

I. With Awareness Comes Responsibility (13)

"Go, inquire of the LORD for me, and for the people, and for all Judah, concerning the words of this book that has been found. For great is the wrath of the LORD that is kindled against us, because our fathers have not obeyed the words of this book, to do according to all that is written concerning us."

II. An Unavoidable Truth To Be Accepted (14-17)

A. A collective commitment to truth (14) – “So Hilkiah the priest, and Ahikam, and Achbor, and Shaphan, and Asaiah went to Huldah the prophetess, the wife of Shallum the son of Tikvah, son of Harhas, keeper of the wardrobe (now she lived in Jerusalem in the Second Quarter), and they talked with her.”

B. A painful prophetic word (15-16) – “And she said to them, "Thus says the LORD, the God of Israel: 'Tell the man who sent you to me,¹⁶ Thus says the LORD, Behold, I will bring disaster upon this place and upon its inhabitants, all the words of the book that the king of Judah has read.'"

C. A generational accountability (17) – “Because they have forsaken me and have made offerings to other gods, that they might provoke me to anger with all the work of their hands, therefore my wrath will be kindled against this place, and it will not be quenched.

III. A Powerful Grace For Humbled Hearts (18-20)

A. Josiah’s response to truth was noted in Heaven (18-19) – “But to the king of Judah, who sent you to inquire of the LORD, thus shall you say to him, Thus says the LORD, the God of Israel: Regarding the words that you have heard,¹⁹ because your heart was penitent, and you humbled yourself before the LORD, when you heard how I spoke against this place and against its inhabitants, that they should become a desolation and a curse, and you have torn your clothes and wept before me, I also have heard you, declares the LORD.

Isaiah 66:2 - “But this is the one to whom I will look: he who is humble and contrite in spirit and trembles at My word.”

Psalms 34:18 – “The LORD is near to the brokenhearted and saves the crushed in spirit.”

Matthew 5:4 – “Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.”

B. God’s pledge was released on earth (20) – “Therefore, behold, I will gather you to your fathers, and you shall be gathered to your grave in peace, and your eyes shall not see all the disaster that I will bring upon this place.” And they brought back word to the king.