

God's Word Never Fails – Part 2

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Jeremiah.36:22-24

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24 Yet the king and all his servants who heard all these words did not tremble in fear, nor did they tear their garments.

I. Preservation of the Word of God!

Jeremiah 36:1-3.

1 In the fourth year of Jehoiakim the son of Josiah, king of Judah, this word came to Jeremiah from the LORD, saying,

2 "Take a [a]scroll and write on it all the words which I have spoken to you concerning Israel, Judah, and all the nations, from the day I first spoke to you, from the days of Josiah, even to this day.

3 Perhaps the house of Judah will listen to all the disaster which I plan to carry out against them, so that every person will turn from his evil way; then I will forgive their wrongdoing and their sin."

II. Recording of the Word of God!

Jeremiah 36:4-8.

4 Then Jeremiah called Baruch the son of Neriah, and Baruch wrote on a scroll at the dictation of Jeremiah all the words of the LORD which He had spoken to him. 5 Jeremiah then commanded Baruch, saying, "I am restricted; I cannot go into the house of the LORD.

6 So you go and read from the scroll, which you have written [e]at my dictation, the words of the LORD [f]to the people at the LORD'S house on a day of fasting. And you shall also read them [g]to all the people of Judah who come from their cities.

7 Perhaps their pleading will [h]come before the LORD, and everyone will turn from his evil way; for great is the anger and the wrath that the LORD has pronounced against this people."

8 So Baruch the son of Neriah acted in accordance with all that Jeremiah the prophet commanded him, reading from the book the words of the LORD in the LORD'S house.

III. Investigation of the Word of God!

Jeremiah 36:17-19.

17 Then they asked Baruch, saying, "Tell us, please, how did you write all these words? Was it at Jeremiah's dictation?"

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18 And Baruch said to them, "He dictated all these words to me, and I wrote them with ink on the book."

IV. Destruction of the Word of God!

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

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24 Yet the king and all his servants who heard all these words did not tremble in fear, nor did they tear their garments.

V. Indestructible Word of God!

Jeremiah 36:27-28.

27 Then the word of the LORD came to Jeremiah after the king had burned the scroll and the words which Baruch had written [j]at the dictation of Jeremiah, saying,

28 "Take again another scroll and write on it all the previous words that were on the first scroll, which Jehoiakim the king of Judah burned.

VI. Recording of Word of God again!

Jeremiah 36:32.

32 Then Jeremiah took another scroll and gave it to the scribe Baruch the son of Neriah, and he wrote on it at the [m]dictation of Jeremiah all the words of the book which Jehoiakim king of Judah had burned in the fire; and many [n]similar words were added to them.

VII. God's Word seems to fail?

Jeremiah 37:5.

5 Meanwhile, Pharaoh's army had set out from Egypt; and when the Chaldeans who had been besieging Jerusalem heard the report about them, they withdrew from Jerusalem.

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VIII. NO! God's Word will never fail!

Jeremiah 37:6-10.

6Then the word of the LORD came to Jeremiah the prophet, saying,

7“This is what the LORD, the God of Israel says: ‘This is what you are to say to the king of Judah, who sent you to Me to inquire of Me: “Behold, Pharaoh’s army, which has come out to help you, is going to return to its own land of Egypt.

8Then the Chaldeans will return and fight against this city, and they will capture it and burn it with fire.”

9This is what the LORD says: ‘Do not deceive yourselves, saying, “The Chaldeans will certainly go away from us,” for they will not go.

10 For even if you had defeated the entire army of Chaldeans who were fighting against you, and there were only wounded men left among them, each man in his tent, they would rise up and burn this city with fire.”

IX. Suffering due to the Word of God!

Jeremiah 37:13,14.

13While he was at the Gate of Benjamin, a captain of the guard whose name was Irijah, the son of Shelemiah the son of Hananiah was there; and he arrested Jeremiah the prophet, saying, “You are deserting to the Chaldeans!”

14But Jeremiah said, “A lie! I am not deserting to the Chaldeans”; yet he would not listen to him.

X. To believe the Word or not?

Jeremiah 37:17-19.

17Now King Zedekiah sent men and took him out; and in his palace the king secretly asked him and said, “Is there a word from the LORD?” And Jeremiah said, “There is!” Then he said, “You will be handed over to the king of Babylon!”

18Moreover, Jeremiah said to King Zedekiah, “In what way have I sinned against you, or your servants, or this people, that you have put me in prison?

19And where are your prophets who prophesied to you, saying, ‘The king of Babylon will not come against you or against this land’?

XI. More sufferings due to the Word of God!

Jeremiah 37:21.

21Then King Zedekiah gave a command, and they placed Jeremiah in custody in the courtyard of the guardhouse and gave him a loaf of bread daily from the bakers’ street, until all the bread in the city was gone. So Jeremiah remained in the courtyard of the guardhouse.

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Jeremiah 38:4-6

4Then the officials said to the king, "Please have this man put to death, since he is [a]discouraging the men of war who are left in this city and [b]all the people, by speaking words like these to them; for this man is not seeking the well-being of this people, but rather their harm."

5And King Zedekiah said, "Behold, he is in your [c]hands; for the king can do nothing against you."

6So they took Jeremiah and threw him into the cistern of Malchijah the king's son, which was in the courtyard of the guardhouse; and they let Jeremiah down with ropes. Now in the cistern there was no water but only mud, and Jeremiah sank into the mud.

Jeremiah 38:8-10.

8 and Ebed-melech went out from the king's palace and spoke to the king, saying,

9 "My lord the king, these men have acted wickedly in all that they have done to Jeremiah the prophet whom they have thrown into the cistern; and he will die right where he is because of the famine, for there is no more bread in the city."

10 Then the king commanded Ebed-melech the Ethiopian, saying, "Take thirty men from here [e]under your authority and bring Jeremiah the prophet up from the cistern before he dies."

Jeremiah 38:11-13

11 So Ebed-melech took the men under his [f]authority and went into the king's palace to a place beneath the storeroom, and took from there worn-out clothes and worn-out rags, and let them down by ropes into the cistern to Jeremiah.

12 Then Ebed-melech the Ethiopian said to Jeremiah, "Now put these worn-out clothes and rags under your armpits under the ropes"; and Jeremiah did so.

13 So they pulled Jeremiah out with the ropes and lifted him out of the cistern, and Jeremiah stayed in the courtyard of the guardhouse.

XII. Can Egypt save them, and prove God's Word is false?

Jeremiah 43:1-3.

1 But as soon as Jeremiah, whom the LORD their God had sent to them, had finished telling all the people all the words of the LORD their God—that is, all these words—

2 Azariah the son of Hoshaiah, Johanan the son of Kareah, and all the arrogant men said to Jeremiah, "You are telling a lie! The LORD our God has not sent you to say, 'You are not to enter Egypt to reside there';

3 but Baruch the son of Neriah is inciting you against us in order to hand us over to the Chaldeans, so they will put us to death or exile us to Babylon!"

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XIII. The ambitious scribe - Baruch!

Jeremiah 45:1-5.

1 This is the message which Jeremiah the prophet spoke to Baruch the son of Neriah, when he had written these words in a book [a] at Jeremiah's dictation, in the fourth year of Jehoiakim the son of Josiah, king of Judah, saying:

2 "This is what the LORD, the God of Israel says to you, Baruch:

3 "You said, 'Oh, woe to me! For the LORD has added grief to my pain; I am weary with my groaning and have found no rest.'"

4 This is what you are to say to him: 'This is what the LORD says: "Behold, what I have built I am going to tear down, and what I have planted I am going to uproot, that is, all the people of the land."

5 But as for you, are you seeking great things for yourself? Do not seek them; for behold, I am going to bring disaster on all flesh,' declares the LORD, 'but I will give your life to you as plunder in all the places where you may go.'"

Conclusion

Remember the Word of God.

Preserve the Word of God

Indestructible Word

Persecution is inevitable

Never failing Word