

I. Baruch's Concern v 1 - 3

Hist: Baruch ('Blessed') was a young scribe, living in Jerusalem. And he was chosen to *write and read . . . the words of the Lord in the house of the Lord* (ch 36).

He hoped to be advanced by this honor, but it rather exposed him to contempt and brought him to disgrace.

His cries of discouragement are recorded in verse 3.

Spir:

Young disciples are prone to be troubled when adversity comes. **Pr 24:10, Jer 12:5**

Doct:

They soon learn that the disobedient are resistant to the truth. **Matt 13:15, Gal 4:16**

II. God's Counsel v 4

The Lord shows him that it is folly to desire the approval or promotion of the world at this time.

The ship was sinking; ruin was coming upon his nation : utter and universal.

Now is the time of judgment.

Believers cannot expect any *continuing city* here.

Hebrews 11:8-16

III. God's Comfort v 5

The Lord promises Baruch preservation in the midst of judgment.

Psalms 31:23 & 37:28, Proverbs 2:8, 2 Timothy 4:18

The Lord can make a perfect division between sinners and his saints.

Exodus 8:20-24 & 9:1-4, Nahum 1:3 & 7

The preservation and continuation of Baruch's life is of God's mercy; and the prolonging of a saints mortal life is an opportunity to glorify God in this world and to prepare for a better one.

Thy life will i give unto thee for a prey.

Romans 8:36-37 Acts 5:40-41