

## Jeremiah Part 2

### The Role of God's Word in the Life of God's People

**1. When the Word of God is delivered by God's spokespersons through sermons, satire, oracles, and poems, is intended to show God's people how to be in a love relationship with Him through obedience, humility, and worship. Ignored, it leads to disaster.**

Jeremiah 25:3-7, "This message for all the people of Judah came to Jeremiah from the LORD during the fourth year of Jehoiakim's reign over Judah. This was the year when King Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon began his reign. Jeremiah the prophet said to all the people in Judah and Jerusalem, "For the past twenty-three years—from the thirteenth year of the reign of Josiah son of Amon, king of Judah, until now—the LORD has been giving me his messages. I have faithfully passed them on to you, but you have not listened. Again and again the LORD has sent you his servants, the prophets, but you have not listened or even paid attention. Each time the message was this: 'Turn from the evil road you are traveling and from the evil things you are doing. Only then will I let you live in this land that the LORD gave to you and your ancestors forever. Do not provoke my anger by worshiping idols you made with your own hands. Then I will not harm you.' "But you would not listen to me," says the LORD. "You made me furious by worshiping idols you made with your own hands, bringing on yourselves all the disasters you now suffer."

**2. When the Word of God is read, in every generation, it burns in the hearts of God's people to inspire love, leadership, and courage to live according to God's ways.**

Jeremiah 36:1-6, 11-12: "During the fourth year that Jehoiakim son of Josiah was king in Judah, the LORD gave this message to Jeremiah: "Get a scroll, and write down all my messages against Israel, Judah, and the other nations. Begin with the first message back in the days of Josiah, and write down every message, right up to the present time. Perhaps the people of Judah will repent when they hear again all the terrible things I have planned for them. Then I will be able to forgive their sins and wrongdoings." So Jeremiah sent for Baruch son of Neriah, and as Jeremiah dictated all the prophecies that the LORD had given him, Baruch wrote them on a scroll. Then Jeremiah said to Baruch, "I am a prisoner here and unable to go to the Temple. So you go to the Temple on the next day of fasting, and read the messages from the LORD that I have had you write on this scroll. Read them so the people who are there from all over Judah will hear them. When Micaiah son of Gemariah and grandson of Shaphan heard the messages from the LORD, he went down to the secretary's room in the palace where the administrative officials were meeting.

**3. When the Word of God is heard and read by God's people, it will change their lives and revive a nation in every generation.**

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