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This Is A Word For Your Day

A Substitute King

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There is
Power!
In the Blood Of
Jesus

Jeremiah 37:1-2

- (1) And king Zedekiah the son of Josiah reigned instead of Coniah the son of Jehoiakim, whom Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon made king in the land of Judah.
- (2) But neither he, nor his servants, nor the people of the land, did hearken unto the words of the LORD, which he spake by the prophet Jeremiah.

Now, king Zedekiah was substituted for the rightful king Coniah. When Nebuchadrezzar, king of Babylon conquered the Jewish nation, he put people in power over them that would be friendly and obedient to the rule of the heathen, Nebuchadrezzar. Our Bible says that the puppet king, Zedekiah and neither those that served under him were obedient to the Word of God.

The practice of conquering kings replacing the rightful king their own, sympathetic puppet rulers, appears to be a common practice. Who would want to go to the trouble of what it takes to invade and conquer a nation and then have to deal with an opposing servant king?

As strange as it might seem, there are a great many professing Christians that have done this very same thing by not submitting to our rightful King Jesus. When we reject Him and His rule over us, we automatically fall into the enemies trap. Then we find ourselves failing and suffering at Satan's devilish ways. We even have a very hard time even reading our Bibles, and fellowshiping with other Christians, and just plain living in disobedience to the Word of God and the leading of God's Holy Spirit. One of the most obvious signs that is often present in our lives, in times like these, is our own dissatisfaction with almost everything in our lives. We find ourselves wanting things that we already have. We become critics of others and judges of things that only God has a right to judge. It seems that we have wandered into the desert of sin, and in need of a cool drink of God's water of life.

What can we do to shake off the rule of this foreign evil king? — The answer is in the Word of God. **Can you say, I just knew that he was going to say that!**

James 4:7-10

- (7) Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.
- (8) Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you. Cleanse your hands, ye sinners; and purify your hearts, ye double minded.
- (9) Be afflicted, and mourn, and weep: let your laughter be turned to mourning, and your joy to heaviness.
- (10) Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and he shall lift you up.

♦ **James 4:7 Has the answer to the problem of our being defeated by Satan!**

Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and **he will flee from you.**

♦ **Overcoming Satan means that we must be clean before God.**

Cleanse your hands, ye sinners; and **purify your hearts,** ye double minded.

♦ **Overcoming Satan means that we must repent before God.**

Be **afflicted,** and **mourn,** and **weep:** let your laughter be turned to mourning, and your joy to heaviness.

♦ **Overcoming Satan means that we must be dead serious and humble before God.**

Be **afflicted,** and **mourn,** and **weep:** **let your laughter be turned to mourning,** and your joy to heaviness.

+ (1)Submit to God — (2)Resist the devil = (3)You Win!