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Jeremiah 36:2, 3 "Take a scroll and write on it all the words I have spoken to you concerning Israel, Judah and all the other nations from the time I began speaking to you in the reign of Josiah till now. Perhaps when the people of Judah hear about every disaster I plan to inflict on them, each of them will turn from his wicked ways; then I will forgive their wickedness and their sin."

Revelation 4:1, 2 "Then I saw in the right hand of him who sat on the throne a scroll writing on both sides and sealed with seven seals. And I saw a mighty angel proclaiming in a loud voice, 'Who is worthy to break the seals and open this scroll?'"

*Psalm 119:89 "Your word, O Lord, is eternal;
It stands firm in the heavens."*

In biblical times few people could read or write so those who could were influential and respected. Writing was done on vellum, made from animal skins or paper from papyrus a plant of the sedge family. The sheets were stitched or glued together to form a long roll or scroll.

Jeremiah wasn't able to read or write but God spoke to him and he dictated to a scribe what he had heard from God. The message was a severe admonishment to the tribes of Judah who had strayed from the ways of the Lord.

John in Revelation takes up this theme with the description of the scroll with seven seals which can only be opened and read by the Son of God when he comes again.

We can only wait and hope sure in the knowledge of the promise of redemption and everlasting life for those who believe.