

Jeremiah 36:14

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Therefore all the princes sent Jehudi the son of Nethaniah, the son of Shelemiah, the son of Cushi, unto Baruch, saying, Take in thine hand the roll wherein thou hast read in the ears of the people, and come. So Baruch the son of Neriah took the roll in his hand, and came unto them.

Analysis

Therefore all the princes sent Jehudi—The four-generation genealogy of this messenger (rare in Scripture) may indicate his importance or mixed heritage ("Cushi" suggests Ethiopian ancestry). **Take in thine hand the roll** (הַגִּלָּה, megillah—scroll). **Wherein thou hast read in the ears of the people, and come**—The princes want to examine the source document themselves, not rely on secondhand reports.

Baruch's compliance—**took the roll in his hand, and came**—shows he has nothing to hide. The physical scroll becomes the focal point, a tangible witness to God's word. The princes' investigative approach contrasts with Jehoiakim's coming contempt (v.23). At this stage, they're conducting due diligence, not yet committed to rebellion or obedience.

Historical Context

Ancient scrolls were valuable objects, made from prepared animal skins or papyrus. A complete prophetic scroll represented significant time and expense. The princes' request to see the actual document reflects standard administrative

procedure for verifying reports. Jehudi's complex genealogy may indicate a family of court servants spanning multiple generations and ethnicities.

Related Passages

1 John 4:8 — God is love

John 15:13 — Greatest form of love

Study Questions

1. How do you respond when your faith or biblical convictions come under official scrutiny?
2. What does Baruch's willingness to bring the scroll teach about transparency in Christian witness?
3. In what ways should we welcome honest investigation of Scripture rather than fear it?

Interlinear Text

בֶּן	יְהוּדָה	אֶת	בָּר וְנָ	אֵל	הַשָּׂרִים	כָּל	וַיִּשְׁלַח וְ
the son	Jehudi		So Baruch		Therefore all the princes		sent
H1121	H3065		H1263	H413	H8269	H3605	H7971
הַמִּגֵּלָה	לֵאמֹר	כּוֹשִׁי	בֶּן	שְׁלֵמִיָּה הוּא	בֶּן	נְתַנְיָהוּ	וְ
the roll	saying	of Cushi	the son	of Shelemiah	the son	of Nathaniah	
H4039	H559	H3570	H1121	H8018	H1121	H5418	
וַיִּקַּח	הָעָם	בְּאָזְנֵי	בָּהּ	קָרָאתָ	אֵשֶׁר		
Take	of the people	in the ears		wherein thou hast read			
H3947	H5971	H241	H0	H7121			
הַמִּגֵּלָה	אֶת	נִרְיָה הוּא	בֶּן	בָּר וְנָ	וַיִּקַּח	לְ	בְיָד וְ
the roll		of Neriah	the son	So Baruch	Take		in his hand
H4039	H853	H5374	H1121	H1263	H3947	H1980	H3027
					אֵלֵיהֶם:	וַיָּבֹא	בְיָד וְ
						and came	in his hand
						H935	H3027

Additional Cross-References

Jeremiah 36:2 (Parallel theme): Take thee a roll of a book, and write therein all the words that I have spoken unto thee against Israel, and against Judah, and against all the nations, from the day I spake unto thee, from the days of Josiah, even unto this day.