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Text:

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1. The Lord spoke to Jeremiah in the fourth year that Jehoiakim son of Josiah was ruling over Judah.
2. “Get a scroll. Write on it everything I have told you to say about Israel, Judah, and all the other nations since I began to speak to you in the reign of Josiah until now.
3. Perhaps when the people of Judah hear about all the disaster I intend to bring on them, they will all stop doing the evil things they have been doing. If they do, I will forgive their sins and the wicked things they have done.”
4. So Jeremiah summoned Baruch son of Neriah. Then Jeremiah dictated to Baruch everything the Lord had told him to say and Baruch wrote it all down in a scroll.
5. Then Jeremiah told Baruch, “I am no longer allowed to go into the Lord’s temple.
6. So you go there the next time all the people of Judah come in from their towns to fast in the Lord’s temple. Read out loud where all of them can hear you what I told you the Lord said, which you wrote in the scroll.
7. Perhaps then they will ask the Lord for mercy and will all stop doing the evil things they have been doing. For the Lord has threatened to bring great anger and wrath against these people.”
8. So Baruch son of Neriah did exactly what the prophet Jeremiah had told him to do. He read what the Lord had said from the scroll in the temple of the Lord.
9. All the people living in Jerusalem and all the people who came into Jerusalem from the towns of Judah came to observe a fast before the Lord. The fast took place in the ninth month of the fifth year that Jehoiakim son of Josiah was ruling over Judah.
10. At that time Baruch went into the temple of the Lord. He stood in the entrance of the room of Gemariah the son of Shaphan who had been the royal secretary. That room was in the upper court near the entrance of the New Gate. There, where all the people could hear him, he read from the scroll what Jeremiah had said.
11. Micaiah, who was the son of Gemariah and the grandson of Shaphan, heard Baruch read from the scroll everything the Lord had said.
12. He went down to the chamber of the royal secretary in the king’s palace and found all the court officials in session there. Elishama the royal secretary, Delaiah son of Shemaiah, Elnathan son of Achbor, Gemariah son of Shaphan, Zedekiah son of Hananiah, and all the other officials were seated there.
13. Micaiah told them everything he had heard Baruch read from the scroll in the hearing of the people.
14. All the officials sent Jehudi, who was the son of Nethaniah and the grandson of Cushi, to Baruch. They ordered him to tell Baruch, “Come here and bring with you the scroll you read in the hearing of the people.” So Baruch son of Neriah went to them, carrying the scroll in his hand.
15. They said to him, “Please sit down and read it to us.” So Baruch sat down and read it to them.
16. When they had heard it all, they expressed their alarm to one another. Then they said to Baruch, “We must certainly give the king a report about everything you have read!”

17. Then they asked Baruch, “How did you come to write all these words? Do they actually come from Jeremiah’s mouth?”

18. Baruch answered, “Yes, they came from his own mouth. He dictated all these words to me and I wrote them down in ink on this scroll.”

19. Then the officials said to Baruch, “You and Jeremiah must go and hide. You must not let anyone know where you are.”

20. The officials put the scroll in the room of Elishama, the royal secretary, for safekeeping. Then they went to the court and reported everything to the king.

21. The king sent Jehudi to get the scroll. He went and got it from the room of Elishama, the royal secretary. Then he himself read it to the king and all the officials who were standing around him.

22. Since it was the ninth month of the year, the king was sitting in his winter quarters. A fire was burning in the firepot in front of him.

23. As soon as Jehudi had read three or four columns of the scroll, the king would cut them off with a penknife and throw them on the fire in the firepot. He kept doing so until the whole scroll was burned up in the fire.

24. Neither he nor any of his attendants showed any alarm when they heard all that had been read. Nor did they tear their clothes to show any grief or sorrow.

25. The king did not even listen to Elnathan, Delaiah, and Gemariah, who had urged him not to burn the scroll.
26. He also ordered Jerahmeel, who was one of the royal princes, Seraiah son of Azriel, and Shelemiah son of Abdeel to arrest the scribe Baruch and the prophet Jeremiah. However, the Lord hid them.
27. The Lord spoke to Jeremiah after Jehoiakim had burned the scroll containing what Jeremiah had spoken and Baruch had written down.
28. “Get another scroll and write on it everything that was written on the original scroll that King Jehoiakim of Judah burned.
29. Tell King Jehoiakim of Judah, ‘The Lord says, “You burned the scroll. You asked Jeremiah, ‘How dare you write in this scroll that the king of Babylon will certainly come and destroy this land and wipe out all the people and animals on it?’”’
30. So the Lord says concerning King Jehoiakim of Judah, “None of his line will occupy the throne of David. His dead body will be thrown out to be exposed to scorching heat by day and frost by night.
31. I will punish him and his descendants and the officials who serve him for the wicked things they have done. I will bring on them, the citizens of Jerusalem, and the people of Judah all the disaster that I threatened to do to them. I will punish them because I threatened them but they still paid no heed.”’”
32. Then Jeremiah got another scroll and gave it to the scribe Baruch son of Neriah. As Jeremiah dictated, Baruch wrote on this scroll everything that had been on the scroll that King Jehoiakim of Judah burned in the fire. They also added on this scroll several other messages of the same kind. (NET)
Introduction:

I. Jehoiakim’s total disrespect for God’s messages here stands in stark contrast with the reverence shown the copy of God’s law by his father Josiah which was found in the temple!

   A. Smith rightly labels Jehoiakim as defiant and wicked to the core!

II. Hamilton dated this event to 605 BCE, (604 B.C. according to Coffman) the year in which Nebuchadnezzar defeated Egypt at Carchemish, after which the Babylonians began to extend their control over the rest of the ancient Near East.

   A. Hamilton wrote that this took place in Jeremiah’s twenty-third (23rd) year of ministry.

   B. Willis wrote the events of chapter 36 covered a period of one to two years beginning with God’s command to Jeremiah to dictate to Baruch all his prophesies spoken over the preceding twenty-three (23) years and ending, after Jehoiakim had destroyed the first scroll, with re-writing the contents of the first scroll with certain additions addressed to Jehoiakim’s and Jerusalem’s disastrous future.

III. The Babylonians were approaching. Jerusalem’s doom was imminent.

   A. Repentance being their only hope and Jeremiah not being permitted to enter the temple, Jeremiah and Baruch put the Lord’s message on a scroll.
1. Baruch took this scroll into the temple and read it to the people.

B. Jeremiah longed for the repentance of his people, suffered greatly because of his preaching and did not waver in his dedication to this task!

Commentary:

**Jehoiakim Burns the Scroll Containing the Lord’s Messages**

*Jeremiah 36:1, The Lord spoke to Jeremiah in the fourth year that Jehoiakim son of Josiah was ruling over Judah.*  
*(NET)*

I. The Lord spoke to Jeremiah in the fourth year that Jehoiakim son of Josiah was ruling over Judah.

A. Jehoiakim was an evil king of Judah whose downfall was predicted by the prophet Jeremiah. Jehoiakim was a son of the good king Josiah.  *(Nelson’s New Illustrated Bible Dictionary)*

B. “This was (in) the year 604 B.C., following the victory of Nebuchadnezzar over the Egyptians at Carchemish.” *(The New Layman’s Bible Commentary via Coffman)*

1. “It is . . . in this very month of December that the Babylonians assaulted, captured, and sacked Ashkelon on the Philistine plain; and not long afterwards, Jehoiakim was forced to become a vassal of Babylon.” *(Albert Barnes via Coffman)*
2. The fourth year of Jehoiakim’s reign was the first year of Nebuchadnezzar’s reign.

Jeremiah 36:2, “Get a scroll. Write on it everything I have told you to say about Israel, Judah, and all the other nations since I began to speak to you in the reign of Josiah until now. (NET)

I. “Get a scroll.* Write on it everything I have told you about Israel, Judah, and all the other nations since I began to speak to you in the reign of Josiah until now.

A. *NET footnote: Hebrew – a roll (or scroll) of a document.

B. What Jeremiah had orally preached through the years was now put in written form.

C. Smith wrote that the written word was given far more credence than the spoken word in antiquity and the hope was that the house of Judah would at last give heed to God’s call to repentance.

D. Clarke defined “a roll of a book” to mean several parchments were joined together and placed in the form of a roll.

1. A lengthy scroll was needed to contain everything God had told Jeremiah.

2. Material was written in columns or pages, Clarke wrote.
Jeremiah 36:3, Perhaps when the people of Judah hear about all the disaster I intend to bring on them, they will all stop doing the evil things they have been doing. If they do, I will forgive their sins and the wicked things they have done.” (NET)

1. Perhaps when the people of Judah hear about all the disaster I intend to bring on them, they will all stop doing the evil things they have been doing.*

   A. *NET Footnote: Hebrew – they will turn each one from his wicked way (also in verse 7).

   B. “The language here is very close to that of Jeremiah’s Temple Sermon,” Willis wrote.

1. Jeremiah 7:1-15, The Lord said to Jeremiah: “Stand in the gate of the Lord’s temple and proclaim this message: ‘Listen, all you people of Judah who have passed through these gates to worship the Lord. Hear what the Lord has to say. The Lord God of Israel who rules over all says: Change the way you have been living and do what is right. If you do, I will allow you to continue to live in this land. Stop putting your confidence in the false belief that says, “We are safe! The temple of the Lord is here! The temple of the Lord is here! The temple of the Lord is here!” You must change the way you have been living and do what is right. You must treat one another fairly. Stop oppressing foreigners who live in your land, children who have lost their fathers, and women who have lost their
husbands. Stop killing innocent people in this land. Stop paying allegiance to other gods. That will only bring about your ruin. If you stop doing these things, I will allow you to continue to live in this land which I gave to your ancestors as a lasting possession. "But just look at you! You are putting your confidence in a false belief that will not deliver you. You steal. You murder. You commit adultery. You lie when you swear on oath. You sacrifice to the god Baal. You pay allegiance to other gods whom you have not previously known. Then you come and stand in my presence in this temple I have claimed as my own and say, "We are safe!" You think you are so safe that you go on doing all those hateful sins! Do you think this temple I have claimed as my own is to be a hideout for robbers? You had better take note! I have seen for myself what you have done! says the Lord. So, go to the place in Shiloh where I allowed myself to be worshiped in the early days. See what I did to it because of the wicked things my people Israel did. You also have done all these things, says the Lord, and I have spoken to you over and over again. But you have not listened! You have refused to respond when I called you to repent! So I will destroy this temple which I have claimed as my own, this temple that you are trusting to protect you. I will destroy this place that I gave to you and your ancestors, just like I destroyed Shiloh. And I will drive you out of my sight just like I drove out your relatives, the people of Israel." (NET)
2. Jeremiah 26:1-6, The Lord spoke to Jeremiah at the beginning of the reign of Josiah’s son, King Jehoiakim of Judah. The Lord said, “Go stand in the courtyard of the Lord’s temple. Speak out to all the people who are coming from the towns of Judah to worship in the Lord’s temple. Tell them everything I command you to tell them. Do not leave out a single word! Maybe they will pay attention and each of them will stop living the evil way they do. If they do that, then I will forgo destroying them as I had intended to do because of the wicked things they have been doing. Tell them that the Lord says, ‘You must obey me! You must live according to the way I have instructed you in my laws. You must pay attention to the exhortations of my servants the prophets. I have sent them to you over and over again. But you have not paid any attention to them. If you do not obey me, then I will do to this temple what I did to Shiloh. And I will make this city an example to be used in curses by people from all the nations on the earth.’” (NET)

C. When the scroll was read, some princes were profoundly impressed, but the king reacted angrily, burning the roll in the fire. (Halley via Coffman)

II. If they do, I will forgive their sins and the wicked things they have done.”
A. God’s mercy and forbearance are truly amazing, beyond human comprehension.

1. Even now, at this late date, Judah could avert disaster if only they would hear God’s word, repent and live in keeping with God’s instructions.

   a. Regrettably they did not repent and Jerusalem was destroyed.

Jeremiah 36:4, So Jeremiah summoned Baruch son of Neriah. Then Jeremiah dictated to Baruch everything the Lord had told him to say and Baruch wrote it all down in a scroll. (NET)

I. So Jeremiah summoned Baruch son of Neriah.

   A. Baruch was the scribe or secretary of Jeremiah the prophet. A son of Neriah, and brother of Seraiah, Baruch was a member of a prominent Jewish family. (Nelson’s New Illustrated Bible Dictionary)

   1. Jeremiah 32:12-16, I took both copies of the deed of purchase and gave them to Baruch son of Neriah, the son of Mahseiah. I gave them to him in the presence of my cousin Hanamel, the witnesses who had signed the deed of purchase, and all the Judeans who were housed in the courtyard of the guardhouse. In the presence of all these people I instructed Baruch, “The Lord God of Israel who rules over all says, “Take these documents, both the sealed copy of the deed of purchase and the unsealed copy. Put
them in a clay jar so that they may be preserved for a long time to come.” For the Lord God of Israel who rules over all says, “Houses, fields, and vineyards will again be bought in this land.” “After I had given the copies of the deed of purchase to Baruch son of Neriah, I prayed to the Lord, (NET)

2. Jeremiah 36:1-32, The Lord spoke to Jeremiah in the fourth year that Jehoiakim son of Josiah was ruling over Judah. “Get a scroll. Write on it everything I have told you to say about Israel, Judah, and all the other nations since I began to speak to you in the reign of Josiah until now. Perhaps when the people of Judah hear about all the disaster I intend to bring on them, they will all stop doing the evil things they have been doing. If they do, I will forgive their sins and the wicked things they have done.” So Jeremiah summoned Baruch son of Neriah. Then Jeremiah dictated to Baruch everything the Lord had told him to say and Baruch wrote it all down in a scroll. Then Jeremiah told Baruch, “I am no longer allowed to go into the Lord’s temple. So you go there the next time all the people of Judah come in from their towns to fast in the Lord’s temple. Read out loud where all of them can hear you what I told you the Lord said, which you wrote in the scroll. Perhaps then they will ask the Lord for mercy and will all stop doing the evil things they have been doing. For the Lord has threatened to bring great anger and wrath against these people.” So Baruch son of
Neriah did exactly what the prophet Jeremiah had told him to do. He read what the Lord had said from the scroll in the temple of the Lord. All the people living in Jerusalem and all the people who came into Jerusalem from the towns of Judah came to observe a fast before the Lord. The fast took place in the ninth month of the fifth year that Jehoiakim son of Josiah was ruling over Judah. At that time Baruch went into the temple of the Lord. He stood in the entrance of the room of Gemariah the son of Shaphan who had been the royal secretary. That room was in the upper court near the entrance of the New Gate. There, where all the people could hear him, he read from the scroll what Jeremiah had said. Micaiah, who was the son of Gemariah and the grandson of Shaphan, heard Baruch read from the scroll everything the Lord had said. He went down to the chamber of the royal secretary in the king’s palace and found all the court officials in session there. Elishama the royal secretary, Delaiah son of Shemaiah, Elnathan son of Achbor, Gemariah son of Shaphan, Zedekiah son of Hananiah, and all the other officials were seated there. Micaiah told them everything he had heard Baruch read from the scroll in the hearing of the people. All the officials sent Jehudi, who was the son of Nethaniah and the grandson of Cushi, to Baruch. They ordered him to tell Baruch, “Come here and bring with you the scroll you read in the hearing of the people.” So Baruch son of Neriah went to them, carrying the scroll in his hand. They said
to him, “Please sit down and read it to us.” So Baruch sat down and read it to them. When they had heard it all, they expressed their alarm to one another. Then they said to Baruch, “We must certainly give the king a report about everything you have read!” Then they asked Baruch, “How did you come to write all these words? Do they actually come from Jeremiah’s mouth?” Baruch answered, “Yes, they came from his own mouth. He dictated all these words to me and I wrote them down in ink on this scroll.” Then the officials said to Baruch, “You and Jeremiah must go and hide. You must not let anyone know where you are.’ The officials put the scroll in the room of Elishama, the royal secretary, for safekeeping. Then they went to the court and reported everything to the king. The king sent Jehudi to get the scroll. He went and got it from the room of Elishama, the royal secretary. Then he himself read it to the king and all the officials who were standing around him. Since it was the ninth month of the year, the king was sitting in his winter quarters. A fire was burning in the firepot in front of him. As soon as Jehudi had read three or four columns of the scroll, the king would cut them off with a penknife and throw them on the fire in the firepot. He kept doing so until the whole scroll was burned up in the fire. Neither he nor any of his attendants showed any alarm when they heard all that had been read. Nor did they tear their clothes to show any grief or sorrow. The king did not even listen to Elnathan, Delaiah, and Gemariah, who had urged
him not to burn the scroll. He also ordered Jerahmeel, who was one of the royal princes, Seraiah son of Azriel, and Shelemiah son of Abdeel to arrest the scribe Baruch and the prophet Jeremiah. However, the Lord hid them.

The Lord spoke to Jeremiah after Jehoiakim had burned the scroll containing what Jeremiah had spoken and Baruch had written down. “Get another scroll and write on it everything that was written on the original scroll that King Jehoiakim of Judah burned. Tell King Jehoiakim of Judah, ‘The Lord says, “You burned the scroll. You asked Jeremiah, ‘How dare you write in this scroll that the king of Babylon will certainly come and destroy this land and wipe out all the people and animals on it?’” So the Lord says concerning King Jehoiakim of Judah, “None of his line will occupy the throne of David. His dead body will be thrown out to be exposed to scorching heat by day and frost by night. I will punish him and his descendants and the officials who serve him for the wicked things they have done. I will bring on them, the citizens of Jerusalem, and the people of Judah all the disaster that I threatened to do to them. I will punish them because I threatened them but they still paid no heed.’”’” Then Jeremiah got another scroll and gave it to the scribe Baruch son of Neriah. As Jeremiah dictated, Baruch wrote on this scroll everything that had been on the scroll that King Jehoiakim of Judah burned in the fire. They also added on this scroll several other messages of the same kind. (NET)
3. Jeremiah 45:1-5, The prophet Jeremiah spoke to Baruch son of Neriah while he was writing down in a scroll the words that Jeremiah spoke to him. This happened in the fourth year that Jehoiakim son of Josiah was ruling over Judah. “The Lord God of Israel has a message for you, Baruch. ‘You have said, “I feel so hopeless! For the Lord has added sorrow to my suffering. I am worn out from groaning. I can’t find any rest.’”’ The Lord told Jeremiah, “Tell Baruch, ‘The Lord says, “I am about to tear down what I have built and to uproot what I have planted. I will do this throughout the whole earth. Are you looking for great things for yourself? Do not look for such things. For I, the Lord, affirm that I am about to bring disaster on all humanity. But I will allow you to escape with your life wherever you go.’”’” (NET)

4. Jeremiah 51:59, 61, This is the order Jeremiah the prophet gave to Seraiah son of Neriah, son of Mahseiah, when he went to King Zedekiah of Judah in Babylon during the fourth year of his reign. (Seraiah was a quartermaster.) Then Jeremiah said to Seraiah, “When you arrive in Babylon, make sure you read aloud all these prophecies. (NET)

B. Baruch was mentioned earlier in Jeremiah 32:12. Verses 4-7 here mark his earliest appearance in the events of Jeremiah’s ministry. (Hamilton)
1. Clarke noted that a scribe such as Baruch was not only a writer, but a secretary, a learned man acquainted with laws and customs.

2. “Baruch appears to have been of high rank. Maaseiah, his grandfather, was governor of the city and Seraiah his brother held some equally honorable, though not so easily definable, position in the court.” (The Pulpit Commentary)

   a. 2 Chronicles 34:8, In the eighteenth year of his reign, he continued his policy of purifying the land and the temple. He sent Shaphan son of Azaliah, Maaseiah the city official, and Joah son of Joahaz the secretary to repair the temple of the Lord his God. (NET)

   b. Jeremiah 51:59, This is the order Jeremiah the prophet gave to Seraiah son of Neriah, son of Mahseiah, when he went to King Zedekiah of Judah in Babylon during the fourth year of his reign. (Seraiah was a quartermaster.) (NET)

II. Then Jeremiah dictated to Baruch everything the Lord had told him to say and Baruch wrote it all down in a scroll.

   A. This took place in 605 B.C., in the fourth year of Jehoiakim’s reign. (Nelson’s New Illustrated Bible Dictionary)
B. This scroll, Hamilton wrote, was made of papyrus rather than parchment (leather) because leather parchments were not invented until the second century BCE.

**Jeremiah 36:5, Then Jeremiah told Baruch, “I am no longer allowed to go into the Lord’s temple. (NET)**

I. Then Jeremiah told Baruch, “I am no longer allowed to go into the Lord’s temple.

A. The reason Jeremiah was no longer allowed to go into the temple is not stated, not known.

1. It would appear that the authorities forbade Jeremiah to enter the temple because his preaching was contrary to the views of those in power at the time.

2. However, the reason Jeremiah was not allowed to go into the temple is not known for a certainty.

**Jeremiah 36:6, So you go there the next time all the people of Judah come in from their towns to fast in the Lord’s temple. Read out loud where all of them can hear you what I told you the Lord said, which you wrote in the scroll. (NET)**

I. So you go there the next time all the people of Judah come in from their towns to fast in the Lord’s temple.

A. Baruch was directed to go into the temple and do what Jeremiah would have done had he been permitted to enter the temple; that is, present God’s word to the people there.
B. Hamilton wrote that this fast may have been a special fast day related to Nebuchadnezzar’s sack of Ashkelon in the nearby Philistine plain.

1. This would have been a time a large number of people would be in the Temple. (See Clarke.)

2. Baruch was to read the contents of the scroll when the most people would be present. (See Smith.)

C. The Law of Moses commanded only one fast per year, the Day of Atonement which fell on the tenth day of the seventh Hebrew month. (See Nelson’s New Illustrated Bible Dictionary.)

1. The fast referenced here in verse 6 took place in December, the Hebrew month of Chisleu. (See Coffman.)

2. Coffman quoting Keil wrote that the fast mentioned here was, “In remembrance of that day in the year when Jerusalem was taken for the first time by Nebuchadnezzar. This fast was appointed (or allowed) by Jehoiakim for the purpose of rousing popular feeling against the Chaldeans to whom they were subjugated.”

3. Jehoiakim had been a vassal of Egypt prior to the battle of Carchemish. He preferred to be a vassal of Egypt rather than Babylon. He rebelled against Nebuchadnezzar which led to his downfall.
II. Read out loud where all of them can hear you what I told you the Lord said, which you wrote in the scroll.

A. “A scroll was a roll of papyrus, leather, or parchment on which an ancient document – particularly a text of the Bible – was written. Rolled up on a stick, a scroll was usually about 11 meters (35 feet) long – the size required, for instance, for the Book of Luke or the Book of Acts. Longer books of the Bible required two or more scrolls.” (Nelson’s New Illustrated Bible Dictionary)

Jeremiah 36:7, Perhaps then they will ask the Lord for mercy and will all stop doing the evil things they have been doing. For the Lord has threatened to bring great anger and wrath against these people.” (NET)

I. Perhaps then they will ask the Lord for mercy and will all stop doing the evil things they have been doing.

A. Jeremiah still hoped the people would repent.

1. With great tenacity and perseverance and under duress, even imprisonment, Jeremiah labored for the salvation of his people.

II. For the Lord has threatened to bring great anger and wrath against these people.

A. God brought his great anger and wrath against the people of Judah because of their wickedness and refusal to repent over a long period of time.
Jeremiah 36:8, So Baruch son of Neriah did exactly what the prophet Jeremiah had told him to do. He read what the Lord had said from the scroll in the temple of the Lord. (NET)

I. So Baruch son of Neriah did exactly what the prophet Jeremiah had told him to do.

   A. Notice that Baruch did “exactly” what Jeremiah had told him to do just as Jeremiah had done “exactly” what God had told him.

   B. These examples make it crystal clear what we are to do.

II. He read what the Lord had said from the scroll in the temple of the Lord.

   A. Baruch did not read only part of what the Lord had said or what was popular. He read what the Lord said, all of it.

   B. Again the lesson for us is crystal clear!

Jeremiah 36:9, All the people living in Jerusalem and all the people who came into Jerusalem from the towns of Judah came to observe a fast before the Lord. The fast took place in the ninth month of the fifth year that Jehoiakim son of Josiah was ruling over Judah. (NET)

I. All the people living in Jerusalem and all the people who came into Jerusalem from the towns of Judah came to observe a fast before the Lord.
A. This fast would bring a large number of people into the temple providing a huge number of people who would hear the reading of the scroll.

B. This reminds us of Pentecost of Acts 2.

   1. Acts 2:9-11, Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and the province of Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya near Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs—we hear them speaking in our own languages about the great deeds God has done!” (NET)

II. The fast took place in the ninth month of the fifth year that Jehoiakim son of Josiah was ruling over Judah.

   A. Smith calculated that at least nine (9) months intervened between the writing of the scroll and the reading of it in the temple.

   B. Willis gave the time of this reading as December, 604 B.C.

   C. The reading of the scroll required most of a whole day and evidently took place in one of the prominent chambers of the temple.

   D. The Septuagint and Josephus place this in the eighth year of Jehoiakim’s reign. (The Pulpit Commentary)

   **Jeremiah 36:10, At that time Baruch went into the temple of the Lord. He stood in the entrance of the room of**
Gemariah the son of Shaphan who had been the royal secretary. That room was in the upper court near the entrance of the New Gate. There, where all the people could hear him, he read from the scroll what Jeremiah had said. (NET)

I. At that time Baruch went into the temple of the Lord.

   A. Baruch did exactly as directed by the Lord via Jeremiah.

II. He stood in the entrance of the room of Gemariah the son of Shaphan who had been the royal secretary.*

   A. *NET Footnote: Shaphan had been royal secretary under Jehoiakim’s father. (2 Kings 22:3, 8, 10).

1. 2 Kings 22:3, 8, 10, In the eighteenth year of King Josiah’s reign, the king sent the scribe Shaphan son of Azaliah, son of Meshullam, to the Lord’s temple with these orders: Hilkiah the high priest informed Shaphan the scribe, “I found the law scroll in the Lord’s temple.” Hilkiah gave the scroll to Shaphan and he read it. Then Shaphan the scribe told the king, “Hilkiah the priest has given me a scroll.” Shaphan read it out loud before the king. (NET)

   B. Gemariah, father of Micaiah and son of Shaphan, tried to stop Jehoiakim, king of Judah, from destroying Jeremiah’s scroll. (Nelson’s New Illustrated Bible Dictionary)

   1. Jeremiah 36:10-12, 25, At that time Baruch went into the temple of the Lord. He stood in the
entrance of the room of Gemariah the son of Shaphan who had been the royal secretary. That room was in the upper court near the entrance of the New Gate. There, where all the people could hear him, he read from the scroll what Jeremiah had said. Micaiah, who was the son of Gemariah and the grandson of Shaphan, heard Baruch read from the scroll everything the Lord had said. He went down to the chamber of the royal secretary in the king’s palace and found all the court officials in session there. Elishama the royal secretary, Delaiah son of Shemaiah, Elnathan son of Achbor, Gemariah son of Shaphan, Zedekiah son of Hananiah, and all the other officials were seated there. The king did not even listen to Elnathan, Delaiah, and Gemariah, who had urged him not to burn the scroll. (NET)

2. Shaphan, father of Gemariah, was a high official under Josiah who may have been the person who first made King Josiah aware of the discovery of the Book of the Law some twenty (20) years previously. (Willis)

a. 2 Kings 22:3, 8, 10, In the eighteenth year of King Josiah’s reign, the king sent the scribe Shaphan son of Azaliah, son of Meshullam, to the Lord’s temple with these orders: Hilkiah the high priest informed Shaphan the scribe, “I found the law scroll in the Lord’s temple.” Hilkiah gave the scroll to Shaphan and he read it. Then Shaphan the scribe told the king, “Hilkiah the priest
has given me a scroll.” Shaphan read it out loud before the king. (NET)

3. Gemariah’s brother, Ahikam, stood by Jeremiah when he was threatened, so Baruch was in a friendly environment as he read Jeremiah’s words to the people, Hamilton wrote.

   a. Jeremiah 26:24, However, Ahikam son of Shaphan used his influence to keep Jeremiah from being handed over and executed by the people. (NET)

4. Hamilton noted that Gemariah was not present on the occasion Baruch read the scroll.

5. Baruch chose a place in the Temple where he would be welcome, able to complete the task of reading the scroll, the reason he was there.

6. Gemariah was favorably disposed to Jeremiah and probably the brother of Jeremiah’s friend Ahikam. (The Pulpit Commentary)

   a. Jeremiah 26:24, However, Ahikam son of Shaphan used his influence to keep Jeremiah from being handed over and executed by the people. (NET)

III. That room was in the upper court near the entrance of the New Gate.
A. Willis noted that this reading was given in a room reserved for Gemariah son of Shaphan, not in the main courtyard of the temple.

B. The Pulpit Commentary defined “upper” as “higher” meaning “inner.”

C. The high – or rather, upper – gate of Benjamin, which was by – or, at – the house of the Lord. The gate, then, was one of the temple gates, and is called “the upper” to distinguish it from one of the city gates which bore the same name. It is presumably the same which is called “the new gate of the Lord’s house,” as having been comparatively lately built. (The Pulpit Commentary)

1. Jeremiah 37:13, But he only got as far as the Benjamin Gate. There an officer in charge of the guards named Irijah, who was the son of Shelemiah and the grandson of Hananiah, stopped him. He seized Jeremiah and said, “You are deserting to the Babylonians!” (NET)

2. Jeremiah 38:7, An Ethiopian, Ebed Melech, a court official in the royal palace, heard that Jeremiah had been put in the cistern. While the king was holding court at the Benjamin Gate, (NET)

3. Jeremiah 26:10, However, some of the officials of Judah heard about what was happening and they rushed up to the Lord’s temple from the royal palace. They set up court
at the entrance of the New Gate of the Lord’s temple. (NET)

4. Jeremiah 36:10, At that time Baruch went into the temple of the Lord. He stood in the entrance of the room of Gemariah the son of Shaphan who had been the royal secretary. That room was in the upper court near the entrance of the New Gate. There, where all the people could hear him, he read from the scroll what Jeremiah had said. (NET)

5. 2 Kings 15:35, But the high places were not eliminated; the people continued to offer sacrifices and burn incense on the high places. He built the Upper Gate to the Lord’s temple. (NET)

6. Jeremiah 20:2, When he heard Jeremiah’s prophecy, he had the prophet flogged. Then he put him in the stocks which were at the Upper Gate of Benjamin in the Lord’s temple. (NET)

IV. There, where all the people could hear him, he read from the scroll what Jeremiah had said.

A. Baruch positioned himself so the most people could hear him read the material on the scroll, what Jeremiah had said.

Jeremiah 36:11, Micaiah, who was the son of Gemariah and the grandson of Shaphan, heard Baruch read from the scroll everything the Lord had said. (NET)
I. Micaiah, who was the son of Gemariah and the grandson of Shaphan, heard Baruch read from the scroll everything the Lord had said.

A. Micaiah heard Baruch reading Jeremiah’s scroll to the people and informed the nobles. As a result of his report, the roll was read to the nobles and then to the king. This Micaiah may have been a prince send by Jehoshaphat to teach in the cities of Judah. (Bromiley)

1. 2 Chronicles 17:7, In the third year of his reign he sent his officials Ben Hail, Obadiah, Zechariah, Nethanel, and Micaiah to teach in the cities of Judah. (NET)

2. The officials were meeting in the office of Elishama. (Hamilton)

Jeremiah 36:12, He went down to the chamber of the royal secretary in the king’s palace and found all the court officials in session there. Elishama the royal secretary, Delaiah son of Shemaiah, Elnathan son of Achbor, Gemariah son of Shaphan, Zedekiah son of Hananiah, and all the other officials were seated there. (NET)

I. He went down to the chamber of the royal secretary in the king’s palace and found all the court officials in session there.

A. Smith identified these as officers who had served in the administration of good King Josiah and who continued to serve in the administration of Jehoiakim, Josiah’s son.
B. “He went down” from where he was to a lower level where the chamber of the royal secretary was located.

1. Jeremiah 26:10, However, some of the officials of Judah heard about what was happening and they rushed up to the Lord’s temple from the royal palace. They set up court at the entrance of the New Gate of the Lord’s temple. (NET)

C. There may be two royal secretaries, one for civil and one for military business.

1. 1 Kings 4:3, Elihoreph and Ahijah, the sons of Shisha, wrote down what happened. Jehoshaphat son of Ahilud was in charge of the records. (NET)

2. Jeremiah 52:25, From the city he took an official who was in charge of the soldiers, seven of the king’s advisers who were discovered in the city, an official army secretary who drafted citizens for military service, and sixty citizens who were discovered in the middle of the city. (NET)

II. Elishama* the royal secretary, Delaiah son of Shemaiah, Elnathan son of Achbor, Gemariah son of Shaphan, Zedekiah son of Hananiah, and all the other officials were seated there.

A. *NET Footnote: Elishama is often identified with the individual mentioned in Jeremiah 41:1; 2 Kings 25:25.
1. **Jeremiah 41:1**, But in the seventh month Ishmael, the son of Nethaniah and grandson of Elishama who was a member of the royal family and had been one of Zedekiah’s chief officers, came with ten of his men to Gedaliah son of Ahikam at Mizpah. While they were eating a meal together with him there at Mizpah, (NET)  

2. **2 Kings 25:25**, But in the seventh month Ishmael son of Nethaniah, son of Elishama, who was a member of the royal family, came with ten of his men and murdered Gedaliah, as well as the Judeans and Babylonians who were with him at Mizpah. (NET)  

B. Elishama was the scribe or royal secretary of King Jehoiakim. (Nelson’s New Illustrated Bible Dictionary)  

1. **Jeremiah 36:12, 20-21**, He went down to the chamber of the royal secretary in the king’s palace and found all the court officials in session there. Elishama the royal secretary, Delaiah son of Shemaiah, Elnathan son of Achbor, Gemariah son of Shaphan, Zedekiah son of Hananiah, and all the other officials were seated there. The officials put the scroll in the room of Elishama, the royal secretary, for safekeeping. Then they went to the court and reported everything to the king. The king sent Jehudi to get the scroll. He went and got it from the room of Elishama, the royal secretary. Then he himself read it to the king and all the officials who were standing around him. (NET)
C. Delaiah was a son of Shemaiah who pleaded with King Jehoiakim not to destroy the scroll containing Jeremiah’s prophecies. (Nelson’s New Illustrated Bible Dictionary)

1. Jeremiah 36:12, 25, He went down to the chamber of the royal secretary in the king’s palace and found all the court officials in session there. Elishama the royal secretary, Delaiah son of Shemaiah, Elnathan son of Achbor, Gemariah son of Shaphan, Zedekiah son of Hananiah, and all the other officials were seated there. The king did not even listen to Elnathan, Delaiah, and Gemariah, who had urged him not to burn the scroll. (NET)

D. Shemaiah was the father of Delaiah of whom nothing more is known. (Nelson’s New Illustrated Bible Dictionary)

E. Elnathan was one of the princes present when Jeremiah’s scroll was read by Baruch to Jehoiakim (Bromiley). He was the leader of the party sent to Egypt to bring back the prophet Uriah, who had displeased Jehoiakim by his prophecy. (Jeremiah 26:22, However, King Jehoiakim sent some men to Egypt, including Elnathan son of Achbor, NET)

F. Achbor, the father of Elnathan, was a Jew who lived during the reign of King Jehoiakim of Judah. This Achbor may have been one of the five men sent by King Josiah to ask Huldah the prophetess about the Book of the Law discovered in the Temple. (Nelson’s New Illustrated Bible Dictionary)
1. 2 Kings 22:12, 14, The king ordered Hilkiah the priest, Ahikam son of Shaphan, Achbor son of Micaiah, Shaphan the scribe, and Asaiah the king’s servant, So Hilkiah the priest, Ahikam, Achbor, Shaphan, and Asaiah went to Huldah the prophetess, the wife of Shullam son of Tikvah, the son of Harhas, the supervisor of the wardrobe. (She lived in Jerusalem in the Mishneh district.) They stated their business, (NET)

G. Gemariah, son of Shaphan. (See verse 10, II above.)

H. Zedekiah was a prince of Judah, son of Hananiah, in the days of the prophet Jeremiah and King Jehoiakim. (Nelson’s New Illustrated Bible Dictionary)

I. Hananiah, the father of Zedekiah, was a prince under King Jehoiakim of Judah. (Nelson’s New Illustrated Bible Dictionary)

Jeremiah 36:13, Micaiah told them everything he had heard Baruch read from the scroll in the hearing of the people. (NET)

I. Micaiah told them everything he had heard Baruch read from the scroll in the hearing of the people.

A. Micaiah reported to the court officials who were at that time in the chamber of the royal secretary all he had heard Baruch read from the scroll to the people in the temple.
Jeremiah 36:14, All the officials sent Jehudi, who was the son of Nethaniah and the grandson of Cushi, to Baruch. They ordered him to tell Baruch, “Come here and bring with you the scroll you read in the hearing of the people.” So Baruch son of Neriah went to them, carrying the scroll in his hand. (NET)

I. All the officials sent Jehudi, who was the son of Nethaniah and the grandson of Cushi, to Baruch.

   A. Jehudi was an official of Jehoiakim, king of Judah. Jehudi read Jeremiah’s prophecies to the king, who destroyed the scroll. (Nelson’s New Illustrated bible Dictionary)

   1. Juhudi son of Nethaniah is mentioned only in this passage in the Bible. (Hamilton)

   B. Nethaniah was the father of Jehudi of whom nothing further is known. (Nelson’s New Illustrated Bible Dictionary)

   C. Cushi was the grandfather (ancestor) of Jehudi, whom the Jewish leaders sent to ask Baruch to read the scroll of Jeremiah to them. (Nelson’s New Illustrated Bible Dictionary)

II. They ordered him to tell Baruch, “Come here and bring with you the scroll you read in the hearing of the people.”

   A. The officials via Jehudi, their messenger, “ordered” Baruch to appear before them and to bring the scroll he had read to the people. (See Hamilton.)

III. So Baruch son of Neriah went to them, carrying the scroll in his hand.
A. Baruch obeyed the instructions of these officials at least some of whom were favorably disposed toward Jeremiah and his message.

Jeremiah 36:15, They said to him, “Please sit down and read it to us.” So Baruch sat down and read it to them. (NET)

I. They said to him, “Please sit down and read it to us.”

A. Baruch was treated respectfully at this time.

B. These officials listened to fearfully and reverently as the scroll was read.

1. They realized that King Jehoiakim would not look with favor on the contents of the scroll and advised Jeremiah and Baruch to hide from the king’s wrath.

II. So Baruch sat down and read it to them.

A. Baruch “sat” in the posture of a teacher and read the scroll to them.

Jeremiah 36:16, When they had heard it all, they expressed their alarm to one another. Then they said to Baruch, “We must certainly give the king a report about everything you have read!” (NET)

I. When they had heard it all, they expressed their alarm to one another.
A. The people who heard Baruch read the scroll at this time were alarmed by what they heard, recognized its importance and made arrangements for the king to hear the message written on the scroll.

1. They shuddered, trembled, were deathly afraid. (See The Pulpit Commentary.)

B. These officials, princes were alarmed, caused to fear because of what the scroll said regarding the disasters to befall Jerusalem and the action the king may take toward them for listening to the public reading of the scroll.

1. They protected themselves by reporting the matter to the king.

2. They did their duty and informed the king of what they had learned by hearing the scroll’s contents. (See The Pulpit commentary.)

a. Jeremiah 27:20-21, He has already spoken about these things that King Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon did not take away when he carried Jehoiakim’s son King Jeconiah of Judah and the nobles of Judah and Jerusalem away as captives. Indeed, the Lord God of Israel who rules over all has already spoken about the valuable articles that are left in the Lord’s temple, in the royal palace of Judah, and in Jerusalem. (NET)
3. They did not suppress the information which had been brought to their attention.

II. Then they said to Baruch, “We must certainly give the king a report about everything you have read!”

    A. Smith wrote, “The princes were moved to fear by the words of the scroll. They felt compelled to inform the king of the warnings contained in it, for only the king had the authority to alter the direction of the nation.”

Jeremiah 36:17, Then they asked Baruch, “How did you come to write all these words? Do they actually come from Jeremiah’s mouth?” (NET)

I. Then they asked Baruch, “How did you come to write all these words? Do they actually come from Jeremiah’s mouth?”

    A. *NET Footnote: Or, did Jeremiah dictate them to you?

    B. These officials wanted to know the origin, source of this material.

        1. Determining the origin of this material would determine how seriously they would respond.

        2. Having determined that Baruch wrote as Jeremiah dictated, the officials then knew they had to respond very seriously and prudently.

Jeremiah 36:18, Baruch answered, “Yes, they came from his own mouth. He dictated all these words to me and I wrote them down in ink on this scroll.” (NET)
I. Baruch answered, “Yes, they came from his own mouth. He dictated all these words to me and I wrote them down in ink on this scroll.”

   A. Baruch confirmed the accuracy and authenticity of the contents of the scroll as the very words of Jeremiah.

   B. Jeremiah dictated and Baruch recorded, wrote on the scroll what Jeremiah said.

**Jeremiah 36:19, Then the officials said to Baruch, “You and Jeremiah must go and hide. You must not let anyone know where you are.” (NET)**

I. Then the officials said to Baruch, “You and Jeremiah must go and hide. You must not let anyone know where you are.”

   A. This indicates an interest in Baruch’s and Jeremiah’s welfare by those here assembled . . . and a respect for the message on the scroll.

   B. The traditional hiding place, Hamilton wrote, has been located north of the Damascus Gate in what is now called the Grotto of Damascus.

   C. Smith wrote, “Anticipating the reaction of the king (to the contents of the scroll), these officials urged Baruch and Jeremiah to go into hiding.”

1. These officials viewed Jeremiah and his messages with favor while Jehoiakim and his inner circle were antagonistic to Jeremiah and his message. (See Willis.)
2. These officials were well aware of how Jehoiakim had ordered the murder of the faithful prophet Uriah and, being favorably disposed toward Jeremiah and Baruch, urged them to hide from the king.

   a. Jeremiah 26:23, and they brought Uriah back from there. They took him to King Jehoiakim, who had him executed and had his body thrown into the burial place of the common people. (NET)

D. Clearly there were major differences regarding those matters in the government. (See Willis.)

1. Wicked Jehoiakim had been king only four years. His father Josiah had been a good king faithful to the Lord. This would certainly have produced political and religious differences within the government and among the general population. (See Willis.)

Jeremiah 36:20, The officials put the scroll in the room of Elishama, the royal secretary, for safekeeping. Then they went to the court and reported everything to the king. (NET)

I. The officials put the scroll in the room of Elishama, the royal secretary, for safekeeping.

   A. The officials put, hid the scroll in a secure place so it would not be destroyed, damaged or stolen and could be readily retrieved as needed.
II. Then they went to the court and reported everything to the king.

A. This was their legal and political duty and perhaps it was necessary in spare themselves punishments or even death.

1. If they had kept this material from the king who regarded Jeremiah as a traitor and his teachings treasonous, they would have been in serious trouble!

Jeremiah 36:21, The king sent Jehudi to get the scroll. He went and got it from the room of Elishama, the royal secretary. Then he himself read it to the king and all the officials who were standing around him. (NET)

I. The king sent Jehudi to get the scroll.

A. Jehudi had brought Baruch and the scroll to the first group of officials and now he is sent to bring the scroll to Jehoiakim and his inner circle of advisors. (See Willis.)

II. He went and got it from the room of Elishama, the royal secretary.

A. Jehudi did as ordered, retrieved the scroll from where it had been hidden and brought it back to the king.

III. Then he himself read it to the king and all the officials who were standing around him.

A. Jehudi then read the scroll to the king and the other officials who were present.
Jeremiah 36:22, Since it was the ninth month of the year, the king was sitting in his winter quarters. *A fire was burning in the firepot in front of him. (NET)*

I. Since it was the ninth month of the year, the king was sitting in his winter quarters.*

A. *NET Footnote: Hebrew – in the autumn house (generally agreed to be winter quarters within the palace).

B. This was December and warmer quarters were required.

1. The verse proper speaks of “winter quarters” while the footnote speaks of the “autumn house”.

2. The first three weeks are autumnal while the last ten days are in winter. However, cold weather often arrives before the winter solstice.

C. The “winter quarters” were an apartment in the royal palace which was prepared for winter habitation. (See The Pulpit Commentary.)

1. December was a cold, rainy and stormy month in Palestine. (The Pulpit Commentary)

II. A fire was burning in the firepot in front of him.

A. A firepot or brazier probably burned charcoal and provided heat for the king’s comfort. (Hamilton)

B. Clarke wrote that “a fire on the hearth - a pan or brazier of burning coals” was used for heat.” The rich burned wood
in brass or earthen pans, placed in any part of the room; the indigent burned sticks on the floor.”

Jeremiah 36:23, As soon as Jehudi had read three or four columns of the scroll, the king would cut them off with a penknife and throw them on the fire in the firepot. He kept doing so until the whole scroll was burned up in the fire. (NET)

I. As soon as Jehudi had read three or four columns of the scroll, the king* would cut them off with a penknife and throw them on the fire in the firepit.

A. *NET Footnote: Hebrew – he; most agree the referent is the king, though it is possible Jehudi himself did this.

B. A penknife, also known as a scribe’s knife, was a small knife used by scribes to sharpen their writing pens and cut PAPYRUS scrolls. King Jehoiakim used such a knife to destroy the scroll containing Jeremiah’s prophecies. (Nelson’s New Illustrated Bible Dictionary)

C. Jehoiakim showed total disrespect for God’s word entrusted to Jeremiah and read to the people by Baruch. (See Hamilton.)

1. The king’s response to the contents of the scroll was one of utter contempt, the absolute opposite of that evidenced by the court officials in verse 15. (See Hamilton.)

D. Neither Jehoiakim nor his inner advisors felt any fear about destroying the scroll on which God’s word was written.
However, the princes who had reported the scroll to the king urged him not to burn it. (See Smith.)

II. He kept doing so until the whole scroll was burned up in the fire.

A. Also, how unlike his father, good King Josiah, was this despicable action of Josiah.

1. 2 Kings 22:8-13, Hilkiah the high priest informed Shaphan the scribe, “I found the law scroll in the Lord’s temple.” Hilkiah gave the scroll to Shaphan and he read it. Shaphan the scribe went to the king and reported, “Your servants melted down the silver in the temple and handed it over to the construction foremen assigned to the Lord’s temple.” Then Shaphan the scribe told the king, “Hilkiah the priest has given me a scroll.” Shaphan read it out loud before the king. When the king heard the words of the law scroll, he tore his clothes. The king ordered Hilkiah the priest, Ahikam son of Shaphan, Achbor son of Micaiah, Shaphan the scribe, and Asaiah the king’s servant, “Go, seek an oracle from the Lord for me and the people—for all Judah. Find out about the words of this scroll that has been discovered. For the Lord’s fury has been ignited against us, because our ancestors have not obeyed the words of this scroll by doing all that it instructs us to do.” (NET)
Jeremiah 36:24, Neither he nor any of his attendants showed any alarm when they heard all that had been read. Nor did they tear their clothes to show any grief or sorrow. (NET)

I. Neither he nor any of his attendants showed any alarm when they heard all that had been read.

A. Willis well wrote that Jehoiakim regarded the scroll and what was written on it as trash.

B. Jeremiah had experienced rejection previously, all too often.

1. Jeremiah 26:7-11, The priests, the prophets, and all the people heard Jeremiah say these things in the Lord’s temple. Jeremiah had just barely finished saying all the Lord had commanded him to say to all the people. All at once some of the priests, the prophets, and the people grabbed him and shouted, “You deserve to die! How dare you claim the Lord’s authority to prophesy such things! How dare you claim his authority to prophesy that this temple will become like Shiloh and that this city will become an uninhabited ruin!” Then all the people crowded around Jeremiah. However, some of the officials of Judah heard about what was happening and they rushed up to the Lord’s temple from the royal palace. They set up court at the entrance of the New Gate of the Lord’s temple. Then the priests and the prophets made their charges before the officials and all the
people. They said, “This man should be condemned to die because he prophesied against this city. You have heard him do so with your own ears.” (NET)

2. Jeremiah was likely regarded as a traitor by Jehoiakim, an enemy of Jerusalem and a friend of the Babylonian enemies.

C. Neither the king nor his attendants showed any fear, alarm in response to what they heard read about the forecast destruction of Jerusalem. (See The Pulpit Commentary.)

1. 2 Kings 22:11, When the king heard the words of the law scroll, he tore his clothes. (NET)

2. 1 Kings 21:27, When Ahab heard these words, he tore his clothes, put on sackcloth, and fasted. He slept in sackcloth and walked around dejected. (NET)

II. Nor did they tear their clothes to show any grief or sorrow.

A. Tearing clothes was a sign of grief, sorrow, bereavement.

1. No sorrow, tearing clothes or other signs of grief were shown by Jehoiakim and his inner circle of officials because they most certainly were not sorry.

2. Jehoiakim’s “party” did not last. Wonder how he felt when Nebuchadnezzar captured him and hauled him off. . . . and when he died, nobody cared!
Jeremiah 36:25, The king did not even listen to Elnathan, Delaiah, and Gemariah, who had urged him not to burn the scroll. (NET)

I. The king did not even listen to Elnathan, Delaiah, and Gemariah, who had urged him not to burn the scroll.

A. These leaders urged the king not to burn the scroll, but Jehoiakim would not listen!

B. One of these, Elnathan, was sent to Egypt to bring the prophet Uriah back to Jerusalem where Jehoiakim murdered, executed him.

1. Uriah’s crime? Daring to preach things similar to what Jeremiah preached.

a. Jeremiah 26:20-23, Now there was another man who prophesied as the Lord’s representative against this city and this land just as Jeremiah did. His name was Uriah son of Shemaiah from Kiriath Jearim. When the king and all his bodyguards and officials heard what he was prophesying, the king sought to have him executed. But Uriah found out about it and fled to Egypt out of fear. However, King Jehoiakim sent some men to Egypt, including Elnathan son of Achbor, and they brought Uriah back from there. They took him to King Jehoiakim, who had him executed and had his body thrown
into the burial place of the common people.  
(NET)

Jeremiah 36:26, He also ordered Jerahmeel, who was one of the royal princes, Seraiah son of Azriel, and Shelemiah son of Abdeel to arrest the scribe Baruch and the prophet Jeremiah. However, the Lord hid them.  
(NET)

I. He also ordered Jerahmeel, who was one of the royal princes, Seraiah son of Azriel, and Shelemiah son of Abdeel to arrest the scribe Baruch and the prophet Jeremiah.

A. Jerahmeel was an official of King Jehoiakim of Judah sent to arrest Baruch the scribe and Jeremiah the prophet. Jerahmeel is called “the king’s son”; that is, one of the royal princes, in this verse.  
(Nelson’s New Illustrated Bible Dictionary)

B. This Seraiah was a priest, son of Azriel.  He was sent to capture, arrest Jeremiah and his secretary – scribe, Baruch.  
(Nelson’s New Illustrated Bible Dictionary)

C. Azriel was father of Seraiah of whom little else is known.

D. Shelemiah, son of Abdeel, was one of the delegation King Jehoiakim sent to arrest Baruch and Jeremiah.

E. Abdeel was the father of Shelemiah.  Little else is known of Abdeel.

F. Jehoiakim burned the scroll on which God’s word through Jeremiah had been written.  He then tried to arrest Jeremiah and Baruch.
1. Jehoiakim had made God mad at him.

2. Jehoiakim soon found out that it is not smart to make God mad at you. In fact, it is a stupid, dumb thing to do!

II. However, the Lord hid them.

A. Jerahmeel was sent to arrest Jeremiah and Baruch but he could not find them because they had been warned to hide and the Lord helped them hide so as not to be found.

B. The Lord did not permit them to be found (Clarke) . . . saved them from discovery. (The Pulpit Commentary)

III. There were many “royal princes” in Judah because kings often had more than one wife and many children and because anyone who had a king in his ancestry would be considered a “royal prince.” (See The Pulpit Commentary.)

A. Related references: . . .

1. Jeremiah 38:6, So the officials took Jeremiah and put him in the cistern of Malkijah, one of the royal princes, that was in the courtyard of the guardhouse. There was no water in the cistern, only mud. So when they lowered Jeremiah into the cistern with ropes he sank in the mud. (NET)

2. 1 Kings 22:26, Then the king of Israel said, “Take Micaiah and return him to Amon the city official and Joash the king’s son. (NET)
3. 2 Kings 11:1-2, When Athaliah the mother of Ahaziah saw that her son was dead, she was determined to destroy the entire royal line. So Jehosheba, the daughter of King Joram and sister of Ahaziah, took Ahaziah’s son Joash and sneaked him away from the rest of the royal descendants who were to be executed. She hid him and his nurse in the room where the bed covers were stored. So he was hidden from Athaliah and escaped execution. (NET)

4. Zephaniah 1:8, “On the day of the Lord’s sacrificial meal, I will punish the princes and the king’s sons, and all who wear foreign styles of clothing. (NET)

5. Jeremiah 17:9, The human mind is more deceitful than anything else. It is incurably bad. Who can understand it? (NET)

Baruch and Jeremiah Write Another Scroll

Jeremiah 36:27, The Lord spoke to Jeremiah after Jehoiakim had burned the scroll containing what Jeremiah had spoken and Baruch had written down. (NET)

I. The Lord spoke to Jeremiah after Jehoiakim had burned the scroll containing what Jeremiah had spoken and Baruch had written down.
A. Evidently the danger which led to Jeremiah’s and Baruch’s need to hide had subsided and Jeremiah and Baruch resumed their ministry.

1. Danger, imprisonment, rejection and threat of death did not cause Jeremiah to waver in his service to God.

Jeremiah 36:28, “Get another scroll* and write on it everything that was written on the original scroll that King Jehoiakim of Judah burned. (NET)

I. “Get another scroll* and write on it everything that was written on the original scroll that King Jehoiakim of Judah burned.

A. *NET Footnote: Hebrew – the first (or former) scroll.

B. Sinners may be able to burn a copy of the scriptures, but God’s word is eternal, will stand forever!

1. God’s word lived in Jeremiah’s heart. He and Baruch simply made another copy of the material on the first scroll and added a few choice words for Jehoiakim.

C. This second scroll contained all the things which were on the first scroll.

1. To the original contents were added heavy judgments which were to befall Jehoiakim and his inner circle of advisors. (See Clarke.)

Jeremiah 36:29, Tell King Jehoiakim of Judah, ‘The Lord says, ‘You burned the scroll. You asked Jeremiah, ‘How dare you write in this scroll that the king of Babylon will
certainly come and destroy this land and wipe out all the people and animals on it?’” (NET)

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A. Willis wrote that Jehoiakim believed in the inviolability of Jerusalem and the Davidic dynasty.

1. 1 Kings 2:4, and the Lord will fulfill his promise to me, ‘If your descendants watch their step and live faithfully in my presence with all their heart and being, then,’ he promised, ‘you will not fail to have a successor on the throne of Israel.’ (NET)

2. 2 Samuel 7:12-16, We will come against him wherever he happens to be found. We will descend on him like the dew falls on the ground. Neither he nor any of the men who are with him will be spared alive—not one of them! If he regroups in a city, all Israel will take up ropes to that city and drag it down to the valley, so that not a single pebble will be left there!” Then Absalom and all the men of Israel said, “The advice of Hushai the Arkite sounds better than the advice of Ahithophel.” Now the Lord had decided to frustrate the sound advice of Ahithophel, so that the Lord could bring disaster on Absalom. Then Hushai reported to Zadok and Abiathar the priests, “Here is what Ahithophel
has advised Absalom and the leaders of Israel to do, and here is what I have advised. Now send word quickly to David and warn him, “Don’t spend the night at the fords of the desert tonight. Instead, be sure you cross over, or else the king and everyone who is with him may be overwhelmed.” (NET)

3. 1 Kings 8:25, Now, O Lord, God of Israel, keep the promise you made to your servant, my father David, when you said, ‘You will never fail to have a successor ruling before me on the throne of Israel, provided that your descendants watch their step and serve me as you have done.’ (NET)

4. 1 Kings 9:5, Then I will allow your dynasty to rule over Israel permanently, just as I promised your father David, ‘You will not fail to have a successor on the throne of Israel.’ (NET)

5. Jehoiakim failed to understand the conditionality of these promises. (Willis)

B. What is said here does not take away the promise to David altogether, but it does take away Jehoiakim’s participation in that promise. (Willis)

1. In Matthew’s genealogy of Christ, Jehoiakim is skipped. (See Willis.)

2. Jesus is said to be the son of Jeconiah, the son of Josiah. (See Willis.)
a. Matthew 1:11, and Josiah the father of Jeconiah and his brothers, at the time of the deportation to Babylon. (NET)

Jeremiah 36:30, So the Lord says concerning King Jehoiakim of Judah, “None of his line will occupy the throne of David. His dead body will be thrown out to be exposed to scorching heat by day and frost by night. (NET)

I. So the Lord says concerning King Jehoiakim of Judah, “None of his line will occupy the throne of David.”

A. Jeremiah 22:18-19, So the Lord has this to say about Josiah’s son, King Jehoiakim of Judah: People will not mourn for him, saying, “This makes me sad, my brother! This makes me sad, my sister!” They will not mourn for him, saying, “Poor, poor lord! Poor, poor majesty!” He will be left unburied just like a dead donkey. His body will be dragged off and thrown outside the gates of Jerusalem.” (NET)

B. Jehoiakim was followed by his son, Jehoiachin, who reigned for only three months. . . . and that was the end of his line on the throne of David.

II. His dead body will be thrown out to be exposed to scorching heat by day and frost by night.

A. Jehoiakim would die at the hands of the Babylonians, be given no proper burial, and his son, Jehoiachin, would reign only three months.
1. 2 Kings 24:8, Jehoiachin was eighteen years old when he became king, and he reigned three months in Jerusalem. His mother was Nehushta the daughter of Elnathan, from Jerusalem. (NET)

2. Jeremiah 22:18-19, So the Lord has this to say about Josiah’s son, King Jehoiakim of Judah: People will not mourn for him, saying, “This makes me sad, my brother! This makes me sad, my sister!” They will not mourn for him, saying, “Poor, poor lord! Poor, poor majesty!” He will be left unburied just like a dead donkey. His body will be dragged off and thrown outside the gates of Jerusalem.” (NET)

B. On another scroll, Baruch wrote all that was on the first scroll. At Jeremiah’s direction, additions were added to the effect, Smith advised, that Jehoiakim would have no descendant to reign after him in perpetuity, his body would not be buried, his servants would be punished, and calamity would befall the people of Jerusalem. (See Smith.)

Jeremiah 36:31, I will punish him and his descendants and the officials who serve him for the wicked things they have done. I will bring on them, the citizens of Jerusalem, and the people of Judah all the disaster that I threatened to do to them. I will punish them because I threatened them but they still paid no heed.”” (NET)

I. I will punish him and his descendants and the officials who serve him for the wicked things they have done.
A. How Jehoiakim was killed is not stated in Scripture, but Bromiley suggested he may have been killed in battle.

B. He was in death deprived of a royal funeral. His body was given the burial of an ass – his body was cast out beyond the gates of Jerusalem.

1. Jeremiah 36:27-32, The Lord spoke to Jeremiah after Jehoiakim had burned the scroll containing what Jeremiah had spoken and Baruch had written down. “Get another scroll and write on it everything that was written on the original scroll that King Jehoiakim of Judah burned. Tell King Jehoiakim of Judah, ‘The Lord says, ‘You burned the scroll. You asked Jeremiah, ‘How dare you write in this scroll that the king of Babylon will certainly come and destroy this land and wipe out all the people and animals on it?’’” So the Lord says concerning King Jehoiakim of Judah, “None of his line will occupy the throne of David. His dead body will be thrown out to be exposed to scorching heat by day and frost by night. I will punish him and his descendants and the officials who serve him for the wicked things they have done. I will bring on them, the citizens of Jerusalem, and the people of Judah all the disaster that I threatened to do to them. I will punish them because I threatened them but they still paid no heed.”” Then Jeremiah got another scroll and gave it to the scribe Baruch son of Neriah. As Jeremiah dictated, Baruch wrote on this scroll everything that had been on the scroll that King Jehoiakim
of Judah burned in the fire. They also added on this scroll several other messages of the same kind. (NET)

2. Jeremiah 22:18-19, So the Lord has this to say about Josiah’s son, King Jehoiakim of Judah: People will not mourn for him, saying, “This makes me sad, my brother! This makes me sad, my sister!” They will not mourn for him, saying, “Poor, poor lord! Poor, poor majesty!” He will be left unburied just like a dead donkey. His body will be dragged off and thrown outside the gates of Jerusalem.” (NET)

II. I will bring on them, the citizens of Jerusalem, and the people of Judah all the disaster that I threatened to do to them.

A. The Davidic dynasty and the people of Jerusalem were inseparably joined and both would be severely punished. (See Willis.)

1. 1 Kings 8:16, He told David, ‘Since the day I brought my people Israel out of Egypt, I have not chosen a city from all the tribes of Israel to build a temple in which to live. But I have chosen David to lead my people Israel.’ (NET)

2. 2 Chronicles 6:5-6, He told David, ‘Since the day I brought my people out of the land of Egypt, I have not chosen a city from all the tribes of Israel to build a temple in which to live. Nor did I choose a man as leader of my people Israel. But now I have chosen Jerusalem as a
place to live, and I have chosen David to lead my people Israel.’ (NET)

3. Jeremiah 35:17, So I, the Lord, the God who rules over all, the God of Israel, say: “I will soon bring on Judah and all the citizens of Jerusalem all the disaster that I threatened to bring on them. I will do this because I spoke to them but they did not listen. I called out to them but they did not answer.’”” (NET)

4. Jeremiah 19:15, “The Lord God of Israel who rules over all says, ‘I will soon bring on this city and all the towns surrounding it all the disaster I threatened to do to it. I will do so because they have stubbornly refused to pay any attention to what I have said!’” (NET)

III. I will punish them because I threatened them but they still paid no heed’’’

A. The people of Jerusalem did not listen, paid not heed to what God told them.

1. To say the least, this was a big mistake!

2. This had been a longstanding, widespread problem.

   a. Jeremiah 5:21, Tell them: ‘Hear this, you foolish people who have no understanding, who have eyes but do not discern, who have ears but do not perceive: (NET)
b. Isaiah 6:9-10, He said, “Go and tell these people: ‘Listen continually, but don’t understand! Look continually, but don’t perceive!’ Make the hearts of these people calloused; make their ears deaf and their eyes blind! Otherwise they might see with their eyes and hear with their ears, their hearts might understand and they might repent and be healed.” (NET)

c. Acts 28:25-28, So they began to leave, unable to agree among themselves, after Paul made one last statement: “The Holy Spirit spoke rightly to your ancestors through the prophet Isaiah when he said, ‘Go to this people and say, “You will keep on hearing, but will never understand, and you will keep on looking, but will never perceive. For the heart of this people has become dull, and their ears are hard of hearing, and they have closed their eyes, so that they would not see with their eyes and hear with their ears and understand with their heart and turn, and I would heal them.”’ “Therefore be advised that this salvation from God has been sent to the Gentiles; they will listen!” (NET)

Jeremiah 36:32, Then Jeremiah got another scroll and gave it to the scribe Baruch son of Neriah. As Jeremiah dictated, Baruch wrote on this scroll everything that had been on the scroll that King Jehoiakim of Judah burned in
the fire. They also added on this scroll several other messages of the same kind. (NET)

I. Then Jeremiah got another scroll and gave it to the scribe Baruch son of Neriah.

   A. Jeremiah obtained a replacement scroll and work began to duplicate, with certain additions, the text of the first scroll.

      1. Accuracy was no problem as they were guided, inspired by the Holy Spirit.

      2. The Lord simply would not allow his word to be destroyed.

         a. Matthew 5:18, I tell you the truth, until heaven and earth pass away not the smallest letter or stroke of a letter will pass from the law until everything takes place. (NET)

         b. Matthew 24:35, Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will never pass away. (NET)

II. As Jeremiah dictated, Baruch wrote on this scroll everything that had been on the scroll that King Jehoiakim of Judah burned in the fire.

   A. The contents of the second scroll to this point was an exact duplication of the material which was on the first scroll.
III. They also added on this scroll several other messages of the same kind.

   A. Additional messages relating to the matters written on the first scroll were appended to the contents of the second scroll.

**Conclusion:**

I. Sinners may: . . .

   A. burn God’s Word, but it is not even singed.

   B. disbelieve God’s Word, but it’s truth shines as brightly as ever.

   C. disobey God’s Word, but it still says what it has always said.

   D. persecute those who believe it, but multiplied millions believe it so strongly they have been burned at the stake, imprisoned, mauled by wild animals with unwavering faith in their hearts.

1. **Hebrews 11:32-40**, And what more shall I say? For time will fail me if I tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets. Through faith they conquered kingdoms, administered justice, gained what was promised, shut the mouths of lions, quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, gained strength in weakness, became
mighty in battle, put foreign armies to flight, and
women received back their dead raised to life. But others were tortured, not accepting release, to
obtain resurrection to a better life. And others
experienced mocking and flogging, and even
chains and imprisonment. They were stoned,
sawed apart, murdered with the sword; they went about in sheepskins and goatskins; they were destitute, afflicted, ill-treated (the world was not worthy of them); they wandered in deserts and mountains and caves and openings in the earth. And these all were commended for their faith, yet they did not receive what was promised. For God had provided something better for us, so that they would be made perfect together with us. (NET)

II. This scribe has a number of Bibles in his home which are respected, read, studied and regarded as the sole rule of faith and practice.

A. By the way, whatever happened to “what’s his name,” Jehoiakim?

B. Coffman wrote, “We are reminded that Jehoiakim was not the last ruler to attempt to rid himself of God’s word by burning the written records of it. Hitler and his evil associates burned the Bible at Nuramburg in 1933, with the same disastrous consequences for himself and his kingdom as those which overcame Jehoiakim and his kingdom."
Questions

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Jeremiah 36:1-32

1. Compare and contrast the attitudes of Josiah and his son Jehoiakim toward God’s word. ___________________________
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2. What accounted for this marked difference toward God’s word by this father and son? ___________________________
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3. How would you describe Jehoiakim’s character and actions? ___________________________
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4. When did the things mentioned in Jeremiah 36 occur? What was happening in the Near Middle East at that time? __________
5. At the time of the events recorded in Jeremiah, how long had Jeremiah been a prophet? How long had Jehoiakim been king in Jerusalem? How long had Nebuchadnezzar been king in Babylon?

6. In your own words, what did Jeremiah’s message on the first scroll say?

7. How were the messages on the first and second scrolls alike? What was added to the message on the second scroll?

8. Of what material were these scrolls made? In what format was material written on scrolls?
9. How did people of antiquity regard the written word as compared with the spoken word? Which would be expected to be more respected, what Jeremiah said or what Jeremiah wrote? ___

10. What is meant by “a roll of a book”? __________________

11. What was Jeremiah’s reason for writing his message on a scroll? _______________________________________________

12. ____________’s ____________ and ____________ are truly ____________, beyond ____________ ____________. Even now, at this ____________ ____________, ____________ could
if only they would __________ ____________’s ___________, ____________ and ____________ in ___________ with ____________’s ____________. Regrettably they did not _____________ and ____________ was ____________.

13. Who was Baruch? How were he and Jeremiah associated? __

14. What did Jeremiah ask Baruch to do? (See verses 4.) ______

15. Why was Jeremiah no longer allowed to go into the Lord’s temple? ________________________

16. What did Jeremiah ask Baruch to do? (See verse 6.) _______

17. When was Baruch to do as Jeremiah asked? (See verse 6.) What fast was chosen for the time this was to be done? Why was this particular time chosen? ___________________________ ___________________________ ___________________________ ___________________________ ___________________________

18. __________ brought his ___________ ____________ and ___________ against the ____________ of ___________ because of their __________ and __________ to __________ over a ____________ ____________ of ____________.

19. What word best describes the extent to which Baruch complied with Jeremiah’s request? (See verse 8.) What lesson is there in this for us? ___________________________ ___________________________ ___________________________ ___________________________ ___________________________

20. When did Baruch read the scroll in the temple? How much time passed between the writing of the scroll and its being read in the temple? How long did it take to read the entire scroll? ___ ___________________________ ___________________________________ ___________________________ ___________________________________ ___________________________ ___________________________________
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22. Who was Shaphan? ____________________________________________
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23. Who was Micaiah? ____________________________________________
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24. Exactly where in the temple did Baruch read the scroll? Why was this particular place chosen as the place for the reading of the scroll? ____________________________________________
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25. To whom did Micaiah report the scroll reading? Why did he report the scroll reading to this group of people? Where were they at the time? ____________________________________________
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27. Who was Delaiah? _____________________________________________
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28. Who was Shemaiah? ____________________________________________
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29. Who was Elnathan? ____________________________________________
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30. Who was Achbor? _______________________________________

31. Who was Zedekiah? ______________________________________

32. Who was Hananiah? ______________________________________

33. Who was Jehudi? What did he do? (See verse 14.) ________

34. Who was Nethaniah? ______________________________________
35. Who was Cushi? 

36. The __________ via __________ __________ to, “____________ here and ____________ with you the __________ you ____________ in the __________ of the _____________. So __________ went to them ____________ the ____________ in his _____________.

37. What request did these officials make of Baruch? (See verse 15.) How did these people feel toward Jeremiah, Baruch and their message? 

38. Why did these officials report the contents of the scroll to King Jehoiakim?
39. What was their reaction to hearing the contents of the scroll? (See verse 16.) Why did they react in this way? ______________________________
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40. Why were these officials concerned about how Baruch had come to write the contents of the scroll? What was Baruch’s answer to their inquiry as to the source of the material he had read to them? ______________________________
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41. What advice did these officials give Baruch and Jeremiah? What does this advice tell us about their attitude toward Jeremiah, Baruch and their work? Why were Baruch and Jeremiah successful in avoiding arrest? ______________________________
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42. What did the officials do with the scroll? Why didn’t they take it directly to the king? ______________________________
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43. __________ had brought __________ and the __________ to the __________ ______________ of __________ (See verse 14.) and now he is sent to bring the __________ to __________ and his ______________ ______________ of __________. (See Willis.)

44. Who read the scroll to the king and his advisors? How many times will the scroll now have been read? How long did it take to read the scroll? How many days passed between the time Baruch entered the temple with the scroll and the time the king had heard the reading of the scroll? ____________________________

45. When was the scroll read to the king? Where was the king when he heard the scroll read? Why was this important to the narrative? __________________________________________

46. Describe the firepot used to heat the king’s quarters. How did heating methods vary between the rich and poor? __________
47. What was a “penknife”? Describe a “penknife” and specify for what it was intended to be used. How did Jehoiakim use a “penknife”? ____________________________________________________________
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48. Describe Jehoiakim’s attitude and the attitudes of his advisors toward the contents of the scroll and toward Jeremiah and Baruch. ____________________________________________________________
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49. What things did Jehoiakim and his closest advisors not do that show their attitudes toward Jeremiah and his prognostications? ____________________________________________________________
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50. Who was Uriah? What happened to him? Who was instrumental in his return to Jerusalem? What advice did this
person now give Jehoiakim? Did Jehoiakim follow this advice? Had this person changed his position in regard to prophets and prophecies? ___________________________________________
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51. Who was Jerahmeel? ____________________________________________
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52. Who was Seraiah? __________________________________________
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53. Who was Azriel? __________________________________________
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54. Who was Shelemiah? _______________________________________
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55. Who was Abdeel? __________________________________________

56. What order did Jehoiakim give Jerahmeel, Seraiah and Shelemiah? Did they succeed in obeying the king's order? If not, why not? __________________________________________

57. ___________, ___________, ___________ and ___________ of ____________ did not cause ____________ to ____________ in his ____________ to ____________.

58. Consequently, after sufficient time had passed since their going into ____________ to insure their safety, ____________ and ____________ set about to make a duplicate copy of the original scroll. They were doing what God had commanded them to do. __________________________________________
59. In addition, God had a few “choice words” for Jehoiakim? What were these “choice words”? _______________________
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64. God promised to punish _____________ and his ___________ and the officials who serve him because of the ___________ things they had done.

65. God promised to bring on them, the ___________ of ___________, and the ___________ of ___________ all the ___________ that he had ___________ to do to them. God would ___________ them because he ___________ them but they still ___________ ___________ ___________.

66. ___________ got another ___________ and gave it to the ___________ ___________. As ___________ ___________ ___________ on this ___________ ___________ that had been on the ___________ that ___________ ___________ of ___________ ___________ in the ___________.

67. They also ___________ on this ___________ ___________ other ___________ of the ___________ ___________.

68. 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