GOD TOLD JEREMIAH WHAT TO WRITE



LEADER BIBLE STUDY



CONTEXT AND COMMENTARY FOR PERSONAL STUDY AND PREPARATION

(For age-appropriate language, use the Bible story in the leader guide.)

Spring showcases the magnificent glory of blooming flowers. While these flowers brighten our world for a few days, they soon fade away. In 1 Peter 1:24-25 we read, "The grass withers, and the flower falls, but the word of the Lord endures forever." In contrast to flowers, the Word of God, the Bible, does not fade away but lasts forever.

In 2 Timothy 3:16 we read, "All Scripture is inspired by God and is profitable for teaching, for rebuking, for correcting, for training in righteousness." Both God and man were participants in producing the Holy Scriptures, but God is the indisputable source of His Word. The human authors wrote the words, but God inspired and directed the content of the message.

God assigned Jeremiah to proclaim judgment to God's people. Jeremiah was beaten, put in stocks, and thrown out of the temple for proclaiming God's message (Jeremiah 20:2). After that incident, Jeremiah complained to God, "The word of the LORD has become my constant disgrace and derision. I say, 'I won't mention him or speak any longer in his name. But his message becomes a fire burning in my heart, shut up in my bones. I become tired of holding it in, and I cannot prevail." (Jeremiah 20:8-9) Jeremiah found himself unable to resist proclaiming God's Word!

Jeremiah 36 provides a clear example of God and man working together to produce the Scriptures. God gave Jeremiah a message of judgment for His people, directing him to write the words on a scroll. Jeremiah dictated God's Words to Baruch, who obediently recorded the prophecy. When King Jehoiakim heard the words read to him from the scrolls, he showed blatant disrespect for the Word of God by cutting the scroll into pieces and burning it. He foolishly believed his actions would negate God's warning, but God simply led Jeremiah to write the same prophecy on another scroll. The Word of God lasts forever.

Pray this week, thanking the Lord for the Bible—the unchanging, infallible Word of God, inspired by God Himself. Thank Him that no matter what situation you face, you can go to the Bible for words of assurance, wisdom, or correction.

TEACHER TIP

Tell parents at least one thing their child enjoyed during their time at church. Mention one of the Bible activities, a favorite toy, or a song the baby responded to.



LEVEL OF BIBLICAL LEARNING

People in the Bible told about God.

LIFE POINT

The Bible is God's Word.

SCRIPTURE REFERENCE

Jeremiah 36

BIBLE VERSE

The Word of God, the Bible, lasts forever. 1 Peter 1:25

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