

Lesson VIII. **Jehoiakim Burns the Word of God** August 20, 1905

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.

21 So the king sent Jehu'di to fetch the roll : and he took it out of Elishama 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 ninth month : and there was a fire <sup>2</sup> on the hearth burning before him.

23 And it came to pass, <sup>3</sup> that when Jehu'di had read three or four leaves, <sup>4</sup> he cut it with the penknife, and cast it into the fire that was <sup>5</sup> on the hearth, until all the roll was consumed in the fire that was <sup>6</sup> on the hearth.

24 <sup>7</sup> Yet they were not afraid, nor rent their garments, neither the king, nor any of his servants that heard all these words.

25 <sup>8</sup> Nevertheless Elnathan and Delaiah and Gemariah had made intercession to the king that he would not burn the roll : but he would not hear them.

26 <sup>9</sup> But the king commanded Jerahmeel the <sup>10</sup> son of Hammelech, and Seraiah the son of Azriel, and Shelemiah the son of Abdeel to take Ba'ruah the scribe and Jeremi'ah the prophet : but the Lord hid them.

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

**Revised Version.**—<sup>1</sup> the chamber of Elishama the scribe : <sup>2</sup> in the brasier ; <sup>3</sup> Omit that ; <sup>4</sup> that the king ; <sup>5</sup> And ; <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>10</sup> and concerning.

**LESSON PLAN**

I. Prophecies Destroyed, 21-26.

II. Prophecies Re-Written, 27-29.

III. Prophecies Fulfilled, 30-32.

**DAILY READINGS**

(By courtesy of I. B. B. Association)

M.—Jehoiakim made king, 2 Chron. 35 : 25 to 36 :

S.—God's message, Jer. 36 : 1-10. W.—Effect

of the message, Jer. 36 : 11-19. Th.—Jehoiakim

burns the Word of God, Jer. 36 : 20-32. F.—Rejecting

God's Word, Jer. 11 : 1-11. S.—Despising the

Word, Isa. 30 : 8-17. S.—Refusing to receive, Acts

13 : 35-48.

**Shorter Catechism**—Ques. 91. How do the

which Ba'ruah wrote at the mouth of Jeremi'ah, saying.

28 Take thee again another roll, and write in it all the former words that were in the first roll, which Jehoiakim the king of Judah hath burned.

29 And <sup>1</sup> thou shalt say to Jehoiakim king of Ju'dah, Thus saith the Lord ; Thou hast burned this roll, saying, Why hast thou written therein, saying, The king of Baby'lon shall certainly come and destroy this land, and shall cause to cease from thence man and beast ?

30 Therefore thus saith the Lord <sup>10</sup> of Jehoiakim king of Ju'dah ; He shall have none to sit upon the throne of Da'vid : and his dead body shall be cast 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 servants 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 against them ; but they hearkened not.

32 Then took Jeremi'ah another roll, and gave it to Ba'ruah the scribe, the son of Neriah ; who wrote therein from the mouth of Jeremi'ah all the words of the book which Jehoiakim king of Ju'dah had burned in the fire : and there were added besides unto them many like words.

*sacraments become effectual means of salvation ? A. The sacraments become effectual means of salvation, not from any virtue in them, or in him that doth administer them ; but only by the blessing of Christ, and the working of His Spirit in them that by faith receive them.*

**The Question on Missions**—32. Who are our present missionaries in the New Hebrides, and on what island ? Rev. Dr. and Mrs. McKenzie, on Elat6 ; Rev. Dr. and Mrs. Robertson, on Erromanga, appointed 33 years ago ; and Rev. Dr. and Mrs. Annand, on Santo, appointed one year later.

**Lesson Hymns**—Book of Praise, Ps. Sel. 97 (Supplemental Lesson) ; 168 ; 136 ; 90 (Ps. Sel.) ; 582 (from PRIMARY QUARTERLY) ; 162.

**EXPOSITION**

**Time and Place**—605 B.C. The temple and King Jehoiakim's palace, Jerusalem.

**Connecting Links**—King Josiah, having taken up the cause of Assyria against Necho, the Pharaoh of Egypt, was slain at Megiddo, in the plain of Esdraelon, 609 B.C. (See 2 Kgs. 23 : 29.) For his successors, see For Teachers of the Older Scholars. Jeremiah (see ch. 36 : 2) had been prophesying for twenty-three years, since about 626 B.C., the thirteenth year of Josiah, ch. 1 : 3. Moved by faithfulness to God and love of country, he warned Jehoiakim and his people against their growing wickedness, urging them to repent, lest God should punish them by the hand of the Babylonians or Chaldeans. At God's command he causes Baruch to write his warning prophecies in a book or roll and read it to the people. This was reported

to the princes, and in turn to the king (see vs. 1-20).

**I. Prophecies Destroyed, 21-26.**

Vs. 21, 22. *So the king*; that is, Jehoiakim, in character "frivolous, and superficial in regard to the highest things of life, despotic in temper, and brutal in the measures he used to rid himself of those who crossed his humors." (Hastings' Bible Dictionary.) *Sent Jehudi*; one of his officers. *To fetch the roll*. See Connecting Links and Light from the East. *Elishama the scribe's chamber*; where it had been left by the princes (see v. 20). Elishama was secretary to the king. *And Jehudi read it*. The weal or woe of the king and his nation hung upon that moment. The blessing and the curse were to be set before him, and he must choose. *Winter-house*; that is, in that part of the royal palace