

# JEREMIAH 32 vs 1

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<sup>1</sup> **The word from the LORD** that came to Jeremiah in the tenth year of Zedekiah king of Judah, which was the eighteenth year of Nebuchadnezzar / circa 587-586 BC.

<sup>2</sup> For then **the king of Babylon's army besieged Jerusalem:** and Jeremiah the prophet was locked up in the court of the prison, which was in the king of Judah's house.

<sup>3</sup> For Zedekiah king of Judah had shut him up, saying,

Why do you prophesy, and say, Thus says the LORD, Behold, I will give this city into the hand of the king of Babylon, and he shall take it / Why? Zedekiah sounds like someone who graduated from one of the Ivy League schools, doesn't he? Why? Because that is what the LORD said. Damn, king Zedekiah was obtuse!

He sounds like a demanding inquisitor, doesn't he?

Why do you say...

<sup>4</sup> And Zedekiah king of Judah shall **not** escape out of the hand of the Chaldeans, but shall surely be delivered into the hand of the king of Babylon, and shall speak with him face to face, and eye to eye; Why? Because that is what the LORD said.

<sup>5</sup> And he shall lead Zedekiah to Babylon, and there shall he be until I visit him, **says the LORD:** Why? Like I said, Because that is what the LORD said.

though you fight with the Chaldeans, you shall not prosper.

<sup>6</sup> And Jeremiah said, **The word of the LORD** came to me, saying,

<sup>7</sup> Behold, Hanamel the son of Shallum your uncle shall come to you saying,

Buy for yourself **my field that is in Anathoth: for the right of redemption is yours to buy it.**

<sup>8</sup> So Hanamel my uncle's son came to me in the court of the prison according to the word of the LORD, and said to me,

I ask you, Buy my field that is in Anathoth, which is in the country of Benjamin:

for **the right of inheritance is your, and the redemption is your** / the legal right to possess and to make the purchase belonged to Jeremiah;

buy it for yourself.

**Then I knew** that **this was the word of the LORD** / in making this purchase, Jeremiah showed his trust in the promise of the LORD that one day... his descendants would return and have the right to occupy.

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<sup>9</sup> And I bought the field of Hanamel my uncle's son, that was in Anathoth, and weighed him the money, even seventeen shekels of silver.

<sup>10</sup> And I signed the evidence, and sealed the deed, and took witnesses, and weighed him the money in the scales.

<sup>11</sup> So I took the deed of the purchase, both that which was sealed according to the law and custom, and that which was open:

<sup>12</sup> And I gave the deed of the purchase to Baruch the son of Neriah, the son of Mahseiah, in the presence of Hanamel my uncle's son, and in the presence of the witnesses who signed the book of the purchase, in the presences of all the Jews who sat in the court of the prison.

<sup>13</sup> And I charged Baruch before them / Jeremiah gave Baruch an order, saying,

<sup>14</sup> Thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel;

Take these deeds, both this sealed deed of purchase, and this open deed;

put them in an earthen vessel, that they may last a long time.

<sup>15</sup> For thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel;

**Houses and fields and vineyards shall again be bought in this land.**

<sup>16</sup> Now when I had delivered the deed of the purchase to Baruch the son of Neriah, I prayed to the LORD, saying,

<sup>17</sup> Ah Lord GOD!

Behold / pay attention, You made the heavens and the earth by Your great power and outstretched arm, there is nothing too difficult for You:

<sup>18</sup> You show mercies to thousands, and place the guilt of sin of the fathers in the lap of their children: O great and mighty God, the LORD of hosts, is Your name,

<sup>19</sup> Great in counsel, mighty in deed: for Your eyes are open to all the ways concerning the sons of men:

giving everyone according to his ways, and according to the fruit of his doings:

<sup>20</sup> who set signs and wonders in the land of Egypt, even to this day,

and in Israel, and among mankind; and You made a name to this day;

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**21 And brought Your people Israel out of the land of Egypt with signs, wonders, a strong hand, an outstretched arm,**

**and with great terror / God put the fear of Him in the nations of the neighborhood;**

**22 And gave them this land, which You promised to give their fathers, a land flowing with milk and honey;**

**23 And they entered it, and possessed it;**

**but they did not obey Your voice, they did not walk in Your law;**

**they did nothing of all that You commanded them to do / they dismissed His 10 commandments:**

**so You caused all their evil to come upon them:**

**24 Behold the siege mounds have reached the city to take it; and the city is given into the hand of the Chaldeans who fight against it, because of the sword, famine, and pestilence: what You spoke has come to pass; and, behold, You see it.**

**25 And You said to me, O Lord GOD, You said to me,**

**Buy the field with money, and take witnesses;**

**for the city is given into the hand of the Chaldeans.**

**26 Then the word of the LORD came to Jeremiah, saying,**

**27 Behold / pay attention,**

**I am the LORD, the God of all flesh:**

**Is anything too difficult for Me?**

**28 Therefore thus says the LORD;**

**Behold / pay attention,**

**I give this city into the hand of the Chaldeans,**

**and into the hand of Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon,**

**and he shall take it:**

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<sup>29</sup> The Chaldeans who fight against this city,

will come and set fire on this city, and burn it with the houses...

where they have offered **incense to Baal on their roofs**, and poured out libations to other gods, to provoke Me to anger.

<sup>30</sup> For the children of **Israel** and the children of **Judah** from their youth have only done evil in My presence: the children of **Israel** have provoked Me to anger with the work of their hands, said the LORD.

<sup>31</sup> For this city has been to Me for My anger and My fury from the day they built it even to this day; that it should be removed from My sight,

<sup>32</sup> Because of all the evil of the children of **Israel** and of the children of **Judah**, which they have done to provoke Me to anger, they, their kings, their princes, their priests, and their prophets, and the men of Judah, and the inhabitants of Jerusalem.

<sup>33</sup> They turned their back to Me, **not** their face: though I taught them day after day,

yet they did **not** listen to receive instruction / to learn. **They did not learn to listen, so they could not listen to learn.**

<sup>34</sup> But they set their rebellions / their revolting filth... in **the House**, called by My name,

to defile it.

<sup>35</sup> And they built the **high places of Baal**,

in the **valley of the children of Hinnom**,

**to cause their sons and their daughters to pass through the fire** / what kind of hardheaded, perverted mind would it take... for fathers and mothers... to murder their children by burning them with fire? It's beyond understanding... all the while they obviously thought they were doing something religiously significant and fulfilling, meaningful and rewarding; and this went on for decades. What was the Eternal Father supposed to do to such citizens and religious hierarchy in Jerusalem? What would you do to people who preferred their horrific manmade traditions... and ignored simple obedience to the word of a loving Father who made them?

they built the **high places of Baal**,

in the **valley of the children of Hinnom**,

**to cause their sons and their daughters to pass through the fire to Molech;**

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which I did **not** commanded them, nor did it come to My mind,

that they should do this abomination / this vile outrage, murdering and aborting their own children,

to cause Judah to sin.

<sup>36</sup> Now thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, concerning this city

of where you say, It is delivered into the hand of the king of Babylon by the sword, and famine, and pestilence;

<sup>37</sup> Behold, **I will gather them out of all countries** / so we are not just learning about Babylon, obviously the LORD had many hard lessons in mind to teach these people; which makes you wonder if they have learned anything in all these years,

of all countries... where I have driven them in My anger, My fury, and great wrath;

**yet I will** bring them again to **this place**, and **I will** make them dwell safely:

<sup>38</sup> And they shall be My people, and **I will** be their God:

<sup>39</sup> **I will** give them one heart, and one way that they fear Me forever, for their welfare, and for their children after them:

<sup>40</sup> **I will** make an everlasting covenant with them, that **I will not** turn away from them, to do them good; but **I will** put My fear in their hearts, that they shall **not** depart from Me.

<sup>41</sup> Yea, **I will** rejoice over them to do them good, and **I will** plant them in this land assuredly with my whole heart and with my whole soul.

<sup>42</sup> For thus says the LORD; as I have brought all their great evil upon this people,

**I will** bring upon them **all the good I promised them**.

<sup>43</sup> Fields shall be bought in this land where you now say, It is desolate without man or beast; it is given into the hand of the Chaldeans.

<sup>44</sup> Men shall buy fields for money, sign and seal deeds, and take witnesses in the land of Benjamin, in places around Jerusalem, in the cities of Judah, in the cities of the northern hill country, and in the cities of the lowlands, and in the cities of the Negev:

**I will** make the captives to return, says the LORD. These 12 unconditional promises, the LORD God graciously made to His people; and are what we can find Him doing today. He is the good Pastor... tirelessly making it all happen.