

Providence Reformed Baptist Church – Sunday, June 22, 2025

Sermon Series: The Potter & the Clay – Jeremiah/Lamentations

Message 42. Jeremiah's Scroll – Jeremiah 36:1-32

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God's Words to Jeremiah the prophet are read to the people, then the officials, and then the King of Judah. The people are apathetic to the Word, the officials are alarmed and afraid, and the King is angry and adamant – he burns the scroll in the fire. The consequences include judgment, destruction, and the end of Jehoiakim's line on the throne.

- I. Perhaps They Will Hear and Repent – vs. 1-3
 - A. Date: 605 (Carchemish) to 604 (Askelon) BC
 - B. Twenty-three Years of Ministry for Jeremiah (chs. 1-25)
 - C. Hope: Hear – Repent – Be Forgiven
- II. Words from God to Jeremiah to Baruch – vs. 4-10
 - A. Jeremiah Barred from the Temple
 - B. Dictates to Baruch to Write and then Read
 - C. Perhaps! (the hope of repentance remains)
 - D. A Fast – Babylonians Approach
 - E. God's Word Read from God's House
- III. Come, Read! Go, Hide! – vs. 11-19
 - A. Micaiah (Sec. of State), son of Gemariah, son of Shaphan – 2 Kings 22:8-10
 - B. Alarmed by the Word of the Lord
 - C. Tell the King!
 - D. Who Wrote This? Go – Hide!
- IV. Burn It! – vs. 20-26
 - A. Before They Finished Reading it was Cut Up and Thrown into the Fire
 - B. Opposite of Josiah's Reaction – 2 Kings 22:11
 - C. Get Jeremiah and Baruch!
 - D. Yahweh Hid Them
- V. King Jehoiakim Deposed – vs. 27-31
 - A. Write it Again
 - B. Jehoiakim's Line Ends
 1. Son taken to Babylon and never returned
 2. Jehoiakim's brother, Zedekiah was appointed King by Nebuchadnezzar
 3. Josephus wrote that when Jerusalem fell in 586 BC, Jehoiakim's body was exhumed and left in the elements due to his rebellion against Nebuchadnezzar
- VI. A Second, Expanded Edition – vs. 32
- VII. Application: Ways that We Burn/Ignore God's Word
 - A. We Doubt – James 1:5-8
 - B. We Deny – James 3:8-18
 - C. We Disobey
 1. Hear and don't do - James 1:22
 2. Love in word only – James 2:14-17
 3. Know right, but don't do it – James 4:17
 - D. We Disregard (Apathy) – James 5:1-5; Rev. 3:14-22

Cross References

2 Kings 22:8-10

8 Then Hilkiah the high priest said to Shaphan the scribe, "I have found the book of the law in the house of Yahweh." And Hilkiah gave the book to Shaphan and he read it. 9 Then Shaphan the scribe came to the king and responded to the king with a word and said, "Your servants have poured out the money that was found in the house and have given it into the hand of those who do the work, who have the oversight of the house of Yahweh." 10 Moreover, Shaphan the scribe told the king saying, "Hilkiah the priest has given me a book." And Shaphan read it in the presence of the king.

2 Kings 22:11

11 Now it happened that when the king heard the words of the book of the law, he tore his clothes.

James 1:5-8

5 But if any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all generously and without reproach, and it will be given to him. 6 But he must ask in faith, doubting nothing, for the one who doubts is like the surf of the sea, driven and tossed by the wind. 7 For that man ought not to expect that he will receive anything from the Lord, 8 being a double-minded man, unstable in all his ways.

James 3:8-18

8 But no one can tame the tongue; it is a restless evil and full of deadly poison. 9 With it we bless our Lord and Father, and with it we curse men, who have been made in the likeness of God. 10 From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers, these things ought not to be so. 11 Does a fountain pour forth from the same opening fresh and bitter water? 12 Can a fig tree, my brothers, produce olives, or a vine produce figs? Nor can saltwater produce fresh. 13 Who among you is wise and understanding? Let him show by his good conduct his works in the gentleness of wisdom. 14 But if you have bitter jealousy and selfish ambition in your heart, do not be arrogant and so lie against the truth. 15 This wisdom is not coming down from above, but is earthly, natural, demonic. 16 For where jealousy and selfish ambition exist, there is disorder and every evil practice. 17 But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, considerate, submissive, full of mercy and good fruits, without doubting, without hypocrisy. 18 And the fruit of righteousness is sown in peace by those who make peace.

James 1:22

22 But become doers of the word, and not merely hearers who delude themselves.

James 2:14-17

14 What use is it, my brothers, if someone says he has faith but he has no works? Can that faith save him? 15 If a brother or sister is without clothing and in need of daily food, 16 and one of you says to them, "Go in peace, be warmed and be filled," and yet you do not give them what is necessary for their body, what use is that? 17 Even so faith, if it has no works, is dead by itself.

James 4:17

17 Therefore, to one who knows to do the right thing and does not do it, to him it is sin.

James 5:1-5

5 Come now, you rich, cry, howling over your miseries which are coming upon you. 2 Your riches have rotted and your garments have become moth-eaten. 3 Your gold and your silver have rusted, and their

corrosion will be a witness against you and will consume your flesh like fire. You have stored up such treasure in the last days! 4 Behold, the pay of the laborers who mowed your fields—that which has been withheld by you—cries out against you; and the outcries of those who did the harvesting have reached the ears of the Lord of Sabaoth. 5 You have lived luxuriously on the earth and lived in self-indulgence. You have fattened your hearts in a day of slaughter.

Revelation 3:14-22

14 “And to the angel of the church in Laodicea write: This is what the Amen, the faithful and true Witness, the Beginning of the creation of God, says: 15 ‘I know your deeds, that you are neither cold nor hot. I wish that you were cold or hot. 16 So because you are lukewarm, and neither hot nor cold, I will spit you out of My mouth. 17 Because you say, “I am rich, and have become wealthy, and have need of nothing,” and you do not know that you are wretched and pitiable and poor and blind and naked. 18 I advise you to buy from Me gold refined by fire so that you may become rich, and white garments so that you may clothe yourself, and that the shame of your nakedness will not be manifested; and eye salve to anoint your eyes so that you may see. 19 Those whom I love, I reprove and discipline. Therefore be zealous and repent. 20 Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and will dine with him, and he with Me. 21 He who overcomes, I will grant to him to sit down with Me on My throne, as I also overcame and sat down with My Father on His throne. 22 He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.’”