

Working Together for the Vision

MIDWEEK SERVICE | THURSDAY, DECEMBER 6

Jeremiah 36:1-3 *And it came to pass in the fourth year of Jehoiakim the son of Josiah king of Judah, that this word came unto Jeremiah from the LORD, saying, 2 Take thee a roll of a book, and write therein all the words that I have spoken unto thee against Israel, and against Judah, and against all the nations, from the day I spake unto thee, from the days of Josiah, even unto this day. 3 It may be that the house of Judah will hear all the evil which I purpose to do unto them; that they may return every man from his evil way; that I may forgive their iniquity and their sin.*

Introduction

God wanted a work to be among His people. He gave the work/message to the preacher. However, Jeremiah was limited in his what he could do, and would not be able to carry out the vision alone. He needed help to see God's vision and work come to pass. But how was the work accomplished in Jeremiah 36? There was a man named _____ who was willing to get involved and make a difference.

1. Baruch was willing to use his _____ to be part of God's vision.

Jeremiah 36:4 *Then Jeremiah called Baruch the son of Neriah: and Baruch wrote from the mouth of Jeremiah all the words of the LORD, which he had spoken unto him, upon a roll of a book.*

2. Baruch was willing to " _____ " to see the vision come to pass.

Jeremiah 36:5-8, 10 *And Jeremiah commanded Baruch, saying, I am shut up; I cannot go into the house of the LORD: Therefore go thou, and read in the roll, which thou hast written from my mouth, the words of the LORD in the ears of the people in the LORD'S house upon the fasting day: and also thou shalt read them in the ears of all Judah that come out of their cities. It may be they will present their supplication before the LORD, and will return every one from his evil way: for great is the anger and the fury that the LORD hath pronounced against this people. And Baruch the son of Neriah did according to all that Jeremiah the prophet commanded him, reading in the book the words of the*

LORD in the LORD'S house... Then read Baruch in the book the words of Jeremiah in the house of the LORD, in the chamber of Gemariah the son of Shaphan the scribe, in the higher court, at the entry of the new gate of the LORD'S house, in the ears of all the people.

3. Baruch suffered _____ while serving as part of the vision (23)

Jeremiah 36:20-23 *And they went in to the king into the court, but they laid up the roll in the chamber of Elishama the scribe, and told all the words in the ears of the king. So the king sent Jehudi to fetch the roll: and he took it out of Elishama the scribe's chamber. And Jehudi read it in the ears of the king, and in the ears of all the princes which stood beside the king. Now the king sat in the winterhouse in the ninth month: and there was a fire on the hearth burning before him. And it came to pass, that when Jehudi had read three or four leaves, he cut it with the penknife, and cast it into the fire that was on the hearth, until all the roll was consumed in the fire that was on the hearth.*

4. Baruch put his _____ on the line for the sake of the vision.

Jeremiah 36:19 *Then said the princes unto Baruch, Go, hide thee, thou and Jeremiah; and let no man know where ye be.*

Jeremiah 36:26 *But the king commanded Jerahmeel the son of Hammelech, and Seraiah the son of Azriel, and Shelemiah the son of Abdeel, to take Baruch the scribe and Jeremiah the prophet: but the LORD hid them.*

5. Because he was willing to do these things, the vision _____.

Jeremiah 36:32 *Then took Jeremiah another roll, and gave it to Baruch the scribe, the son of Neriah; who wrote therein from the mouth of Jeremiah all the words of the book which Jehoiakim king of Judah had burned in the fire: and there were added besides unto them many like words.*

Conclusion: God has given our church a great vision. The future is bright. If God's people will willingly use their gifts, be willing to get up and go, work through the setbacks, and be all in, we can see the vision fulfilled and expanded for God's glory, our good, and the good of others.