

Jeremiah 36

Jeremiah 36.1-3

V1–**When did this event take place?** Fourth year of King Jehoiakim (around 605 BC)

V2– **What did God tell Jeremiah to do?** Write down all his prophecies and sermons

V3 – **What was God hoping for?** That the people would listen to all the words of Jeremiah over the years and repent and be forgiven

-Interesting: God was willing to forgive them right up to the end (even when the city was under siege)

Jeremiah 36.4-8

V4 – **Who as Baruch?** The scribe working for Jeremiah (took dictation) [there is a book in the Apocrypha supposedly by him, but that book is not a part of the Word of God]

V5 – **Why could Jeremiah not go into the temple at this time?** The Bible is not clear, but maybe he was sick or possibly he was not allowed there because of his sermons criticizing the government

V6– **What did Jeremiah instruct Baruch to do?** Read the scroll on a fast day (when all the people would be there)

-Interesting: They would not listen to the Word of God from Jeremiah, but they were still keeping the fasts and ceremonial days

V7 – Hope against hope that the people would repent

V8 – **What did Baruch do?** Just as Jeremiah instructed

-He read the scroll to the people in the temple

Jeremiah 36.9-10

V9 – **When did Jeremiah begin writing the scroll?** In the fourth year of Jehoiakim

-**Why was it read during the fifth year?** It took a few months to read; the next fast came in the 5th year

V10 – Notice the details concerning where Baruch read the scroll – it must have been at a strategic place

Jeremiah 36.11-19

V11-12 – **What effect did the reading of the scroll have on Micaiah?** Very deeply disturbed

-**What did Micaiah do?** There was a gathering of temple officials going on at the time, and he reported it to them immediately

V 13 – Micaiah reported all the contents of the scroll

V 14 – **What did the temple officials do next?** Ordered Baruch to bring the scroll to them

V 15 – **What did they ask Baruch to do?** Read the scroll to them, which he did

V 16 – **What was their reaction to the reading of the scroll?** Fear

-**Their decision?** To report the contents of the scroll to King Jehoiakim

V 17 – **What question did they have for Baruch?** How did he write all those words? Dictation?

V 18 – **Answer?** Jeremiah dictated, and Baruch wrote

V 19 – **Their instructions to Baruch?** Hide! – **Why?** Trouble is coming

Jeremiah 36.20-26

V 20 – They reported to the king what had been happening

V 21 – **What did the king order?** That the scroll be brought to him and read; it was done

V 22 – **Where was the king at this time?** In his winter quarters (maybe facing the sun to stay warmer)

-Notice that the fireplace is mentioned

V 23 – **When Jehudi started reading the scroll, what did Jehoiakim do?** Took out a knife (like an Exacto) and cut the scroll into pieces and threw it into the fire

V 24 – **What was the reaction of the servants of the king (his “yes” men)?** No fear, no reaction

V 25 – Notice that the temple officials begged the king not to do this

V 26 – The temple officials must have known that the king would try to arrest Baruch and Jeremiah, but God hid them

Jeremiah 36.27-32

V 27 – God spoke to Jeremiah again

V 28 – **Instructions here?** Get another scroll, and write down all the things that were on the first scroll

V 29 – **What did Jehoiakim really not like about the first scroll?** That Babylon would defeat Jerusalem and destroy the city

V 30 – Punishment for Jehoiakim? 1. No descendants on the throne of David, 2. His dead body would be cast out to the heat of day and the frost of night

V 31 – More punishment? All the things that Jeremiah wrote about will come to pass – God knew now that there was no more hope

V 32 – What did Jeremiah do next? Wrote a new scroll and added these things to it

-See *Jeremiah 22.13-13-17* – Description of the sins of Jehoiakim

-**Read Jeremiah 22.18-19** – another prophecy about the death of Jehoiakim

-See *Beacon Bible Commentary*, IV, 399-400, for good comments on the wicked reign of Jehoiakim

-**Read Matthew 1.11** – Jehoiakim’s name is missing where it should be in the genealogy of Christ

Lessons from this chapter:

-**Do we have people today who are cutting up the Word of God?**

-liberals

-denominations who ignore certain passages

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