jeremiah's motivation to stay with poorest of the land ?