

are going over to the side of our enemies the Babylonians." "No", said Jeremiah, "I am not." But the man took him prisoner and brought him before the rulers of the city, who were glad of this excuse to throw the prophet whom they hated into a deep, dark dungeon, where he was kept for many days.

Then one day Zedekiah, who was afraid of the evils that he had been told were coming upon him, sent secretly to the prison and had Jeremiah brought to his palace. There he questioned him anxiously, saying, "Is there any more word from the Lord?" "Yes", said Jeremiah, "the Lord hath said that you will soon be delivered into the hands of the king of Babylon."

"But", went on Jeremiah, "what have I done against you, or against your people, that I should be put in prison? Some of your prophets told you that the king of Babylon would not come up and fight against the city; yet his army did come. So, it was I who told you the truth. So, my lord, the king, do not send me back to the dungeon from which you took me, for I shall surely die there." So the king ordered that henceforth Jeremiah should be kept, not in the dark dungeon, but in the court of the prison, where he would get light and air. The king also commanded that bread should be given to him day by day for food.

Questions on the Lesson

1. Who came up to Jerusalem after Jehoiakim died? 2. Whom did he carry away captive? 3. Who was made king over those who were left? 4. Why did Zedekiah hate Nebuchadnezzar? 5. How did he show his hatred? 6. What did Nebuchadnezzar do? 7. Who came to help Zedekiah? 8. What did the Babylonian army do? 9. Whither did Jeremiah try to go? 10. Who stopped him? 11. Of what did he accuse Jeremiah? 12. What did Jeremiah answer? 13. Whither did the captain take Jeremiah? 14. What was afterwards done with him? 15. Who sent for him? 16. Why? 17. What did Zedekiah ask Jeremiah? 18. What did Jeremiah answer? 19. What did Jeremiah ask the king? 20. What did he remind him? 21. What did he beg the

king not to do? 22. What did the king order? 23. What is the Golden Text?

Lesson Hymn

Many giants, great and tall,
Stalking through the land,
Headlong to the earth would fall,
If met by Daniel's band. Amen.

—Hymn 533, Book of Praise

The Catechism

PRIMARY CATECHISM—42. What did Jesus do to save us from our sins? Jesus obeyed God's law perfectly, and died for us.

SHORTER CATECHISM—100. What doth the preface of the Lord's prayer teach us? A. The preface of the Lord's prayer (which is, *Our Father which art in heaven*) teacheth us to draw near to God with all holy reverence and confidence, as children to a father, able and ready to help us; and that we should pray with and for others.

The Question on Missions

8. How do we teach the Indian to be a good citizen? The Indians are all wards of the Government, and are governed under the Indian Act, a law which seeks to prevent outsiders injuring the Indians, and at the same time leads the Indian to know and to obey our laws and to govern himself.

SOMETHING TO DO AT HOME

God put it into the heart of King Zedekiah to provide Jeremiah with bread, while he was in prison. And God will give us also the food



we need if we put our trust in Him and do what He would have us do. Copy the drawing, which shows what the loaf was like that was given to Jeremiah each day.

**I Have Learned Today
THAT I SHOULD BE BRAVE**