

# Jeremiah 36:8

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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.

## Analysis

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**And Baruch the son of Neriah did according to all that Jeremiah the prophet commanded him**—The Hebrew verb שָׁמַע (shama, to hear/obey) underlies Baruch's faithful obedience. As Jeremiah's scribe and loyal disciple, Baruch becomes the physical voice of the imprisoned prophet. **Reading in the book the words of the LORD in the LORD'S house** (קָרָא בַסֵּפֶר, qara basepher)—The public reading of Scripture in the temple precinct establishes a pattern seen throughout redemptive history: God's word must be proclaimed, not merely possessed.

Baruch's role prefigures the work of all faithful ministers who proclaim God's word exactly as given. The phrase "words of the LORD" (דְּבַר יְהוָה) emphasizes divine authorship—these are not Jeremiah's opinions but Yahweh's covenant lawsuit against Judah. The temple setting intensifies the confrontation: God's indictment is read in His own house.

## Historical Context

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This occurred in 604 BC during Jeremiah's confinement. Baruch served as Jeremiah's amanuensis (professional scribe), a common practice in the ancient Near East. The temple courtyards were public spaces where prophetic oracles were traditionally delivered. Baruch's family belonged to Jerusalem's scribal elite, giving him access to official circles.

## Related Passages

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**John 3:16** — God's love and salvation

**Ephesians 2:8** — Salvation by grace through faith

## Study Questions

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1. How does Baruch's faithful obedience challenge you to proclaim God's word accurately, even when it's unpopular?
2. What does it mean for you to speak "the words of the LORD" rather than your own opinions in ministry?
3. How can you cultivate the kind of loyalty Baruch showed to Jeremiah in your relationships with spiritual leaders?

## Interlinear Text

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וַיַּעַשׂ	בָּרוּךְ	בֶּן	נִרְיָה	כָּל	אֲשֶׁר	צִוָּהוּ
did	And Baruch	the son	of Neriah	H3605	H834	commanded
H6213	H1263	H1121	H5374			H6680
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יְהוֹנָתָן	הַנָּבִיא	לְקֹרֵא	בֵּסֶפֶר	דְּבָרֵי		
according to all that Jeremiah	the prophet	him reading	in the book	the words		
H3414	H5030	H7121	H5612	H1697		
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יְהוָה:	בֵּית	יְהוָה:				
in the LORD'S	house	in the LORD'S				
H3068	H1004	H3068				

## Additional Cross-References

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**Jeremiah 1:17** (Parallel theme): Thou therefore gird up thy loins, and arise, and speak unto them all that I command thee: be not dismayed at their faces, lest I confound thee before them.

