

Jeremiah 36:13

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Then Michaiah declared unto them all the words that he had heard, when Baruch read the book in the ears of the people.

Analysis

Then Michaiah declared unto them all the words that he had heard (תִּגְאַד, nagad—to declare, announce, make known). Michaiah functions as a faithful reporter, ensuring the princes receive the complete prophetic message. **When Baruch read the book in the ears of the people**—The repetition of public reading emphasizes the transparency of prophetic ministry; this was no secret conspiracy but open proclamation.

The phrase "all the words" appears again, stressing comprehensive communication. Michaiah doesn't sanitize or summarize; he delivers the full weight of divine judgment. This contrasts sharply with false prophets who spoke smooth words (Jeremiah 6:14, 8:11). True ministry requires courage to communicate hard truth without dilution.

Historical Context

In ancient Near Eastern courts, messengers were expected to deliver messages verbatim. Altering a royal message could mean death. Michaiah applies this same fidelity to God's word, treating the prophetic scroll with the reverence due to divine communication. His role bridges the gap between public proclamation and private governmental deliberation.

Related Passages

John 15:13 — Greatest form of love

1 Corinthians 13:4 — Characteristics of love

Study Questions

1. When sharing biblical truth with others, how can you ensure you're communicating the complete message rather than selective portions?
2. What gives you the courage to declare "all the words" of Scripture, including uncomfortable truths?
3. How do you balance wisdom in communication with fidelity to the full counsel of God's word?

Interlinear Text

תִּלְכָּדָה	לְקַרְבָּן	מִכְּהוּ	אֶת	כָּל	יְמִינְךָ	רַא	פְּדָבֵר
declared	H0	Then Michaiah	H853	H3605	unto them all the words	H834	
H5046		H4321			H1697		
שָׁמַע	בְּקָרְבָּן	בְּרַעַם	בְּרַעַם	בְּקָרְבָּן	בְּאֶזְרָן	בְּאֶזְרָן	פְּנָצֶם
that he had heard	read	when Baruch	the book	in the ears	of the people		
H8085	H7121	H1263	H5612	H241	H5971		

Additional Cross-References

2 Kings 22:10 (Parallel theme): And Shaphan the scribe shewed the king, saying, Hilkiah the priest hath delivered me a book. And Shaphan read it before the king.