

Jeremiah 36

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I. A BOOK FOR GOD'S HOUSE (36:1-8)

- A. The last three kings of Judah were
 - 1. Jehoiakim, the son of Josiah
 - 2. Jehoiachin, son of Jehoiakim
 - 3. Zedekiah, son of Josiah
- B. Jeremiah instructed to take a roll of a book (a scroll, or book) and write the words God would give to him, 2
- C. These words would be the “against Israel and against Judah, and against all nations” 2
- D. The purpose of these words was that they may turn from their evil ways.
- E. The book is written by way of Baruch, 3
- F. Jeremiah was “shut up,” or hindered, from going to the house of the Lord:
 - 1. Perhaps he was sick
 - 2. Perhaps he was in prison (probably not)
 - 3. Perhaps he was hindered by a vow
 - 4. Perhaps he was hindered by the Spirit of God
 - 5. My suggestion: so the people would not kill him
 - 6. No one knows for sure
- G. As far as Jeremiah knew, it may be that the people would call upon the name of the Lord and repent and turn back to God, 7
- H. Thus, Baruch read the book in the Lord's house, 8

II. A BOOK FOR ALL THE PEOPLE (36:9-19)

- A. Baruch, about a year later, read the words of Jeremiah, 9-10
 - 1. In the house of the Lord
 - 2. In the chamber of Gamariah
 - 3. In the higher court (may be the court of the men), which was set up so that one must climb 15 steps to get to it (John Gill).
 - 4. At the entry of the Lord's house
 - 5. In the ears of all the people, wherever he could get a hearing
- B. Michaiah tells what he heard from the book, 11-13
 - 1. After he had heard the book read, he went into the king's house and told them what he had heard (the gist of it)
- C. The people then requested Baruch to read the book to them, 14-19
 - 1. They summoned Baruch, 14
 - 2. They asked him to read the book to them, 15
 - 3. Their response was fear, 16
 - 4. They asked Baruch where the words came from, 17
 - 5. Baruch revealed that these were the words from Jeremiah that Baruch wrote in the

book, 18

6. The princes tell Baruch and Jeremiah to hide, 19

III. A BOOK FOR THE KING (36:20-26)

- A. The book was brought to the king, and it was read to the king, 20-21
- B. The king hears and burns the book, 22-23
- C. They were not afraid to burn the book, even though some asked them not to burn it, 24-25
- D. The king asked his servants to capture Baruch and Jeremiah, but they hid themselves, which they were requested to do, and no one could find them.

IV. THE BOOK FOR ALL TIME (36:27-32)

- A. Jeremiah commanded to rewrite the book, 27-28
- B. He writes a harsh introduction to the book, 29-31
- C. So, Baruch took dictation from Jeremiah again and wrote the book with many additions, 32
- D. Matt 24:35 *Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away.*

LESSONS LEARNED

I. A BOOK FOR GOD'S HOUSE

- A. God's word is for his house, the church (here it was the temple)
- B. The purpose for the word in God's house is so that people will repent and believe.

II. A BOOK FOR ALL THE PEOPLE

- A. But God's word is not just for the church but for all people
- B. Generally, when people in general hear the word of God, they respond in fear and respect for God's word unless they have been taught to disrespect and hate God's word.

III. A BOOK FOR THE KING

- A. Many kings are arrogant and do not like God's word, because it rebukes them for their sin and instructs them as to how to rule with equity and justice.
- B. Some kings desire to destroy the word of God and will go to any length to do so.

IV. A BOOK FOR ALL TIME

- A. God's word will never be destroyed, even though people may hate it and try to destroy it.
- B. Isa 55:11 *So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper [in the thing] whereto I sent it.*