

God's Word Cannot Be Destroyed

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“Thus speaketh the LORD God of Israel, saying, Write thee all the words that I have spoken unto thee in a book” (Jeremiah 30:2—KJV).

“Thus says the LORD, the God of Israel: Write in a book all the words that I have spoken to you” (Jeremiah 30:2—NRSV).

During forty years of preaching, Jeremiah warned the Judeans that if they would not repent, then God would punish them as He had punished the Kingdom of Israel in 722 BC. Among many of their horrible deeds, they sacrificed their children to idols by throwing them into a fire in the belly of Molech. King Solomon helped establish this custom in his kingdom: “Then Solomon built a high place for Chemosh the abomination of Moab, and for Molech the abomination of the Ammonites, on the mountain east of Jerusalem” (1 Kings 11:7). After God punished the Kingdom of Judah by destroying Jerusalem, and by the Babylonian army taking many survivors into exile, God promised to restore them to the land that He gave their ancestors. God told Jeremiah to write in a book all the words He spoke to him, and this book became a lasting record of God’s faithfulness to keep the words He spoke, of God’s power to perform what He threatens to do as punishment, of God’s promises to restore those who repent. God’s written word cannot be destroyed. One of Judah’s kings did not like what Jeremiah had written, so he took his knife, cut up the scroll as it was being read to him, and then threw it into the fire. So, God told Jeremiah to write it down again, which he did as he dictated to Baruch (see Jeremiah 36). We can judge from history that God fulfilled what Jeremiah wrote. For more than 2500 years God has protected His Word and has proven that His Word cannot be destroyed (see Isaiah 40:8). – L.G. Parkhurst, Jr.

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