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Jeremiah 36.

The following is a brief overview of the main topics.
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God's Word comes to Jeremiah during the Reign of Jehoiakim king of Judah.

Jeremiah 36:1 ----- ¹In the fourth year of Jehoiakim the son of Josiah, king of Judah, this word came to Jeremiah from the LORD.

Jehoiakim; was was an oppressive and thoroughly godless king over Jerusalem. Even from his youth he would not listen to Jeremiah (Jer 22:21-23).

Baruch writes on a Scroll at the Dictation of Jeremiah

Jeremiah 36:2-4 ----- ²"Take a scroll and write on it all the words that I have spoken to you against Israel and Judah and all the nations, from the day I spoke to you, from the days of Josiah until today. ³It may be that the house of Judah will hear all the disaster that I intend to do to them, so that everyone may turn from his evil way, and that I may forgive their iniquity and their sin."
⁴Then Jeremiah called Baruch the son of Neriah, and Baruch wrote on a scroll at the dictation of Jeremiah all the words of the LORD that he had spoken to him.

The LORD tells Jeremiah to write on a Scroll all the words God has spoken against Israel and Judah in the hope they will repent so He can forgive them.

Notice; God is always ready to forgive. He wants to forgive Israel and Judah, but their lack of repentance forbids the LORD from forgiving, simply because He is also a God of Justice and cannot allow people to go on doing wrong and abusing others for their own selfish gain. Forgiveness is ever flowing from the throne of God, it is ever present like the air we breathe but to receive or experience its beauty and its cleansing power one must be sorry for the hurt they have done. So Jeremiah calls Baruch to write on a scroll everything the LORD had spoken to him against Israel and against Judah.

Baruch goes to the House of the LORD to read the Scroll.

Jeremiah 36:5-8 ----- ⁵And Jeremiah ordered Baruch, saying, "I am banned from going to the house of the LORD, ⁶so you are to go, and on a day of fasting in the hearing of all the people in the LORD'S house you shall read the words of the LORD from the scroll that you have written at my dictation. You shall read them also in the hearing of all the men of Judah who come out of their cities. ⁷It may be that their plea for mercy will come before the LORD, and that everyone will turn from his evil way, for great is the anger and wrath that the LORD has pronounced against this people." ⁸And Baruch the son of Neriah did all that Jeremiah the prophet ordered him about reading from the scroll the words of the LORD'S in the LORD'S house.

How amazing is that Jeremiah a true prophet of God is banned from entering the Temple of the LORD (v5).

Notice; the entire purpose of this exercise is not to condemn Israel and Judah, but to convict them of their sin in the hope they will repent and ask God for mercy.

1st Time Baruch reads the Scroll, is to the people of Judah and Jerusalem.

Jeremiah 36:9-10 ----- ⁹In 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. ¹⁰Then, in the hearing of all the people, Baruch read the words of Jeremiah from the scroll, in the house of the LORD, in the chamber of Gemariah the son of Shaphan the secretary, which was in the upper court, at the entry of the New Gate of the LORD'S house.

Ponder for a moment; the courage of Baruch, Assyria has taken the Ten Tribes of Israel into captivity, the cities of Judah have been destroyed and its people slaughtered by Babylon, and Jerusalem is surrounded by Babylon's armies. The inhabitants of Jerusalem are in fear and terror and Baruch knowing what is written on the Scroll prepares to read all the words of Jeremiah on a fast day when all the people are gathered together.

- Truly God must have delighted in Baruch's faithfulness.

Micaiah tells Jehoiakim King of Judah all the Words Written on the Scroll.

Jeremiah 36:11-13 ---- ¹¹When Micaiah the son of Gemariah, son of Shaphan, heard all the words of the LORD from the scroll, ¹²he went down to the king's house, into the secretary's chamber, and all the officials were sitting there: Elishama the secretary, Delaiah the son of Shemaiah, Elnathan the son of Achbor, Gemariah the son of Shaphan, Zedekiah the son of Hananiah, and all the officials. ¹³And Micaiah told them all the words that he had heard, when Baruch read the scroll in the hearing of the people.

Micaiah tells the officials all the words Jeremiah had dictated to Baruch.

The Officials tell Baruch to Bring the Scroll to them.

Jeremiah 36:14- ----- ¹⁴Then all the officials sent Jehudi the son of Nethaniah, son of Shelemiah, son of Cushi, to say to Baruch, "Take in your hand the scroll that you read in the hearing of the people, and come." So Baruch the son of Neriah took the scroll in his hand and came to them.

After the officials verbally heard what Jeremiah had dictated to Baruch they wanted Baruch to read the Scroll to them and hear what was written for themselves (they are probably in shock at what Baruch has told them).

2nd Time Baruch reads the Scroll, is to the Officials.

Jeremiah 36:15-16 ---- ¹⁵And they (the officials) said to him, "Sit down and read it." So Baruch read it to them. ¹⁶When they heard all the words, they turned one to another in fear. And they said to Baruch, "We must report all these words to the king."

After hearing the words of the Scroll the Officials are in fear, they tell Baruch he must read the words of Jeremiah to Jehoiakim the king of Judah.

The Officials ask Baruch, how he got the Words of the Scroll.

Jeremiah 36:17-18 ---- ¹⁷Then they (the officials) asked Baruch, "Tell us, please, how did you write all these words? Was it at his dictation?" ¹⁸Baruch answered them, "He dictated all these words to me, while I wrote them with ink on the scroll."

Baruch tells the officials Jeremiah dictated the words to him.

The Officials tell Baruch and Jeremiah to Hide.

Jeremiah 36:19-20 --- ¹⁹Then the officials said to Baruch, "Go and hide, you and Jeremiah, and let no one know where you are." ²⁰So they went into the court to the king, having put the scroll in the chamber of Elishama the secretary, and they reported all the words to the king.

The officials verbally tell the King Jehoiakim what was written on the Scroll.

The King Sends for the Scroll.

Jeremiah 36:21-25 --- ²¹Then the king sent Jehudi to get the scroll, and he took it from the chamber of Elishama the secretary. And Jehudi read it to the king and all the officials who stood beside the king. ²²It was the ninth month, and the king was sitting in the winter house, and there was a fire burning in the fire pot before him. ²³As Jehudi read three or four columns, the king would cut them off with a knife and throw them into the fire in the fire pot, until the entire scroll was consumed in the fire that was in the fire pot. ²⁴Yet neither the king nor any of his

servants who heard all these words was afraid, nor did they tear their garments. ²⁵Even when Elnathan and Delaiah and Gemariah urged the king not to burn the scroll, he would not listen to them.

Jehoiakim the king of Judah did not like what was read to him, neither did he take any notice of it, but rather burnt the entire scroll. Elnathan, Delaiah, and Gemariah tried to stop King Jehoiakim from burning the Scroll.

Elnathan; means, God has given.

Delaiah; means, raised or freed by Jehovah.

Gemariah; means, Jehovah hath fulfilled or accomplishment of the LORD.

Jehoiakim desires to seize Baruch and Jeremiah.

Jeremiah 36:26 ----- ²⁶And the king commanded Jerahmeel the king's son and Seraiah the son of Azriel and Shelemiah the son of Abdeel to seize Baruch the secretary and Jeremiah the prophet, but the LORD hid them.

Baruch and Jeremiah are hidden from Jehoiakim.

The LORD tells Jeremiah to write another Scroll.

Jeremiah 36:27-31 --- ²⁷Now after the king had burned the scroll with the words that Baruch wrote at Jeremiah's dictation, the word of the LORD came to Jeremiah: ²⁸"Take another scroll and write on it all the former words that were in the first scroll, which Jehoiakim the king of Judah has burned. ²⁹And concerning Jehoiakim king of Judah you shall say, "Thus says the LORD, You have burned this scroll, saying, "Why have you written in it that the king of Babylon will certainly come and destroy this land, and will cut off from it man and beast?" ³⁰Therefore thus says the LORD concerning Jehoiakim king of Judah: He shall have none to sit on the throne of David, and his dead body shall be cast out to the heat by day and the frost by night. ³¹And I will punish him and his offspring and his servants for their iniquity. I will bring upon them and upon the inhabitants of Jerusalem and upon the people of Judah all the disaster that I have pronounced against them, but they would not hear."

Jeremiah had written in the scroll: -

Babylon will come and destroy the people of Judah, their cattle and flocks from off their land (v30).

Because the king and the people would not: -

Heed the words of the scroll and repent, turn to God and forsake their ways the LORD tells Jeremiah to write another scroll.

**The LORD told Jeremiah to write in the 2nd Scroll that
Jehoiakim king of Judah: -**

- Would have no son to sit on the throne of David.
- His dead body would be cast out with no-one to bury it.
- His offspring and his servants would be punished for their wickedness.
- Disaster will come upon the inhabitants of Jerusalem and the people of Judah.

All of this because they would not hear the words of the LORD and turn from their gross sin and wicked ways.

Jeremiah 36:32 ----- ³²Then Jeremiah took another scroll and gave it to Baruch the scribe, the son of Neriah, who wrote on it at the dictation of Jeremiah all the words of the scroll that Jehoiakim king of Judah had burned in the fire. And many similar words were added to them.

In chapter 22 Jeremiah is told no-one is going to mourn over the death of Jehoiakim as they would mourn over a brother or sister and no-one is going to speak good of him, but instead they will drag his dead body outside the walls of Jerusalem and dump it as they would a dead donkey, because his mind and heart was set upon dishonest gain, shedding innocent blood (probably to gain their houses and land), and for practicing oppression and violence" (Jer 22:10, 18-20).

(These are all things the LORD hates).

Jehoiakim died in disgrace, "buried with the burial of an ass" (Jer 22:19) (see also Jer chapter 36).

A Brief Summary of the People Mentioned in this Chapter.

Achbor; means mouse, he was the father of Elnathan.

Baruch; means, blessed, he was from a princely family and trusted friend and scribe for Jeremiah, he might have risen to a high position if he had not agreed to write for Jeremiah.

Cushi; was a contemporary of Jeremiah, the great-grandfather of Jedudi.

Delaiah; means raised or freed by Jehovah, he was a prince who besought Baruch not to burn the sacred roll containing the prophecy of Jeremiah.

Elishama; means, God has heard, he was a scribe or secretary to Jehoakim king of Judah.

Elnathan; means, God has given, he was one of those who urged king Jehoiakim not to burn the roll which Jeremiah had written.

Gemariah; means, Jehovah hath fulfilled or accomplishment of the LORD, he was a prince, son of Shaphan the scribe and brother of Ahikam. This scribe with others sought in vain to keep king Jehoakim from burning the roll which Baruch had written at the dictation of Jeremiah.

Hananiah; means, Jehovah is gracious, he was father of Zedekiah, who was one of Jehoiakim's princes.

Jehudi; was a Jew who sat with the princes in Jehoiakim's court and who secured from Baruch the prophecies of Jeremiah and read them to the king.

Jerahmeel; means, May God have compassion, or God pities, he was one of the three officers sent by King Jehoiakim to arrest Jeremiah and Baruch (Jer 36:26). He was probably a royal prince, though not necessarily the son of a ruling prince.

Josiah; means Jehovah supports him, he was the son of Amon and the grandson of Manasseh. Josiah king of Judah reigned for 31 years. His religious leadership ranks him with Jehoshaphat and Hezekiah as an outstanding religious ruler. Josiah's reign was the last surge of political independence and religious revival before the disintegration of the Southern Kingdom (the Two Tribes of Judah) which ended with the destruction of Jerusalem by Babylon in 586 B.C.

Jehoiakim; was the second son of Josiah the godly king of Judah and father of Jeconiah. The king of Egypt made Jehoiakim king over Jerusalem, he was an oppressive and thoroughly godless king and died in disgrace, "buried with the burial of an ass" (Jer 22:19).

Delaiah; means raised or freed by Jehovah, he was a prince who besought Baruch not to burn the sacred roll containing the prophecy of Jeremiah.

Micaiah; was the son of Gemariah, he went to the house of Jehoiakim king of Judah, into the secretary's chamber, and told the officials all the words that Jeremiah had dictated to Baruch his trusted friend and scribe who had written Jeremiah's words on a scroll (Jer 36:11-12).

Neriah; means, whose lamp is Jehovah, he was the father of Seraiah and Baruch, the latter being the scribe of Jeremiah.

Nethaniah; means, whom Jehovah gave, he was the father of Jehudi whom the princes sent to Baruch for Jeremiah's book.

Seirah; (Seirath) a place in Mt. Ephraim, probably in the SE part, to which Ehud escaped after murdering Eglon (Judg 3:26).

Shaphan; was a faithful scribe during Josiah's reign and father of Ahikim, Gemariah, Elash and Jaazaniah.

Shelemiah; means, friend of Jehovah, he was the son of Abdeel and sent by Jehoiakim king of Judah to arrest Baruch and Jeremiah, the prophet.

Zedekiah; means, Jehovah is righteous he was the son of Hanaaniah and a prince of Israel in the reign of Jehoiakim king of Judah. He was one of the king's officials who had all the words of Jeremiah read to him that Baruch had written on a scroll (Jer 36:12-13).

End.