

Reading or Editing

(Jeremiah 36:1-32)

- Introduction:
1. If I were to ask you what a penknife, a razor, and an automobile have in common, you might think I was about to give you the punch-line of a cheesy joke.
 2. However, the answer to this question is far from a joke.
 - a. Ills. of Thomas Jefferson's Bible (1804 - The Philosophy of Jesus of Nazareth - as distinguishable as diamonds in a dung hill).
 - b. On June 28, 2017, after a two-year long legal battle & less than 24 hours after a monument of the Ten Commandments was erected on the grounds of the Arkansas State Capital, Michael Reed slammed his car into the monument in hopes of destroying it.
 3. Likewise, long ago in the days of the prophet Jeremiah, there was a King named Jehoiakim who attempted to do the same thing, only with a penknife and fireplace.
 4. Let's take a look back at this account and see if there are lessons we can glean from it.

I. Background

- A. Pharaoh Necho of Egypt had killed Josiah in battle. Josiah's oldest son is made king, but Necho imprisoned him, and appointed his brother, Jehoiakim as king.
- B. Judah was about to completely fall and be taken off into Babylonian captivity when the events of Jeremiah 36 take place.

II. Lessons To Be Learned

- A. Righteousness and wickedness are not inherited.
 1. Josiah (2 Kings 22:1-2) was the grandson of Manasseh (2 Kings 21:1-2) and the son of Amon (2 Kings 21:19-22).
 2. Jehoiakim was the son of Josiah (1 Chronicles 3:15; 2 Kings 23:37).
 3. (Ezekiel 18:20).
- B. The Word of God impacts people differently.
 1. First reading (Jeremiah 36:1-13).
 2. Second reading (Jeremiah 36:14-19).
 3. Third reading (Jeremiah 36:20-27).
 4. (Acts 17:1-5; Acts 2:36; Acts 7:54).
- C. God's word cannot be destroyed.
 1. (Jeremiah 36:28).
 2. (Matthew 24:35).
 3. (Psalm 119:89).
- D. Silence is implicit consent.
 1. (Jeremiah 36:24).
 2. (Romans 1:32).
 3. (Ephesians 5:11).

- Conclusion:
1. We need to learn to love and respect the word of God, and commit ourselves to bringing our lives into alignment with it.
 2. The only other option is to rebel in what will be a losing cause (John 12:48).