

~BARUCH 1 (318)
(Bar'uch) [Blessed]

- The scribal secretary of Jeremiah. **Baruch** was the son of Neriah and brother of Seraiah, Zedekiah's quartermaster who read Jeremiah's scroll alongside the Euphrates.
- And I then gave the deed of purchase to **Baruch** the son of Neriah the son of Mahseiah before the eyes of Hanamel the son of my paternal uncle and before the eyes of the witnesses, those writing in the deed of purchase, before the eyes of all the Jews who were sitting in the Courtyard of the Guard. (**Jeremiah 32:12**)
- The word that Jeremiah the prophet commanded Seraiah the son of Neriah the son of Mahseiah when he went with Zedekiah the king of Judah to Babylon in the fourth year of his being king, and Seraiah was the quartermaster. (**Jeremiah 51:59**)
- And Jeremiah proceeded to write in one book all the calamity that would come upon Babylon, even all these words written against Babylon. (**Jeremiah 51:60**)
- Furthermore, Jeremiah said to Seraiah; As soon as you come to Babylon and actually see her, you must also read aloud all these words. (**Jeremiah 51:61**)
- And you must say; O Yehowah, you yourself have spoken against this place, in order to cut it off so that there may come to be in it no inhabitant, either man or even domestic animal, but that she may become mere desolate wastes to time indefinite. (**Jeremiah 51:62**)
- And it must occur that when you will have completed reading this book, you will tie to it a stone, and you must pitch it into the midst of the Euphrates. (**Jeremiah 51:63**)
- And you must say; This is how Babylon will sink down and never rise up because of the calamity that I am bringing in upon her, and they will certainly tire themselves out. Down to this point are the words of Jeremiah. (**Jeremiah 51:64**)

- In the fourth year of King Jehoiakim, **625 B.C.E**, **Baruch** began writing in a scroll the prophetic message of Jerusalem's doom, dictated by Jeremiah. In the late fall of the following year, **624 B.C.E**, **Baruch** read the scroll aloud **in the ears of all the people** at the entrance of Yehowah's house.

- He was then summoned to read it to an assembly of the princes, who, moved by what they heard and fearing the consequences when the word got to the kings ears, urged **Baruch** and Jeremiah to hide.

- Jehoiakim, upon hearing the denunciation, burned the scroll piece by piece and commanded that **Baruch** and Jeremiah be brought before him, but Yehowah kept them concealed. At Jeremiah's dictation, **Baruch** then wrote another scroll like the first, but containing many more words from the mouth of Yehowah.

- Now it came about in the fourth year of Jehoiakim the son of Josiah, the king of Judah, that this word occurred to Jeremiah from Yehowah, saying; (**Jeremiah 36:1**)

- Take for yourself a roll of a book, and you must write in it all the words that I have spoken to you against Israel and against Judah and against all the nations, since the day that I spoke to you, since the days of Josiah, clear down to this day. (**Jeremiah 36:2**)

- Perhaps those of the house of Judah will listen to all the calamity that I am thinking of doing to them, to the end that they may return, each one from his bad way, and that I may actually forgive their error and their sin. (**Jeremiah 36:3**)

- And Jeremiah proceeded to call **Baruch** the son of Neriah that Baruch might write at the mouth of Jeremiah all the words of Yehowah that He had spoken to him, on the roll of the book. (**Jeremiah 36:4**)

- Then Jeremiah commanded **Baruch**, saying; I am shut up. I am unable to enter into the house of Yehowah. (**Jeremiah 36:5**)

- And you yourself must enter in and read aloud from the roll that you have written at my mouth the words of Yehowah in the ears of the people at the house of Yehowah in the day of fast, and also in the ears of all Judah who are coming in from their cities you should read them aloud. (**Jeremiah 36:6**)

- Perhaps their request for favor will fall before Yehowah and they will return, each one from his bad way, for great is the anger and the rage that Yehowah has spoken against this people. (**Jeremiah 36:7**)
- And **Baruch** the son of Neriah proceeded to do according to all that Jeremiah the prophet had commanded him, to read aloud from the book the words of Yehowah at the house of Yehowah. (**Jeremiah 36:8**)
- Now it came about in the fifth year of Jehoiakim the son of Josiah, the king of Judah, in the ninth month, that all the people in Jerusalem and all the people that were coming in from the cities of Judah into Jerusalem proclaimed a fast before Yehowah. (**Jeremiah 36:9**)
- And **Baruch** began to read aloud from the book the words of Jeremiah at the house of Yehowah, in the dining room of Gemariah the son of Shaphan the copyist, in the upper courtyard, at the entrance of the new gate of the house of Yehowah, in the ears of all the people. (**Jeremiah 36:10**)
- And Micaiah the son of Gemariah the son of Shaphan got to hear all the words of Yehowah from out of the book. (**Jeremiah 36:11**)
- At that he went down to the house of the king, to the dining room of the secretary, and, look! There is where all the princes were sitting, Elishama the secretary and Delaiah the son of Shemaiah and Elnathan the son of Achbor and Gemariah the son of Shaphan and Zedekiah the son of Hananiah and all the other princes. (**Jeremiah 36:12**)
- And Micaiah proceeded to tell them all the words that he had heard when **Baruch** read aloud from the book in the ears of the people. (**Jeremiah 36:13**)
- Then all the princes sent out to **Baruch** Jehudi the son of Nethaniah the son of Shelemiah the son of Cushi, saying; The roll from which you read aloud in the ears of the people, take it in your hand and come. Accordingly **Baruch** the son of Neriah took the roll in his hand and came in to them. (**Jeremiah 36:14**)
- Then they said to him; Sit down, please, and read it aloud in our ears. So **Baruch** read aloud in their ears. (**Jeremiah 36:15**)

- Now it came about that as soon as they heard all the words, they looked at one another in dread, and they proceeded to say to **Baruch**; We shall without fail tell the king all these words. (**Jeremiah 36:16**)
- And **Baruch** they asked, saying; Tell us, please, how did you write all these words from his mouth? (**Jeremiah 36:17**)
- Then **Baruch** said to them; Out of his mouth he kept declaring to me all these words, and I was writing in the book with ink. (**Jeremiah 36:18**)
- Finally the princes said to **Baruch**; Go, conceal yourself, you and Jeremiah, so that no one at all will know where you men are. (**Jeremiah 36:19**)
- Then they came in to the king, to the courtyard, and the roll they entrusted to the dining room of Elishama the secretary, and they began to tell all the words in the ears of the king. (**Jeremiah 36:20**)
- So the king sent Jehudi out to get the roll. Accordingly he got it out of the dining room of Elishama the secretary. And Jehudi began to read it aloud in the ears of the king and in the ears of all the princes standing by the king. (**Jeremiah 36:21**)
- And the king was sitting in the winter house, in the ninth month, with a brazier burning before him. (**Jeremiah 36:22**)
- Then it came about that as soon as Jehudi had read three or four page-columns, he proceeded to tear it apart with the secretary's knife, pitching it also into the fire that was in the brazier until all the roll ended up in the fire that was in the brazier. (**Jeremiah 36:23**)
- And they felt no dread, neither did the king and all his servants, who were listening to all these words, rip their garments apart. (**Jeremiah 36:24**)
- And even Elnathan and Delaiah and Gemariah themselves pleaded with the king not to burn the roll, but he did not listen to them. (**Jeremiah 36:25**)

- Further, the king commanded Jerahmeel the son of the king and Seraiah the son of Azriel and Shelemiah the son of Abdeel to get **Baruch** the secretary and Jeremiah the prophet. But Yehowah kept them concealed. (**Jeremiah 36:26**)
- And the word of Yehowah occurred further to Jeremiah after the king had burned up the roll with the words that **Baruch** had written at the mouth of Jeremiah, saying; (**Jeremiah 36:27**)
- Take again for yourself a roll, another one, and write on it all the first words that proved to be on the first roll, which Jehoiakim the king of Judah burned up. (**Jeremiah 36:28**)
- And against Jehoiakim the king of Judah you should say; This is what Yehowah has said; You yourself have burned up this roll, saying; Why is it that you have written on it, saying; The king of Babylon will come without fail and will certainly bring this land to ruin and cause man and beast to cease from it? (**Jeremiah 36:29**)
- Therefore this is what Yehowah has said against Jehoiakim the king of Judah; He will come to have no one sitting upon the throne of David, and his own dead body will become something thrown out to the heat by day and to the frost by night. (**Jeremiah 36:30**)
- And I will call to account against him and against his offspring and against his servants their error, and I will bring upon them and upon the inhabitants of Jerusalem and upon the men of Judah all the calamity that I have spoken against them, and they did not listen. (**Jeremiah 36:31**)
- And Jeremiah himself took another roll and then gave it to **Baruch** the son of Neriah, the secretary, who proceeded to write upon it at the mouth of Jeremiah all the words of the book that Jehoiakim the king of Judah had burned in the fire, and there were added to them many more words like those. (**Jeremiah 36:32**)
- Sixteen years later, in the tenth year of Zedekiah, only months before Jerusalem was sacked, **Baruch** took the deeds for the property Jeremiah had purchased from a cousin and put them in an earthenware vessel for preservation and safekeeping.

- The word that occurred to Jeremiah from Yehowah in the tenth year of Zedekiah the king of Judah, that is, the eighteenth year of Nebuchadrezzar. (**Jeremiah 32:1**)
- So I proceeded to buy from Hanamel the son of my paternal uncle the field that was in Anathoth. And I began to weigh out to him the money, seven shekels and ten silver pieces. (**Jeremiah 32:9**)
- Then I wrote in a deed and affixed the seal and took witnesses as I went weighing the money in the scales. (**Jeremiah 32:10**)
- After that I took the deed of purchase, the one sealed according to the commandment and the regulations, and the one left open. (**Jeremiah 32:11**)
- And I then gave the deed of purchase to **Baruch** the son of Neriah the son of Mahseiah before the eyes of Hanamel the son of my paternal uncle and before the eyes of the witnesses, those writing in the deed of purchase, before the eyes of all the Jews who were sitting in the Courtyard of the Guard. (**Jeremiah 32:12**)
- I now commanded **Baruch** before their eyes, saying; (**Jeremiah 32:13**)
- This is what Yehowah of armies, the God of Israel, has said; Taking these deeds, this deed of purchase, even the sealed one, and the other deed left open, you must also put them into an earthenware vessel, in order, that they may last for many days. (**Jeremiah 32:14**)
- For this is what Yehowah of armies, the God of Israel, has said; Houses and fields and vineyards will yet be bought in this land. (**Jeremiah 32:15**)
- And I began to pray to Yehowah after my having given the deed of purchase to **Baruch** the son of Neriah, saying; (**Jeremiah 32:16**)
- At one point during the writing of the first scroll, when **Baruch** complained of his weariness, Yehowah warned him; Do not keep on seeking great things for yourself. Nevertheless, because of his faithfulness he was promised preservation and safety in all the places to which he might go, not only during the terrible siege of Jerusalem

but also afterwards when the rebellious populace compelled him and Jeremiah to go down to Egypt with them.

- The word that Jeremiah the prophet spoke to **Baruch** the son of Neriah when he wrote in a book these words from the mouth of Jeremiah in the fourth year of Jehoiakim the son of Josiah, the king of Judah, saying; (**Jeremiah 45:1**)
- This is what Yehowah the God of Israel has said concerning you, O **Baruch**. (**Jeremiah 45:2**)
- You have said; Woe, now, to me, for Yehowah has added grief to my pain! I have grown weary because of my sighing, and no resting-place have I found. (**Jeremiah 45:3**)
- This is what you should say to him; This is what Yehowah has said; Look! What I have built up I am tearing down, and what I have planted I am uprooting, even all the land itself. (**Jeremiah 45:4**)
- But as for you, you keep seeking great things for yourself. Do not keep on seeking. For here I am bringing in a calamity upon all flesh, is the utterance of Yehowah, and I will give you your soul as a spoil in all the places to which you may go. (**Jeremiah 45:5**)
- And Johanan the son of Kareah and all the chiefs of the military forces and all the people did not obey the voice of Yehowah, to keep on dwelling in the land of Judah. (**Jeremiah 43:4**)
- So Johanan the son of Kareah and all the chiefs of the military forces took all the remnant of Judah that had returned from all the nations to which they had been dispersed, in order to reside for a while in the land of Judah. (**Jeremiah 43:5**)
- Even the able-bodied men and the wives and the little children and the daughters of the king and every soul that Nebuzaradan the chief of the bodyguard had let stay with Gedaliah the son of Ahikam the son of Shaphan, and Jeremiah the prophet and **Baruch** the son of Neriah. (**Jeremiah 43:6**)
- And they finally came into the land of Egypt, for they did not obey the voice of Yehowah, and they came gradually as far as Tahpanhes. (**Jeremiah 43:7**)

