

Adventures in Bible Reading



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The Scroll and the King's Fire

Jeremiah 36



Jeremiah 36:1-3

In the fourth year of Jehoiakim the son of Josiah, king of Judah, this word came to Jeremiah from the LORD, saying,

Jeremiah 36:1-3

² “Take a scroll and write on it all the words which I have spoken to you concerning Israel and concerning Judah, and concerning all the nations, from the day I *first* spoke to you, from the days of Josiah, even to this day.

Jeremiah 36:1-3

³ Perhaps the house of Judah will hear all the calamity which I plan to bring on them, in order that every man will turn from his evil way; then I will forgive their iniquity and their sin.”

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- God told Jeremiah to write all God's words, And Jeremiah told Baruch to read it in the temple.

Jeremiah 36:4-8

⁴ Then Jeremiah called Baruch the son of Neriah, and Baruch wrote on a scroll at the dictation of Jeremiah all the words of the LORD which He had spoken to him.

Jeremiah 36:4-8

⁵ Jeremiah commanded Baruch, saying,
“I am restricted; I cannot go into the
house of the LORD.

Jeremiah 36:4-8

⁶ So you go and read from the scroll which you have written at my dictation the words of the LORD to the people in the LORD's house on a fast day. And also you shall read them to all *the people of* Judah who come from their cities.

Jeremiah 36:4-8

⁷ Perhaps their supplication will come before the LORD, and everyone will turn from his evil way, for great is the anger and the wrath that the LORD has pronounced against this people.”

Jeremiah 36:4-8

⁸ Baruch the son of Neriah did according to all that Jeremiah the prophet commanded him, reading from the book the words of the LORD in the LORD'S house.

Jeremiah 36:9-10

⁹ Now in the fifth year of Jehoiakim the son of Josiah, king of Judah, in the ninth month, all the people in Jerusalem and all the people who came from the cities of Judah to Jerusalem proclaimed a fast before the LORD.

Jeremiah 36:9-10

¹⁰ Then Baruch read from the book the words of Jeremiah in the house of the LORD in the chamber of Gemariah the son of Shaphan the scribe, in the upper court, at the entry of the New Gate of the LORD's house, to all the people.

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- The officials heard of it, and Baruch read it to them.

Jeremiah 36:11-19

¹¹ Now when Micaiah the son of Gemariah, the son of Shaphan, had heard all the words of the LORD from the book,

Jeremiah 36:11-19

¹² he went down to the king's house, into the scribe's chamber. And behold, all the officials were sitting there— Elishama the scribe, and Delaiah the son of Shemaiah, and Elnathan the son of Achbor, and Gemariah the son of Shaphan, and Zedekiah the son of Hananiah, and all the *other* officials.

Jeremiah 36:11-19

¹³ Micaiah declared to them all the words that he had heard when Baruch read from the book to the people.

Jeremiah 36:11-19

¹⁴ Then all the officials sent Jehudi the son of Nethaniah, the son of Shelemiah, the son of Cushi, to Baruch, saying, “Take in your hand the scroll from which you have read to the people and come.” So Baruch the son of Neriah took the scroll in his hand and went to them.

Jeremiah 36:11-19

¹⁵ They said to him, “Sit down, please, and read it to us.”
So Baruch read it to them.

Jeremiah 36:11-19

¹⁶ When they had heard all the words, they turned in fear one to another and said to Baruch, “We will surely report all these words to the king.”

Jeremiah 36:11-19

¹⁷ And they asked Baruch, saying, “Tell us, please, how did you write all these words? *Was it* at his dictation?”

¹⁸ Then Baruch said to them, “He dictated all these words to me, and I wrote them with ink on the book.”

Jeremiah 36:11-19

¹⁹ Then the officials said to Baruch, “Go, hide yourself, you and Jeremiah, and do not let anyone know where you are.”

Jeremiah 36:20-26

²⁰ So they went to the king in the court, but they had deposited the scroll in the chamber of Elishama the scribe, and they reported all the words to the king.

Jeremiah 36:20-26

²¹ Then the king sent Jehudi to get the scroll, and he took it out of the chamber of Elishama the scribe. And Jehudi read it to the king as well as to all the officials who stood beside the king.

Jeremiah 36:20-26

²² Now the king was sitting in the winter house in the ninth month, with *a fire* burning in the brazier before him.

Jeremiah 36:20-26

²³ When Jehudi had read three or four columns, *the king* cut it with a scribe's knife and threw *it* into the fire that was in the brazier, until all the scroll was consumed in the fire that was in the brazier.

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- Jehudi brought it to King Jehoiakim, who kept cutting it and burning it.

Jeremiah 36:20-26

²⁴ Yet the king and all his servants who heard all these words were not afraid, nor did they rend their garments.

Jeremiah 36:20-26

²⁵ Even though Elnathan and Delaiah and Gemariah pleaded with the king not to burn the scroll, he would not listen to them.

Jeremiah 36:20-26

²⁶ And the king commanded Jerahmeel the king's son, Seraiah the son of Azriel, and Shelemiah the son of Abdeel to seize Baruch the scribe and Jeremiah the prophet, but the LORD hid them.

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- The scroll is written again, with more warnings of judgment.

Jeremiah 36:27-32

²⁷ Then the word of the LORD came to Jeremiah after the king had burned the scroll and the words which Baruch had written at the dictation of Jeremiah, saying,

Jeremiah 36:27-32

²⁸ “Take again another scroll and write on it all the former words that were on the first scroll which Jehoiakim the king of Judah burned.

Jeremiah 36:27-32

²⁹ And concerning Jehoiakim king of Judah you shall say, ‘Thus says the LORD, “You have burned this scroll, saying, ‘Why have you written on it that the king of Babylon will certainly come and destroy this land, and will make man and beast to cease from it?’”’”

Jeremiah 36:27-32

³⁰ Therefore thus says the LORD concerning Jehoiakim king of Judah, “He shall have no one to sit on the throne of David, and his dead body shall be cast out to the heat of the day and the frost of the night.

Jeremiah 36:27-32

³¹ I will also punish him and his descendants and his servants for their iniquity, and I will bring on them and the inhabitants of Jerusalem and the men of Judah all the calamity that I have declared to them—but they did not listen.”””

Jeremiah 36:27-32

³² Then Jeremiah took another scroll and gave it to Baruch the son of Neriah, the scribe, and he wrote on it at the dictation of Jeremiah all the words of the book which Jehoiakim king of Judah had burned in the fire; and many similar words were added to them.

Lessons Worth Noticing



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1) The source of Scripture is God.

2 Peter 1:20-21

²⁰ But know this first of all, that no prophecy of Scripture is *a matter* of one's own interpretation,

²¹ for no prophecy was ever made by an act of human will, but men moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.

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2) God's word is imperishable.

1 Peter 1:23-25

²³ for you have been born again not of seed which is perishable but imperishable, *that is*, through the living and enduring word of God.

1 Peter 1:23-25

²⁴ For,

“ALL FLESH IS LIKE GRASS,
AND ALL ITS GLORY LIKE THE FLOWER OF GRASS.

THE GRASS WITHERS,

AND THE FLOWER FALLS OFF,

²⁵ BUT THE WORD OF THE LORD ENDURES
FOREVER.”

And this is the word which was
preached to you.

Matthew 24:35

³⁵ Heaven and earth will pass away, but
My words will not pass away.

2 Timothy 2:9

⁹ for which I suffer hardship even to imprisonment as a criminal; but the word of God is not imprisoned.

John 10:35

³⁵ If he called them gods, to whom the word of God came (and the Scripture cannot be broken),

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3) God's word judges us, not the other way around.

John 12:48

48 He who rejects Me and does not receive My sayings, has one who judges him; the word I spoke is what will judge him at the last day.

Matthew 7:21

²¹ “Not everyone who says to Me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ will enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father who is in heaven *will enter*.”

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4) I must choose my posture toward
God's word:
Pride or Humility?