

**A selection of readings from Jeremiah chapter 36. You can find these readings on page 664 of your pew Bible.**

In the fourth year of Jehoiakim, this word came to Jeremiah from the Lord: “Take a scroll and write on it all the words that I have spoken to you against Israel and Judah and all the nations. It may be that the house of Judah will hear all the disaster that I intend to do to them, so that every one may turn from his evil way, and that I may forgive their iniquity and their sin.”

And Jeremiah ordered Baruch, saying, “I am banned from going to the house of the Lord, so you are to go, and on a day of fasting in the hearing of all the people in the Lord's house you shall read the words of the Lord from the scroll that you have written at my dictation.

When the officials heard all the words, they turned one to another in fear. And they said to Baruch, “We must report all these words to the king.” The officials said to Baruch, “Go and hide, you and Jeremiah, and let no one know where you are.”

So the officials went into the court to the king, and they reported all the words to the king. It was the ninth month, and the king was sitting in the winter house, and there was a fire burning in the fire pot before him. As Jehudi read three or four columns, the king would cut them off with a knife and throw them into the fire in the fire pot, until the entire scroll was consumed in the fire that was in the fire pot.

And the king commanded Jerahmeel the king's son and Seraiah the son of Azriel and Shelemiah the son of Abdeel to seize Baruch the secretary and Jeremiah the prophet, but the Lord hid them.

**The Word of the Lord.**  
***Thanks be to God.***

**Please join me in praying Psalm 149.**

Leader: The heavens declare the glory of God,  
and the sky above proclaims his handiwork.

**People: Day to day pours out speech,  
and night to night reveals knowledge.**

Leader: There is no speech, nor are there words,  
whose voice is not heard.

**People: Their voice goes out through all the earth,  
and their words to the end of the world.**

Leader: In them he has set a tent for the sun,  
which comes out like a bridegroom leaving his chamber,  
and, like a strong man, runs its course with joy.

**People: Its rising is from the end of the heavens,  
and its circuit to the end of them,  
and there is nothing hidden from its heat.**

Leader: The law of the Lord is perfect,  
reviving the soul;

**People: the testimony of the Lord is sure,  
making wise the simple;**

Leader: the precepts of the Lord are right,  
rejoicing the heart;

**People: the commandment of the Lord is pure,  
enlightening the eyes;**

**Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit: as it  
was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

**Leader: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ  
according to Matthew.**

***People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.***

He put another parable before them, saying, "The kingdom of heaven is like a grain of mustard seed that a man took and sowed in his field. It is the smallest of all seeds, but when it has grown it is larger than all the garden plants and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches."

He told them another parable. "The kingdom of heaven is like leaven that a woman took and hid in three measures of flour, till it was all leavened."

**Leader: The Gospel of the Lord**

***People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.***