



BURNING BIBLES

MEMORY VERSE

Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves.
Do what it says.
James 1:22

THE WORD FROM THE LORD

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

²“Take a scroll and write on it all the words I have spoken to you...

³Perhaps when the people of Judah hear about
every disaster I plan to inflict on them,
each of them will turn from his wicked way;
then I will forgive their wickedness and their sin.”

Jeremiah 36:1-2a; 3

THE WORD FROM THE LORD TO THE PEOPLE

So Jeremiah called Baruch son of Neriah, and while Jeremiah dictated all
the words the LORD had spoken to him, Baruch wrote them on the scroll.

⁵Then Jeremiah told Baruch, “I am restricted;

I cannot go to the LORD’s temple. ⁶So you go to the house of the LORD
on a day of fasting and read to the people from the scroll
the words of the LORD that you wrote as I dictated.

Read them to all the people of Judah who come in from their towns.

⁷Perhaps they will bring their petition before the LORD,
and each will turn from his wicked ways, for the anger and wrath
pronounced against this people by the LORD are great.”

Jeremiah 36:4-7

THE WORD FROM THE LORD TO THE LEADERS

[The officials sent for Baruch] They said to him, “Sit down, please,
and read it to us.” So Baruch read it to them.

¹⁶When they heard all these words, they looked at each other in fear
and said to Baruch, “We must report all these words to the king.”

¹⁹Then the officials said to Baruch, “You and Jeremiah, go and hide.
Don’t let anyone know where you are.”

Jeremiah 36:15-16; 19

THE WORD FROM THE LORD TO THE KING

The king sent Jehudi to get the scroll, and Jehudi brought it from
the room of Elishama the secretary and read it to the king and
all the officials standing beside him. ²²It was the ninth month and
the king was sitting in the winter apartment, with a fire burning in
the firepot in front of him. ²³Whenever Jehudi had read three or
four columns of the scroll, the king cut them off with a scribe’s knife
and threw them into the firepot, until the entire scroll
was burned in the fire. ²⁴The king and all his attendants who heard
all these words showed no fear, nor did they tear their clothes.

²⁵Even though Elnathan, Delaiah and Gemariah urged the king not to burn
the scroll, he would not listen to them. ²⁶Instead, the king commanded
Jerahmeel, a son of the king, Seraiah son of Azriel and Shelemiah
son of Abdeel to arrest Baruch the scribe and Jeremiah the prophet.

But the LORD had hidden them.

Jeremiah 36:21-26

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1 PERSECUTE the Bible

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4 INTELLECTUALIZE the Bible

5 WORSHIP the Bible

...nor does his word dwell in you, for you do not believe the one he sent.

³⁹You diligently study the Scriptures because you think that by them
you possess eternal life. These are the Scriptures that testify about me,

⁴⁰yet you refuse to come to me to have life.

John 5:38-40

THE WORD FROM THE LORD IS INDESTRUCTIBLE

After the king burned the scroll... the LORD came to Jeremiah:

²⁸“Take another scroll and write on it all the words
that were on the first scroll, which Jehoiakim king of Judah burned up.”

³²So Jeremiah took another scroll and gave it to the scribe Baruch
son of Neriah, and as Jeremiah dictated, Baruch wrote on it all
the words of the scroll that Jehoiakim king of Judah had burned in the fire.

And many similar words were added to them.

Jeremiah 36:27-28; 32

NEXT STEPS

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