## JEHOIAKIM BURNS THE WORD OF GOD August 20, 1905 Lesson VIII.

Jeremiah 36: 21-32. Study the chapter. Commit to memory vs. 22-24. Read ch. 26.

## GOLDEN TEXT-Amend your ways and your doings, and obey the voice of the Lord your God.-Jeremiah 26: 13.

which Ba'ruch wrote at the mouth of Jeremi'ah,

21 So the king sent Jehu'di to fetch the roll. and he took it out of 'Elish'ama the scribe's chamber. And Jehu'di read it in the ears of the king, and in the ears of all the princes which stood beside the king.

22 Now the king sat in the winter-house in the nth month. and there was a fire 2 on the hearth ninth month . burning before him.

23 And it came to pass, 3 that when Jehu'di had read three or four leaves, 4 be cut it with the penknice, and cast ut not be fire that was - on the hearth, until all the roll was consumed in the fire that was 2 on the hearth

hearth. 24 Yet they were not afraid, nor rent their gar-ments, *neulur* the king, nor any of his servants that heard all these words. 25 Nevertheless Elna'than and Delai'ah and Geman'ah had made intercession to the king that he would not burn the roll : but he would not hear them.

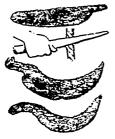
26 'But the king commanded Jerah'meel the <sup>8</sup> son of Ham'melech, and Serai'ah the son of Az'riel, and Shelemi'ah the son of Ab'deel to take B:.'ruch the scribe and Jeremi'ah the prophet : but the Lond hid them.

27 Then the word of the LORD came to Jeremi'ah, after that the king had burned the roll, and the words

Tevised Version.---: ac chamber of Elishama the scribe; <sup>3</sup> in the brasier; <sup>3</sup> Omit that : 4 that the king; An, they; <sup>6</sup> Moreover; <sup>7</sup> And; <sup>8</sup> king's son; <sup>9</sup> concerning Jehoiakim king of Judah thou shalt say; <sup>19</sup> concerning.

many like words.

## THE LESSON EXPLAINED



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king in his place. (See 2 Chron. 36: 1-4.) Jehoiakim was a wicked king, and Jeremiah, who had been prophesying since the reign of Josiah (Jer. 1: 1-3), warned him of the punishment that would come upon him and his people.

I. PROPHECIES DESTROYED.-21, 22. the king; Jehoiakim. Sent Jehudi; one of the king's officers. To fetch the roll, Jeremiah had prophesied against Judah's king and people, warning them that God would punish them for their sins, v. 2. At the Lord's bidding, he caused Baruch to write down his prophecies, v. 4. These were read, first to the people (v. 9), and then to the princes, v. 15. Jeremiah hoped his hearers would heed his words and so escape punishment. The king heard of this, and sent for the "roll" to have it read to him. The roll · was of skin cut into sheets. There were sewn together, with a piece of wood at one end, or both ends, on which to roll them up. It was thus that books were made among the Jews. Elishama the scribe; the king's secretary. The roll had been put in his

Time and Place-605 The temple and B.C. the King Jehojakim's palace, Jerusalem.

Connection - When King Josiah was slain in 609 B.C., Jehoahaz, his son, was made king. Within three months, however, he was dethroned, and taken captive by the king of Egypt. His brother, Eliakim, whose name was changed to Jehoiakim, was made

care. In the winter house; the portion of the palace used in winter, a different part being used in summer. In the ninth month ; our December. The Hebrew year began two weeks before the Passover, our Easter. A fire in the hearth ; a sort of fire pan placed in the centre of the room for burning charcoal. Eastern houses had no chimneys.

saying, 28 Take thee again another roll, and write in it all

25 Take the again another roll, and write in tail the former words that were in the first roll, which Jehoi'akim the king of Judah hath burned. 29 And ? thou shalt say to Jcho'akim king of Ju'dah, Thus saith the Long ; Thou hast burned this roll, saying. Why hast thou written therein, saying. The king of Babylon shall certainly come and destroy this land, and shall cause to cease from there are and heart?

thence man and beast ? 30 Therefore thus saith the LOND <sup>10</sup> of Jehoi'akim king of Ju'dah; He shall have none to sit upon the throne of Da'vid; and his dead body shall be cast out

throne of Da'vid : and his dead body shall be east out in the day to the heat, and in the night to the frost. 31 And I will punish him and his seed and his ser-vants for their iniquities ; and I will bring upon them, and upon the inhabitants of Jeru'salem, and upon the men of Ju'dah, all the evil that I have pronounced project them they heavily and the second

against they hearkened not. 32 Then took Jereni'ah another roll, and gave it to Ba'ruch the scribb, the son of Neri'ah ; who wrote therein from the mouth of Jereni'ah all the words of the book which Jehol'akim king of Ju'dah had burned in the fire : and there were added besides unto them

23-26. Jehudi .. read three or four leaves. The Hebrew word for "leaves" means "foldingdoors," which the writing arranged on the roll in columns closely resembled. Cut it with the penknife; like those with which scribes sharpened the reeds used as pens. Cast it into the fire. The king was very angry at what he had heard. Yet they were not afraid. How different from Josiah. 2 Chron. 34: 19-21. Destroying the roll could no more ward off the punishment it threatened, than shutting the eyes can save from death by lightning. Vs. 25, 26 tell how some of the princes tried to persuade the king not to injure the roll further, and how the king sent officers to take Baruch and Jeremiah prisoners, perhaps to kill them. But the Lord hid them. God ever keeps watch over his servants.

II. PROPHECIES RE-WRITTEN.-27-29. The word of the Lord .. to Jeremiah. With God's word at our back, we need fear no foe. Take thee again another roll, etc. Wicked men have often attempted to destroy the Bible, but they have always failed. The king of Babylon (Nebuchadnezzar) shall certainly come and destroy this land. He had already come and forced Judah to become tributary to him. (2 Kgs. 24: 1), but he shall come again and make the land utterly desolate. This prediction was soon after fulfilled in the reign of Zedekish, 2 Kgs. 25: 1-10.

III. PROPHECIES FULFILLED. - 30-32. He

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