

~DEED (60)

[Hebrew, *se'pher*]

- **A written agreement duly signed and sometimes sealed, containing the legal terms for the accomplishment of an intended purpose, the documented instrument for the transfer of real estate. The Bible's only use of the Hebrew word *se'pher* in this particular sense concerns Jeremiah's purchase of a field from his cousin Hanamel.**
- **And Jeremiah proceeded to say; The word of Yehowah has occurred to me, saying; ([Jeremiah 32:6](#))**
- **Here is Hanamel the son of Shallum your paternal uncle coming in to you, saying; Buy for yourself the field of mine that is in Anathoth, because the right of repurchase belongs to you for buying it. ([Jeremiah 32:7](#))**
- **In time Hanamel the son of my paternal uncle came in to me, according to the word of Yehowah, into the Courtyard of the Guard, and proceeded to say to me; Buy, please, the field of mine that is in Anathoth, which is in the land of Benjamin, for the right of hereditary possession is yours, and the repurchasing power is yours. Buy it for yourself. At that I knew that it had been the word of Yehowah. ([Jeremiah 32:8](#))**
- **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**)