

Jehoiakim's Shredder

Jeremiah 36



Seal of Baruch (1978)



I. God Gave Us Scripture

36:2

2 Pt.1

20 knowing this first, that no prophecy of Scripture is of any private interpretation,
21 for prophecy never came by the will of man, but holy men of God spoke as they were moved by the Holy Spirit.

- No prophecy originates with man
- All prophecy originates with God through Holy Spirit moving men

36:2

2 Pt.1

1 Th.2

13 For this reason we also thank God without ceasing, because when you received the word of God which you heard from us, you welcomed it not as the word of men, but as it is in truth, the word of God, which also effectively works in you who believe.

36:2

2 Pt.1:20-21

1 Th.2:13

- “Couldn’t religious geniuses have composed the Scriptures just as gifted artists & writers have created unique masterpieces?”
 - ‘Natural inspiration’
 - Personality of Christ surpasses anything in human literature...
 - How to explain predictions...?

I. God Gave Us Scripture

**II. Why did God
Give Us Scripture?**

To reveal Himself to man, 3, 7

- His fury shows He hates sin, loves sinners.

Therefore consider the goodness and severity of God: on those who fell, severity; but toward you, goodness, if you continue in His goodness. Otherwise you also will be cut off – Ro.11:22

To reveal Himself to man, 3, 7

To reveal man to man, 3, 7, 8-15

■ They learned . . .

1. they were sinners, 3. Bible shows us as we are.

2. they must repent, 3, 7. Lk.16:14

'Now the Pharisees, who were lovers of money, also heard all these things, and they derided Him'

To reveal Himself to man, 3, 7

To reveal man to man, 3, 7, 8-15

■ They learned . . .

1. they were sinners, 3. Bible shows us as we are.
2. they must repent, 3, 7. Lk.16:13f.
3. only God's word can meet their deepest needs, 8-15

To reveal Himself to man, 3, 7

To reveal man to man, 3, 7, 8-15

To reveal certainty of things of God, 16-18

□ Jeremiah does NOT say . . .

1. *God may not like their sins*

2. *God may punish them*

□ Luke 1:4, that which cannot fall

'...that you may know the certainty of those things in which you were instructed'

I. God Gave Us Scripture

II. Why Did God Give Us Scripture?

**III. How People React
To Scripture**

1. Baruch: obeyed, 8

- Ch.45
 - Baruch's pitiful protest
 - God's rebuke and reassurances
 - Ro.6:17
 - Obedience can be costly

2. People of Jerusalem: heard, but unresponsive, 10

- Ja.1:22

‘But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves’

3. Princes: fear without repentance, 13-19

- 25, tried to save word of God . . .
but not themselves.
- Ac.24:24-25

4. Jehoiakim: scorn, 20-26

- Son of Josiah!
 - Josiah finds Book of Law – reads, responds, restores.
 - Law finds Jehoiakim – reads, rejects, removes.
 - Josiah consults Huldah
 - Jehoiakim condemns Jeremiah

4. Jehoiakim: scorn, 20-26

- Slow methodical destruction of scroll
- Keeps pace with the reading
 - Ac.3-5, persecutors
 - Ro.2:19-20, religious scholars
 - 1 Co.1:26, worldly wise
- Jer.36:27-32 [22:18-19]