

Jeremiah 36:1-32 **The Scroll – Jehoiakim with knife cut and burned Scroll**

Command to write a Scroll of all Yahweh has said through the last 22 years

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2 "Take a scroll of a book and write on it all the words that I have spoken to you against Israel, against Judah, and against all the nations, from the day I spoke to you, from the days of Josiah even to this day.

3 It may be that the house of Judah will hear all the adversities which I purpose to bring upon them, that everyone may turn from his evil way, that I may forgive their iniquity and their sin."

The Scroll Written and read in the Temple

4 Then Jeremiah called Baruch the son of Neriah; and Baruch wrote on a scroll of a book, at the instruction of Jeremiah, all the words of Yahweh (the Lord) which He had spoken to him.

5 And Jeremiah commanded Baruch, saying, "I am confined, I cannot go into Beit Yahweh (the house of the Lord). 6 You go, therefore, and read from the scroll which you have written at my instruction, the words of Yahweh (the Lord), in the hearing of the people in Beit Yahweh (the Lord's house) on the day of fasting. And you shall also read them in the hearing of all Judah who come from their cities.

7 It may be that they will present their supplication before Yahweh (the Lord), and everyone will turn from his evil way. For great is the anger and the fury that Yahweh (the Lord) has pronounced against this people."

8 And Baruch the son of Neriah did according to all that Jeremiah the prophet commanded him, reading from the book the words of Yahweh (the Lord) in Beit Yahweh (the Lord's house).

9 Now it came to pass in the fifth year of Jehoiakim the son of Josiah, king of Judah, in the ninth month, that they proclaimed a fast before Yahweh (the Lord) to all the people in Jerusalem, and to all the people who came from the cities of Judah to Jerusalem.

10 Then Baruch read from the book the words of Jeremiah in Beit Yahweh (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 Beit Yahweh (the Lord's house), in the hearing of all the people.

The Scroll Read in the Palace to the princes

11 When Michaiah the son of Gemariah, the son of Shaphan, heard all the words of Yahweh (the Lord) from the book, 12 he then went down to the king's house, into the scribe's chamber; and there all the princes were sitting — Elishama the scribe, Delaiah the son of Shemaiah, Elnathan the son of Achbor, Gemariah the son of Shaphan, Zedekiah the son of Hananiah, and all the princes.

13 Then Michaiah declared to them all the words that he had heard when Baruch read the book in the hearing of the people.

14 Therefore all the princes 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 in the hearing of the people, and come." So Baruch the son of Neriah took the scroll in his hand and came to them.

15 And they said to him, "Sit down now, and read it in our hearing." So Baruch read it in their hearing.

16 Now it happened, when they had heard all the words, that they looked in fear from one to another, and said to Baruch, "We will surely tell the king of all these words."

17 And they asked Baruch, saying, "Tell us now, how did you write all these words — at his instruction?"

18 So Baruch answered them, "He proclaimed with his mouth all these words to me, and I wrote them with ink in the book."

19 Then the princes said to Baruch, "Go and hide, you and Jeremiah; and let no one know where you are."

The King Destroys Jeremiah's Scroll

20 And they went to the king, into the court; but they stored the scroll in the chamber of Elishama the scribe, and told all the words in the hearing of the king.

21 So the king sent Jehudi to bring the scroll, and he took it from Elishama the scribe's chamber. And Jehudi read it in the hearing of the king and in the hearing of all the princes who stood beside the king.

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

23 And it happened, when Jehudi had read three or four columns, that the king cut it with the scribe's knife and cast it into the fire that was on the hearth, until all the scroll was consumed in the fire that was on the hearth.

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

25 Nevertheless Elnathan, Delaiah, and Gemariah implored the king not to burn the scroll; but he would not listen to them.

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 Yahweh (the Lord) hid them.

Jeremiah Rewrites the Scroll

27 Now after the king had burned the scroll with the words which Baruch had written at the instruction of Jeremiah, the word of Yahweh (the Lord) came to Jeremiah, saying:

28 "Take yet another scroll, and write on it all the former words that were in the first scroll which Jehoiakim the king of Judah has burned.

29 And you shall say to Jehoiakim king of Judah, 'Thus says Yahweh (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 cause man and beast to cease from here?'"

30 Therefore thus says Yahweh (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.

31 I will punish him, his family, and his servants for their iniquity; and I will bring on them, on the inhabitants of Jerusalem, and on the men of Judah all the doom that I have pronounced against them; but they did not heed.'"

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

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Facts Revealed:

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 - 3 It may be that the house of Judah will hear all the adversities which I purpose to bring upon them, that everyone may turn from his evil way, that I may forgive their iniquity and their sin." [Jeremiah 36:1-3]
- ✧ Jeremiah began his ministry in the 13th year of Josiah king of Judah to the 4th year of Jehoiakim is 22 years of service through which Jeremiah has been reporting the Words of God against the kings and people of Judah and against the nations of the earth.
- ✧ Yahweh instructed Jeremiah to record on a scroll all the words He had said from the beginning of Jeremiah's ministry against Israel, Judah, and against all the nations.
- ✧ The Holy Spirit was needed to bring Jeremiah's mind twenty two years of messages. [2 Peter 2:21]
- ✧ Yahweh's purpose for the scroll was to make sure they had a present clear opportunity for repentance to escape the pending doom pronounced against them.
- ✧ Repentance of the people opens the door for God's forgiveness of their sins and iniquities.
- ✧ This is a demonstration of Yahweh's love and concern for His people.

The Scroll Written and read in the Temple

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entry of the New Gate of Beit Yahweh (the Lord's house), in the hearing of all the people.
[Jeremiah 36:4-10]

- ✧ Baruch was the scribe that wrote the scroll as Jeremiah spoke all the words Yahweh had spoken to him the twenty two years since he began his ministry.
- ✧ Because he was in prison, Jeremiah could not take the words to anyone outside so he sent Baruch to read the scroll in the Temple of Yahweh to all the people who came there.
- ✧ The goal was to see if the people would repent of their evil ways and turn back to Yahweh to escape the Wrath and Fury Yahweh had pronounced against them.
- ✧ The scroll was begun the fourth year and read in the Temple at the entry of the New Gate the fifth year at the fast they proclaimed before Yahweh in the ninth month.
- ✧ The scroll was read in the hearing of all the people of Jerusalem and all who came to Jerusalem from the cities of Judah.

The Scroll Read in the Palace to the princes [Jeremiah 36:11-19]

- ✧ Michaiah heard all the Words of Yahweh that Baruch read from the scroll, so he went to the Scribe's chamber in the king's house and declared the words to the princes.
- ✧ The princes called Baruch to come and read the scroll in their hearing.
- ✧ The princes were afraid when they heard the words of the scroll and asked Baruch how he received them, so they could relate them to the king.
- ✧ Baruch said he wrote them as Jeremiah recited them to him.
- ✧ The princes advised Baruch and Jeremiah to hide in a secret place, which they did.

The King Destroys Jeremiah's Scroll [Jeremiah 36:20-26]

- ✧ The princes left the scroll in the scribe's chamber and told all the words to the king.
- ✧ The king called for Jehudi to bring the scroll and read it in his hearing.
- ✧ As the scroll was being read before him, the king cut it into strips and burned it in the fire.
- ✧ This demonstrated the arrogance of the king and his haughtiness toward God's Word.
- ✧ The king and his servants were not afraid nor did they consider the words of the scroll.
- ✧ Elnathan, Delaiah, and Gemariah implored the king not to burn the scroll; but he would not listen to them.
- ✧ King Jehoiakim then ordered that Baruch and Jeremiah be seized but Yahweh hid them.

Jeremiah Rewrites the Scroll [Jeremiah 36:27-32]

- ✧ Yahweh commanded Jeremiah to rewrite the scroll which he did adding many more similar words to it.
- ✧ Yahweh sent Jeremiah to the king to tell him that he had burned the scroll that warned of the land being made desolate and empty of man and beast by the king of Babylon.
- ✧ As result of his actions, Jehoiakim will have no descendant to sit on the throne of David and his dead body will be cast out into the elements of weather.
- ✧ Jehoiakim's family, servants, and all the people of Jerusalem and Judah will face all the doom Yahweh had pronounced against them which they did not heed.
- ✧ The Word of Yahweh stands forever.
- ✧ The arrogance of man fails and brings the wrath of God and destruction of land and nation.
- ✧ All the wrath of God could be avoided by simple and humble repentance.