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# Jeremiah c. 650–570 BC

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**36:27-28** *After* the king **BURNED** the Scroll ...

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**ALL** the Words that were on the First Scroll.

**Nature of  
God's Word**

The **LAST**  
Mercy Scroll



Jeremiah Lamenting the Destruction  
of Jerusalem, c. 1630, by Rembrandt

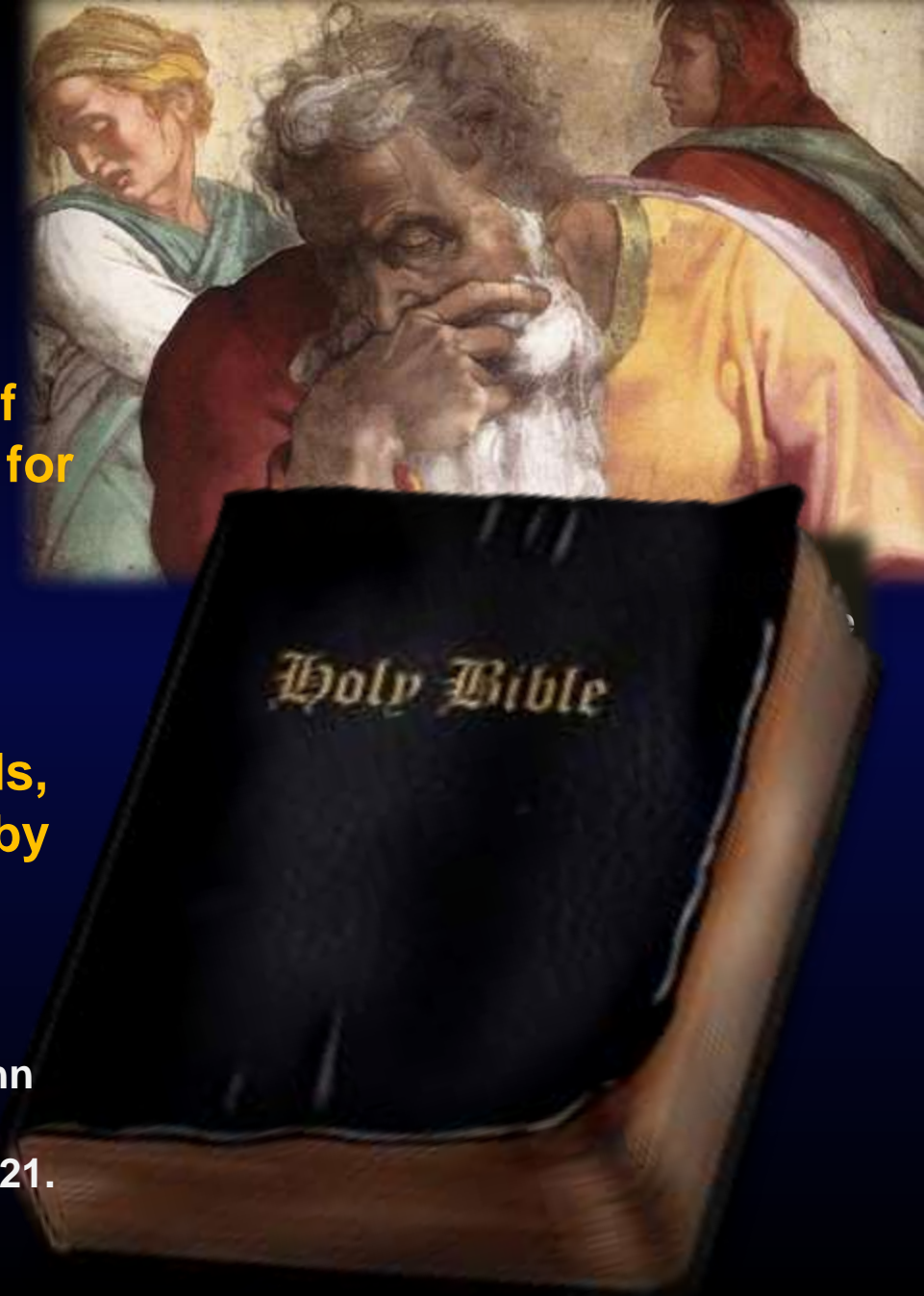
# Baptists are People of The BOOK – **BIBLE**

## *Baptist Faith & Message (1963), Article I \**

**I. The Scriptures.** The Holy Bible was written by men divinely inspired and is the record of God's revelation of Himself to man. It is a perfect treasure of divine instruction. It has God for its author, salvation for its end, and truth, without any mixture of error, for its matter. It reveals the principles by which God judges us; and therefore is, and will remain to the end of the world, the true center of Christian union, and the supreme standard by which all human conduct, creeds, and religious opinions should be tried. The criterion by which the Bible is to be interpreted is Jesus Christ.

Scriptures: Exodus 24:4; Deuteronomy 4:1-2; 17:19; Joshua 8:34; Psalms 19:7-10; 119:11,89,105,140; Isaiah 34:16; 40:8; Jeremiah 15:16; 36:1-32; Matthew 5:17-18; 22:29; Luke 21:33; 24:44-46; John 5:39; 16:13-15; 17:17; Acts 2:16ff.; 17:11; Romans 15:4; 16:25-26; 2 Timothy 3:15-17; Hebrews 1:1-2; 4:12; 1 Peter 1:25; 2 Peter 1:19-21.

\* [Baptist Faith & Message \(1963 & 2000\)](#)



**Jeremiah 36** ... Date is quite clear – 605 B.C.  
 Nebuchadnezzar rises ... 1st Deportation  
**Jer 35** Rekabites could be *before or after 36*  
 Both 35 & 36 came **BEFORE** 32-34 ...

**Jer 36** is the **Detailed Drama of the Mercy Scroll**

from the time of his call to chap 36 is 21 years

**Jer 37** Zedekiah Made King – Jeremiah  
 contradicts house fools – **Jerusalem doomed**

**Jer 38** Per Zedekiah—**Bad OFFICIALS** lower  
 Jeremiah into a muddy cistern

- ✓ Per Zed—**Good Officials** Rescue Jeremiah
- ✓ Jeremiah to Zedekiah, one last time **“SURRENDER”**

**Jer 39** Jerusalem **DESTROYED** 586 B.C.  
 yet Nebuchadnezzar **SAVES** Jeremiah

**Jer 40-41** Gedaliah appointed over poor left behind  
 Ishmael **KILLS** Gedaliah, Johanan **KILLS** Ishmael



See a **KING** not **REALLY** in  
 charge, but his **OFFICIALS**  
*running* the **KING**

38:5 King can do nothing to oppose you

Event	Year	Notes
Jehoiakim	609	
Babylon - Nebuchadnezzar	605	reigns 605-562
Babylon X Egypt's Neco @ Charemesh	605	
Neb @ Jerusalem ~ Daniel to Babylon	605	1st Deportation
	600	

Results of **NOT**  
**Heeding God's Words**  
 thru Jeremiah

## Jeremiah 36 Detailed Drama of the Mercy Scroll

36:1 In the 4th year of Jehoiakim son of Josiah king of Judah, this WORD came to Jeremiah from the LORD:

2 “Take a SCROLL & write on it all the words I have spoken to you concerning Israel, Judah & ALL other nations

FROM the time I began speaking to you in the [13th Year] reign of Josiah till NOW.

Jeremiah was **TOLD** to write this book

So, Jeremiah DID ...

**OTHERWISE**, he might NOT have

Often, we're called upon

to do or go thru adventures

we wish we did *not* have to



Jeremiah, by Michelangelo  
Ceiling of Sistine Chapel, Rome



**I think ... I know how Jeremiah FEELS**  
**Carpenters captured it ... in 1971**  
***probably a rainy MONDAY***

Talkin' to myself and feelin' **OLD**



Sometimes I'd like to **QUIT**

Nothin' ever seems to **FIT**

Hangin' **around**

Nothin' to do but **frown**

Rainy days & Mondays always get me **down**

**After 34 chapters ... and we learn that**

**GOD told Jeremiah to WRITE**

**Doubtless ... NO doubting at all ...**

**Jeremiah keeps on ... hangs on ... but it's TOUGH**



**NO need to remind you of the importance of  
God's Word**

**Isaiah 55:9-11 waxes poetic**

**9** “As the heavens are higher than the earth,  
so are my ways higher than your ways  
and my thoughts than your thoughts.

**10** As the rain and the snow come down from heaven,  
and do not return to it without watering the earth  
and making it bud and flourish,  
so that it yields seed for the sower  
and bread for the eater,

**11** so is my **WORD** that goes out from my mouth:  
It will not return to me **EMPTY**,  
but will accomplish what I **DESIRE** &  
achieve the **PURPOSE** for which I sent it.



Jeremiah, by Michelangelo  
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## Jeremiah 36 Detailed Drama of the **Mercy Scroll**

**36:3 PERHAPS ... PERHAPS**

when the people of Judah hear about  
every disaster I plan to inflict on them,  
they will **TURN** from their wicked ways;

**THEN ... THEN ...**

I will **FORGIVE** their wickedness & their sin.”

**ONE** last time ... God offers **MERCY** ...

**MERCY** in **WRITING** ... *get it?*

a **Mercy Scroll**

That's the **BIBLE**

**THE Gospel too**

**Mercy thru the Cross**

But Jeremiah's story here gets much sadder ...



I think I know how Jeremiah FEELS

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Jeremiah is again ... **AGAIN ... A G A I N**

*Jeremiah has done NOTHING WRONG*



**AGAIN** witnessing this **MERCY**

What I've got they used to call the **BLUES**

Nothin' is really **wrong**

Feelin' like I don't **belong**

Walkin' **around ...**

Jeremiah's done NOTHING Wrong

In writing—God offers Jerusalem **MERCY**

38:17-18 Jeremiah privately to Zedekiah—**SURRENDER**

**God WANTS to avoid TOTAL DESTRUCTION**





## Jeremiah 36 Detailed Drama of the Mercy Scroll

**36:4** So Jeremiah called Baruch son of Neriah,  
... Jeremiah dictated ALL the WORDS  
the LORD had spoken to him,  
Baruch wrote them on the scroll.

**5** Then Jeremiah told Baruch,  
“I am restricted; I am NOT allowed to go to  
the LORD’s Temple.

Lord’s Prophet NOT allowed in CHURCH  
No CALLED minister escapes some HATE  
Sometimes Reasonable, Sometimes NOT

**6** So YOU go to the HOUSE of the LORD  
on a Day of Fasting & READ to the people ...

Even though BANNED from the Lord’s House  
That did NOT deter Jeremiah’s own RESPECT from God’s House



## Jeremiah 36 Detailed Drama of the Mercy Scroll

**36:7** PERHAPS they will bring their petition before the LORD & will each turn from their wicked ways, for the anger & wrath pronounced ... by the LORD are great.”

**8** Baruch son of Neriah did everything Jeremiah the prophet told him to do ...

**READ** the words of the LORD from the scroll.

We do NOT know ... if Jeremiah could NOT WRITE

Maybe, it was because Jeremiah could NOT write

Maybe, it was because Jeremiah didn't WANT TO

Maybe, it was because Jeremiah WISHED

his last MESSAGE would be LAST – hoping

Regardless, Jeremiah just obeyed GOD ... a *hard act to follow*



I think I know how Jeremiah FEELS

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Jeremiah sits patiently in God's Hiding Place

*Waiting* on his good friend Baruch ...

Praying to GOD ... Trusting & Loving GOD

Funny, but it seems I always

wind up here with you **God**

Nice to know **somebody** loves me **God**

Funny, but it seems

that it's the **only** thing to do

Run & FIND the one who **loves me**

No doubt ... Jeremiah's only solace was God

and **HAVING** a few friends like Baruch

and **KNOWING** that several DO BELIEVE



**Jeremiah 36 Detailed Drama of the Mercy Scroll**

**36:9 ... time of fasting before the LORD  
proclaimed for all the people in Jerusalem ...**

**10 From the room of Gemariah  
Baruch READ TO ALL the people at the  
LORD's temple the words of Jeremiah**

**from The Scroll**

**11-13 Officials did NOT LIKE what they heard**

**14 ALL the OFFICIALS sent Jehudi ...  
to Baruch, "Bring the scroll ..."**

**15 ... "Read it to us." ...**

**So, Baruch read it to them.**

**We'd ALL like to have a FRIEND like Baruch**

**Go—SPEAK for me      DANGEROUS WORDS**



## Jeremiah 36 Detailed Drama of the Mercy Scroll

**36:16** When they heard all these words,  
they looked at each other in fear ...  
“We must report all ... to the king.”

**17-18** Baruch tells them what Jeremiah said

**19** Officials tell Baruch,  
“You & Jeremiah, go & HIDE.  
Don't let ANYONE know WHERE you are.”

You see ... know you do ...

WITHIN King's court, there are GOOD People

- ✓ Good KNOW the King will HATE
- ✓ Good KNOW that Jeremiah is *the* Prophet
- ✓ Good KNOW that Jeremiah speaks for GOD

Many today in HIGH places KNOW too ... but cannot do much ALONE



I think I know how Jeremiah FEELS  
Carpenters captured it ... in 1971



Jeremiah KNOWS ... God is true ...

FRIENDS in the court ... telling Jeremiah

**HIDE**—Don't let *anyone* know where you are

What I feel has come and gone before

No need to talk it *out*

We know what it's all *about*

Hangin' *around*

Nothin' to do but *frown*

Rainy days & Mondays always get me *down*

Jeremiah—**NO IDEA** what's going happen *NEXT*

I suspect—**NO IDEA** level of *King's DISRESPECT*



## Jeremiah 36 Detailed Drama of the **Mercy Scroll**

### 36:20-22 Read scroll to **KING**

There's a firepot in the Winter Room

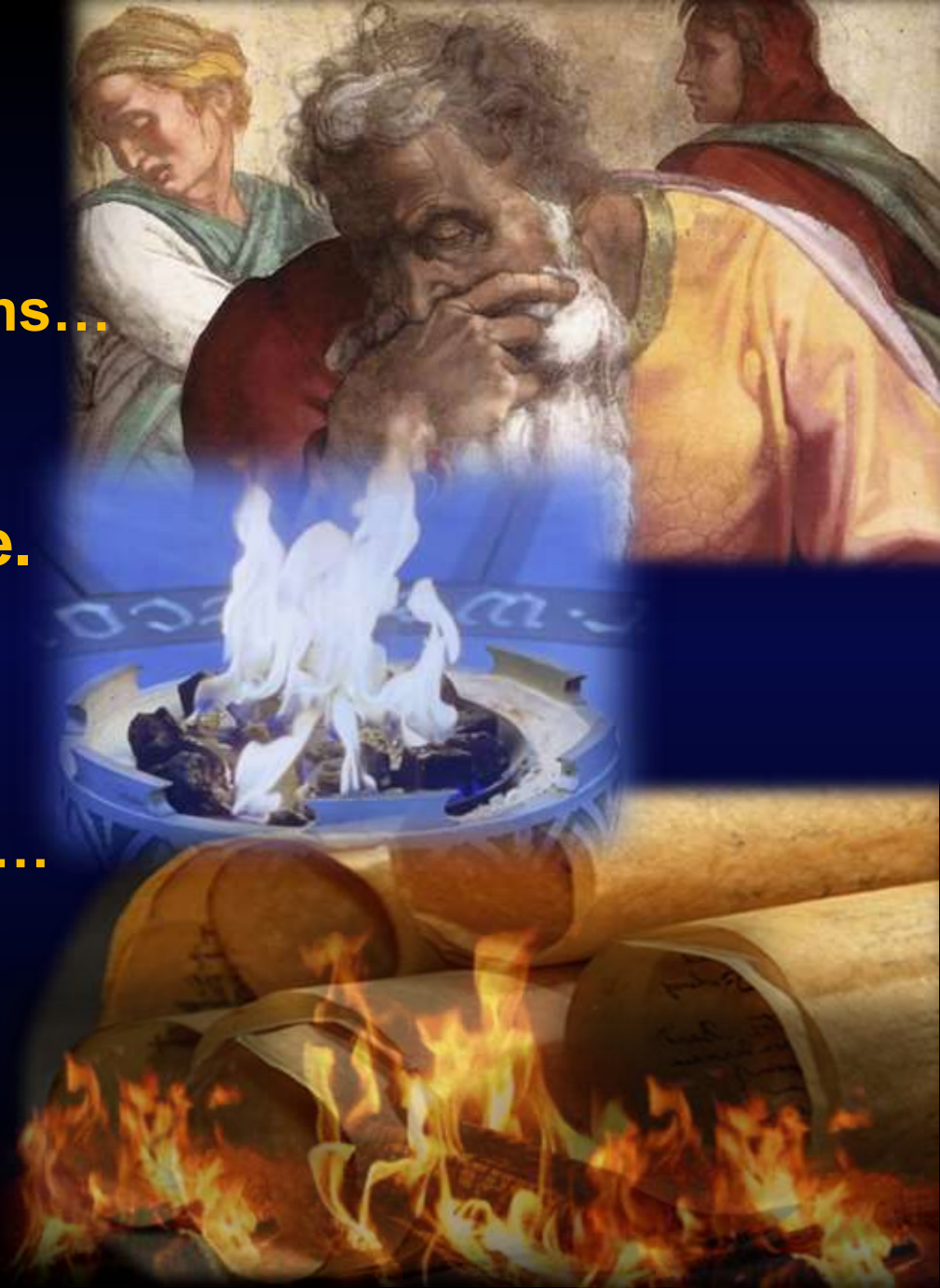
**23** Whenever Jehudi had read 3 or 4 columns...  
King cut them off with a scribe's knife  
threw them into the firepot, until the  
**ENTIRE** scroll was burned in the fire.

**24** King & ALL ... showed **NO FEAR**,  
nor did they tear their clothes.

**25** Even though *several* ... urged the king  
**NOT** to burn the scroll, King didn't listen...

**NOR** did they "tear their clothes" – words  
that Jeremiah adds to **THEIR** shame  
**NOTICE** too ... *several* **KNEW** King was

**WRONG**



**NO need to remind you of the importance of  
God's Word**

**Hebrews 4:12-13 waxes poetic**

**12 For the WORD of God is alive & active.  
Sharper than any double-edged sword,  
it penetrates even to dividing Soul & Spirit,  
joints & marrow;  
it judges the thoughts & attitudes of the Heart.**

**13 Nothing in all creation is hidden from  
God's Sight  
Everything is uncovered &  
laid bare before the eyes of him  
to whom we must give account.**





**Jeremiah 36 Detailed Drama of the Mercy Scroll**

**36:26** king commanded Jerahmeel ...  
to arrest Baruch & Jeremiah....

**But the LORD had HIDDEN them.**

**PAUSE ... almost where we are today**  
**Hostility to God's Word ... some HATE it**

**27** After the king *burned* the scroll ...  
Word of the LORD came to Jeremiah:

**28** “Take **ANOTHER** Scroll & write on it  
**ALL** the words that were on the **First Scroll**....

**God has now for 35 chapters given Jerusalem**  
**EVERY Grace & Mercy**

**HERE—Jeremiah—take ANOTHER Scroll**

**So that everyone will KNOW ... for next several 1,000 years**



I think I know how Jeremiah FEELS

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There's no doubt in MY MIND

Jeremiah FEELS God's resolution ...

King **BURNED** God's Word

Jeremiah bends a **KNEE** to **PRAY** ...

Funny, but it seems

that it's the **ONLY** thing to do

Run & **FIND** the one who **loves me** God

What I feel has come & gone before

No need to talk it **OUT**

We **KNOW** what it's **ALL ABOUT**

Jeremiah **KNOWS** ... very well ...

He **KNOWS** God will follow through on His **WORD**



## Jeremiah 36 End of Drama of the Mercy Scroll

36:29 Also tell Jehoiakim king of Judah,  
'This is what the LORD says:

You burned that scroll and said,

"Why did you write on it that the  
King of Babylon would certainly come &  
destroy this land & wipe from it both man & beast?"

30-31 King Jehoiakim & Jerusalem will be *punished*

32 So Jeremiah gave *another* scroll to Baruch ...

Jeremiah dictated, Baruch wrote on it

ALL the words of the scroll that

King Jehoiakim had burned in the fire.

And many similar words were added to them.

**This is the LAST Mercy Scroll for Jerusalem**



## God's Word

Revelation 22:18-20 *waxes prophetic*

**18** I warn everyone who hears the **WORDS** of the prophecy of this **SCROLL**:  
If anyone **ADDS** anything to them,  
God will **ADD** to that person the  
plagues described in this **SCROLL**.

**19** And if anyone **TAKES WORDS AWAY** from this  
**SCROLL** of **PROPHECY**

God will take away from that person any share  
in the **Tree of Life** & in the **Holy City**,  
which are described in this **SCROLL**.

**20** He who testifies to these things says,  
“Yes, I am coming soon.”

**Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**



**for US too the LAST**

**Mercy Scroll**

