

Jeremiah 45

King James Version (KJV)

(God spoke to Baruch)

45 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, (A message from God through Jeremiah to Baruch. Baruch means blessed. Baruch scribed the whole Book of Jeremiah)

²Thus saith the LORD, the God of Israel, unto thee, O Baruch:

³Thou 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. (Baruch worked very hard scribing for Jeremiah. He was high born <rich> and well educated. He thought he could do something more important with his life, than scribing for Jeremiah)

⁴Thus 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. (Everything in the world will be gone one day. But God's Words will remain forever)

⁵And 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. (for a prey = for a gift. God rewarded Baruch with a special blessing)

(HE does the same for all of us who help to carry on His work – to help people learn God's Word, chapter by chapter, verse by verse. That work is far more important than all the things of this world)

(Without Baruch, we wouldn't have the Book of Jeremiah. His work was very important by passing the Word of God onto millions of people over the centuries)