

BARUCH THE BLESSED JER 45

The word is well-known & quite common in the OT (290x) → one of the words for blessed

But, Baruch didn't feel blessed!

Blessed is always a combination of:
Reality
Perception
Expectation

1. Faithful as a friend!

Jeremiah 32:1 The word that came to Jeremiah from the LORD in the tenth year of Zedekiah king of Judah, which was the eighteenth year of Nebuchadrezzar. **Jeremiah 32:2** For then the king of Babylon's army besieged Jerusalem: and Jeremiah the prophet was shut up in the court of the prison, which was in the king of Judah's house. **Jeremiah 32:3** For Zedekiah king of Judah had shut him up, saying, Wherefore dost thou prophesy, and say, Thus saith the LORD, Behold, I will give this city into the hand of the king of Babylon, and he shall take it;

Jeremiah 32:12 And I gave the evidence of the purchase unto **Baruch** the son of Neriah, the son of Maaseiah, in the sight of Hanameel mine uncle's son, and in the presence of the witnesses that subscribed the book of the purchase, before all the Jews that sat in the court of the prison. **Jeremiah 32:13** And I charged **Baruch** before them, saying,

Jeremiah 32:14 Thus saith the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel; Take these evidences, this evidence of the purchase, both which is sealed, and this evidence which is open; and put them in an earthen vessel, that they may continue many days. **Jeremiah 32:15** For thus saith the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel; Houses and fields and vineyards shall be possessed again in this land. **Jeremiah 32:16** Now when I had delivered the evidence of the purchase unto **Baruch** ...

Proverbs 17:17 A friend loveth at all times, And a brother is born for adversity.

Proverbs 27:10 Thine own friend, and thy father's friend, **forsake not**; Neither go into thy brother's house in the day of thy calamity: For better is a neighbour that is near than a brother far off.

Proverbs 27:17 Iron sharpeneth iron; So a man sharpeneth the countenance of his friend.

2. Fruitful as an amanuensis!

Jeremiah 36:1 And it came to pass in the fourth year of Jehoiakim the son of Josiah king of Judah, that this word came unto Jeremiah from the LORD, saying,

Jeremiah 36:2 Take thee a roll of a book, and write therein all the words that I have spoken unto thee against Israel, and against Judah, and against all the nations, from the day I spake unto thee, from the days of Josiah, even unto this day.

Jeremiah 36:4 Then Jeremiah called **Baruch** the son of Neriah: **and Baruch wrote from the mouth of Jeremiah all the words of the LORD**, which he had spoken unto him, upon a roll of a book.

Jeremiah 36:8 And Baruch the son of Neriah did according to all that Jeremiah the prophet commanded him, **reading** in the book the words of the LORD in the LORD's house.

Jeremiah 36:17 And they asked Baruch, saying, **Tell us now, HOW didst thou write all these words at his mouth?** **Jeremiah 36:18** Then Baruch answered them, **He pronounced all these words unto me with his mouth, and I wrote them with ink in the book.**

Jeremiah 36:27 Then the word of the LORD came to Jeremiah, after that the king had burned the roll, and the words which Baruch wrote at the mouth of Jeremiah, saying,

Jeremiah 36:32 Then took Jeremiah **another roll**, and gave it to Baruch the scribe, the son of Neriah; who wrote therein from the mouth of Jeremiah all the words of the book which Jehoiakim king of Judah had burned in the fire: and there were added besides unto them many like words.

Baruch:

- Was Jeremiah's scribe
- He took dictation
- He also read the prophecies
- Re-wrote the book AND added materials

3. Frustrated as a “prophet!”

Jeremiah 45:1 The word that Jeremiah the prophet spake unto Baruch the son of Neriah, when he had written these words in a book at the mouth of Jeremiah, in the fourth year of Jehoiakim the son of Josiah king of Judah, saying,

Jeremiah 45:2 Thus saith the LORD, the God of Israel, unto thee, **O Baruch**;

Jeremiah 45:3 Thou didst say, Woe is me now! for the LORD hath added grief to my sorrow; I fainted in my sighing, and I find no rest.

Jeremiah 45:4 Thus shalt thou say unto him, The LORD saith thus; Behold, that which I have built will I break down, and that which I have planted I will pluck up, even this whole land.

Jeremiah 45:5 And seekest thou great things for thyself? seek them not: **for**, behold, I will bring evil upon all flesh, saith the LORD: **but** thy life will I give unto thee for a prey in all places whither thou goest.

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Jeremiah 36:3 **It may be** that the house of Judah will hear all the evil which I purpose to do unto them; **that** they may return every man from his evil way; **that** I may forgive their iniquity and their sin.

Reality

- + Perception
- + Expectations
- = Blessedness / Happiness

Baruch lived during the times of Josiah → Zedekiah

Baruch didn't live during the times of David / Solomon / Hezekiah / Josiah...

John 13:17 **If ye know** these things, **happy** are ye **if ye do** them.