

# Jeremiah 36:14

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Therefore all the princes sent Jehudi the son of Nethaniah, the son of Shelemiah, the son of Cushi, unto Baruch, saying, Take in thine hand the roll wherein thou hast read in the ears of the people, and come. So Baruch the son of Neriah took the roll in his hand, and came unto them.

## Analysis

**Therefore all the princes sent Jehudi**—The four-generation genealogy of this messenger (rare in Scripture) may indicate his importance or mixed heritage ("Cushi" suggests Ethiopian ancestry). **Take in thine hand the roll** (*מְגִלָּה*, megillah—scroll). **Wherein thou hast read in the ears of the people, and come**—The princes want to examine the source document themselves, not rely on secondhand reports.

Baruch's compliance—**took the roll in his hand, and came**—shows he has nothing to hide. The physical scroll becomes the focal point, a tangible witness to God's word. The princes' investigative approach contrasts with Jehoiakim's coming contempt (v.23). At this stage, they're conducting due diligence, not yet committed to rebellion or obedience.

## Historical Context

Ancient scrolls were valuable objects, made from prepared animal skins or papyrus. A complete prophetic scroll represented significant time and expense. The princes' request to see the actual document reflects standard administrative

procedure for verifying reports. Jehudi's complex genealogy may indicate a family of court servants spanning multiple generations and ethnicities.

## Related Passages

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**1 John 4:8** — God is love

**John 15:13** — Greatest form of love

## Study Questions

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1. How do you respond when your faith or biblical convictions come under official scrutiny?
2. What does Baruch's willingness to bring the scroll teach about transparency in Christian witness?
3. In what ways should we welcome honest investigation of Scripture rather than fear it?

## Interlinear Text

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בָּנִי	יְהוּדִי	וְיְהוּדִי	אֶת	בְּרַ וְגַ	אֶל	בְּנִים	כָּל	יִשְׁלַח	וְ	בָּנִים	יְמִ	בָּשָׁר	כָּל	
sent	H3605	Therefore	all	the	princes									
H7971						H413								
of Nethaniah	H5418	the son	H1121	of Shelemiah	H8018	the son	H1121	of Cushi	H3570	saying	H559	the roll	H4039	
אֲשֶׁר	H834	בָּנָךְ	H7121	אַתָּה		בְּהָ	H0	בְּאָזְגִּים	H241	בְּעַם	H5971	לְקַח	H3947	
wherein thou hast read								in the ears		of the people			Take	
בְּיַד	H1980	לְקַח	H3947	בְּרַ וְגַ	H1263	בָּנִי	H1121	נְרִיאִי	H5374	אֶת	H853	לְמִגְלָה		
in his hand	H3027	Take		So Baruch		the son		of Neriah					the roll	
בְּיַד	H3027	אֲלֵיכֶם	H935	וַיָּבֹא	H413									
in his hand		and came												

## Additional Cross-References

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**Jeremiah 36:2** (Parallel theme): 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.