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Much of what Jeremiah wrote was current history when he lived in 600BC; nonetheless... a closer look at what he recorded serves a dual purpose not only speaking to faithless Judah and Jerusalem and lessons that caused the LORD to send them to Babylonian captivity; but also as a reminder to the faithful in both HOUSES **Israel** and **Judah** and to each of us... what to expect wherever we go throughout history, until Messiah comes to rule with a rod of iron.



¹ And it happened in the fourth year of Jehoiakim the son of King Josiah of **Judah, that this word came to Jeremiah from the LORD, saying,**

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

³ It may be when the house of **Judah hears all the calamity that I intend for them; they will each turn from his evil way; that I may pardon their inequity and sin.**

⁴ So Jeremiah summoned Baruch the son of Neriah: and Baruch wrote on the scroll of the book, while Jeremiah dictated to him all the words of the LORD, that He spoke to him.

⁵ Then Jeremiah told Baruch, saying, I am barred; I cannot enter the House of the LORD:

⁶ so you must go, and read aloud on a day of fasting in the House of the LORD, the words of the LORD which you have written on the scroll, as I dictated to you; the people are to hear: and also you must read them aloud to all **Judah who come from their cities.**

⁷ Perhaps they will present their requests before the LORD, and turn everyone from his evil way: for fierce is the anger and the fury with which the LORD has threatened this people.

⁸ And Baruch the son of Neriah did according to all that Jeremiah the prophet instructed him, reading all the words of the LORD from the scroll in the House of the LORD.

⁹ And it happened in the fifth year of Jehoiakim the son of King Josiah of **Judah, in the ninth month, that they proclaimed a fast before the LORD to all the people in Jerusalem, and to all the people who came from the cities of **Judah** to Jerusalem.**

¹⁰ Then Baruch read aloud from the scroll in the hearing of all the people, the words of Jeremiah in the House of the LORD, in the scribal room of Gemariah, son of Shaphan, from the window, which was inside the upper court at the entrance of the new gate of the House of the LORD.

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11 Now when Michaiah the son of Gemariah, son of Shaphan, heard all the words of the LORD, read from the scroll,

12 he walked down to the palace of the king, to the scribal room: and mark this, all the officials were seated there, even Elishama the secretary, Delaiah son of Shemaiah, Elnathan son of Achbor, Gemariah son of Shaphan, Zedekiah son of Hananiah, and all the officials.

13 Then Michaiah declared to them all the words he heard, as Baruch read aloud from the scroll to the people.

14 So all the officials sent Jehudi son of Nethaniah, son of Shelemiah, son of Cushi, to Baruch, saying, Bring the scroll from which you read aloud in the hearing of the people and come. So Baruch the son of Neriah took the scroll in his hand, and came to them.

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

16 Now it happened, when they heard all the words, they turned in fear to one another whispering, and said to Baruch, We must inform the king of all this.

17 And they asked Baruch, saying, Tell us, how did you come to write all this that **he** spoke?

18 Then Baruch answered them, **he** dictated all these words to me, and I wrote it in ink in the scroll / it's as if the name of Jeremiah was taboo, not to be mentioned in the court.

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

20 Then after depositing the scroll in the room of Elishama the scribe, they went to the private court of the king, and told the king everything.

21 So the king sent Jehudi to get the scroll: and he took it from the scribal room of Elishama. And Jehudi read it aloud to the king, and to all the officials in attendance.

22 Now the king sat in his winter apartment in the ninth month: and there was a fire on the hearth burning before him / because everybody knows, it snows in Jerusalem in the winter.

23 And it happened, when Jehudi read three or four leaves, he slashed them with a knife, and threw them in the fire on the hearth, until all the scroll was destroyed in the fire burning on the hearth.

24 Yet there was no sense of horror, no tearing of their garments, on the part of the king, or any of his assistants who heard all these words;

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²⁵ although Elnathan, Delaiah and Gemariah requested the king, that he not burn the scroll: however, he did not listen to them.

²⁶ But the king ordered Jerahmeel son of the king, Seraiah son of Azriel, and Shelemiah son of Abdeel, to seize Baruch the scribe and Jeremiah the prophet: but the LORD hid them.

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

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

²⁹ And say to King Jehoiakim of **Judah**, Thus says the LORD; You have burned this scroll, and said, Why have you written on it, saying, The king of Babylon will certainly come and destroy this land, and will make both man and their cattle to cease?

³⁰ So thus says the LORD to King Jehoiakim of **Judah**; He will have no one sit on the throne of David: and his carcass will be flung out in the heat of the day, and the frost of the night.

³¹ And I will also punish him and his descendants and his servants for their wrong doing; and I will bring on them and the inhabitants of Jerusalem, and the men of **Judah**, all the calamity that I have declared against them -- but they did not listen.

³² **So Jeremiah took another scroll, and gave it to Baruch the scribe**, the son of Neriah; who wrote on it from Jeremiah's dictation all the words of the book that Jehoiakim king of **Judah** had burned: besides many similar words were added.

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