

Jeremiah 36:10

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Then read Baruch in the book the words of Jeremiah in the house of the LORD, in the chamber of Gemariah the son of Shaphan the scribe, in the higher court, at the entry of the new gate of the LORD'S house, in the ears of all the people.

Analysis

Then read Baruch in the book the words of Jeremiah—The public reading (קָרָא, qara) continues the prophetic tradition of oral proclamation. **In the chamber of Gemariah the son of Shaphan**—Shaphan's family consistently supported Jeremiah (26:24, 39:14), providing safe space for the prophet's ministry. **In the higher court, at the entry of the new gate**—This strategic location in the temple's upper courtyard ensured maximum public exposure.

In the ears of all the people (בְּאָזְנֵי כָל־הָעָם, be'oznei khol-ha'am)—The Hebrew emphasizes auditory reception. God's word demands hearing that leads to obedience (Deuteronomy 6:4). The "new gate" (likely built during Josiah's reforms) ironically frames this moment: reformation architecture cannot substitute for heart transformation.

Historical Context

Temple architecture featured multiple courtyards with ascending levels. The "higher court" was closer to the sanctuary, accessible to Jewish males. Scribes like Gemariah had chambers in the temple complex for administrative work. The "new gate" may refer to the gate restored under King Jotham (2 Kings 15:35) or Josiah's building projects.

Related Passages

Ephesians 2:8 — Salvation by grace through faith

John 3:16 — God's love and salvation

Genesis 1:1 — Creation of heavens and earth

Colossians 1:16 — All things created through Christ

Study Questions

1. How does the physical positioning of Scripture reading (in the higher court, at the gate) inform how we should approach biblical proclamation today?
2. What role do supportive relationships (like Gemariah providing his chamber) play in sustaining faithful biblical ministry?
3. How can you ensure you're not just hearing Scripture "in your ears" but allowing it to penetrate your heart?

Interlinear Text

וְקֹרֵא	בַּר וּן	בִּסְפָּר	אֶת	דְּבַר י	יְרֵמִי הו	בֵּית	יְהוָה
Then read	Baruch	in the book	H853	the words	of Jeremiah	house	of the LORD
H7121	H1263	H5612		H1697	H3414	H1004	H3068

בְּלִשְׁכָּת	גִּמְרִיָּהוּ	בֶּן	שָׁפָן	הַסֵּפֶר	בְּחֹצֵר
in the chamber	of Gemariah	the son	of Shaphan	the scribe	court
H3957	H1587	H1121	H8227	H5608	H2691

הַעֲלִי וּן	כֹּף תַּחַ	שַׁעַר	בֵּית	יְהוָה	הַחֲדָשׁ	בְּאָזְנוֹ י
in the higher	at the entry	gate	house	of the LORD	of the new	in the ears
H5945	H6607	H8179	H1004	H3068	H2319	H241

כָּל	הָעָם:
H3605	of all the people
	H5971

Additional Cross-References

Jeremiah 36:11 (Word): When Michaiah the son of Gemariah, the son of Shaphan, had heard out of the book all the words of the LORD,

Jeremiah 52:25 (Parallel theme): He took also out of the city an eunuch, which had the charge of the men of war; and seven men of them that were near the king's person, which were found in the city; and the principal scribe of the host, who mustered the people of the land; and threescore men of the people of the land, that were found in the midst of the city.

Jeremiah 26:10 (References Lord): When the princes of Judah heard these things, then they came up from the king's house unto the house of the LORD, and sat down in the entry of the new gate of the LORD'S house.

Jeremiah 35:4 (References Lord): And I brought them into the house of the LORD, into the chamber of the sons of Hanan, the son of Igdaliah, a man of God, which was by the chamber of the princes, which was above the chamber of Maaseiah the son of Shallum, the keeper of the door:

Jeremiah 36:25 (Parallel theme): 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.

2 Samuel 8:17 (Parallel theme): And Zadok the son of Ahitub, and Ahimelech the son of Abiathar, were the priests; and Seraiah was the scribe;