

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 (נָגַד, 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

וַיִּדְבַּר	לָהֶם	מִכַּיִּיחָהוּ	אֵת	כָּל	הַדְּבָרִים	אֲשֶׁר
declared	H0	Then Michaiah	H853	H3605	unto them all the words	H834
H5046		H4321			H1697	
שֶׁמָּעַ	בְּקֹרְאֵהוּ	בְּרֹאשׁוֹ	בֵּית	בְּאָזְנוֹ	הָעָם:	
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, Hilkiyah the priest hath delivered me a book. And Shaphan read it before the king.