# The Scroll and Baruch: Obedience and Preservation in Dark Times

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Explore Jeremiah 36 to understand obedience, rejection, and the importance of preserving God's Word even in difficult moments.





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#### Introduction

The story of the Scroll and Baruch in Jeremiah 36 is a powerful reminder of God's enduring Word amid opposition and hardship. In this passage, the prophet Jeremiah commands Baruch, his scribe, to write down God's words on a scroll. These words contained warnings and calls to repentance for the people of Judah during a dark period in their history.

Baruch exemplifies obedience as he faithfully records and reads the scroll publicly despite great risk. The scroll's reading elicits a strong reaction from King Jehoiakim who burns it, a bold act of rejection against God's message. Yet, the Word cannot be destroyed. God instructs Jeremiah to rewrite the scroll, confirming His sovereignty and the unstoppable nature of His truth.

This account challenges believers today to consider their response to God's Word. Will we obey like Baruch? Will we preserve and uphold Scripture even in the face of opposition? And how do we remain faithful when the world rejects God's messages or when our own hearts grow weary?

Through this 7-day study plan, you will dive deeply into Jeremiah 36 to reflect on obedience, rejection, and preservation of Scripture in dark times. Each day offers Scripture, devotional insights, and reflection questions to help you apply God's truth in your life. May you be encouraged to value and uphold God's Word, knowing that it prevails even when challenged.







# Day 1: Obedience in Writing God's Word

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Day 1: Dedience in Writing God's Word

#### Your Verse

Jeremiah 36:1-4 NIV - "In the fourth year of King Jehoiakim... the word of the Lord came to Jeremiah: 'Take a scroll and write on it all the words I have spoken to you..."

#### **Supporting Scriptures**

- Exodus 24:4 "Moses then wrote down everything the Lord had said."
- Psalm 119:105 "Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path."







Day 1: Obedience in Writing God's Word

#### Devotional: Faithful Obedience: Writing God's Words Boldly

Today we explore obedience as Baruch writes down God's words exactly as Jeremiah dictates. This was no small task; writing long scrolls was laborious, and the message was difficult and unwelcome to many.

Obedience sometimes means faithfully carrying out God's commands even when they are challenging or unpopular. Baruch's role as scribe highlights that God uses ordinary people to preserve His Word. His dedication ensured that God's message was transmitted accurately.

We too are called to be obedient in how we respond to God's Word—whether it's studying, sharing, or living it out. Obedience is the first step toward experiencing God's power through His truth.







Day 1: Dedience in Writing God's Word

## Reflect and Apply

1.4	Are you fully obedient to God's instructions, even if they are difficult?
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	How can you imitate Baruch's faithfulness in preserving and sharing God's Word?
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3.1	What obstacles prevent you from obeying God's commands fully?
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Day 1: Dedience in Writing God's Word

### **Journaling Prompts**

1.	Write about a time you hesitated to obey God and what you learned.
2.	List practical ways you can be more obedient in your daily walk with God.
3.	Reflect on the role God's Word plays in guiding your decisions.







Day 1: 📵 Obedience in Writing God's Word

#### Prayer for Today

**Lord, help me to be obedient in all You ask, like Baruch.** Even when the task is hard or the message is hard to hear, give me courage and faithfulness to follow Your Word. May I be diligent in preserving and sharing Your truth with others. Strengthen me to be Your faithful servant in every circumstance. *Fill my heart with Your Word and make it a lamp for my path.* Amen.







# Day 2: 6 Facing Rejection for God's Word

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Day 2: 6 Facing Rejection for God's Word

#### Your Verse

Jeremiah 36:20-23 NIV - "When the king and all his officials heard the words of the scroll... the king cut it up with a scribe's knife and threw it into the fire."

#### **Supporting Scriptures**

- 2 Timothy 3:12 "Everyone who wants to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted."
- Matthew 5:11 "Blessed are you when people insult you because of me."







#### Devotional: Enduring Rejection with Steadfast Faith

King Jehoiakim's act of burning the scroll was a blatant rejection of God's Word and His messenger. This reaction shows how opposition can come not only externally but sometimes from leaders or authorities.

Rejection for standing with God's truth is a reality for many believers across generations. But Baruch and Jeremiah did not give up; they trusted God's sovereignty over the situation.

This challenges us: how do we respond when God's Word is rejected, mocked, or ignored? It can be painful, but we must remain steadfast, knowing that God's truth cannot be destroyed by human hands.







## Reflect and Apply

1.	Have you ever faced rejection for living according to God's Word?
2.	How do you handle discouragement when others oppose your faith?
3.	What can you learn from Baruch and Jeremiah's response to rejection?







### **Journaling Prompts**

1.	Describe a time you felt rejected because of your faith and how you reacted.
2.	Write a prayer asking God for strength to endure rejection.
3.	Reflect on how you can support others facing opposition for their faith.







#### Prayer for Today

**Lord, when I face rejection for Your Word, remind me of Your presence and sovereignty.** Help me to stand firm like Jeremiah and Baruch, trusting that Your truth prevails. Give me courage and peace amid opposition. May rejection refine my faith and deepen my reliance on You. *Keep my heart focused on You and Your eternal promises.* Amen.







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#### Your Verse

Jeremiah 36:27-28 NIV - "Then Jeremiah took another scroll and gave it to Baruch to write on... so all the former words were written on it again."

#### **Supporting Scriptures**

- Isaiah 40:8 "The grass withers and the flowers fall, but the word of our God endures forever."
- Matthew 24:35 "Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will never pass away."







# Devotional: God's Word Endures: Preservation Amid Danger

Despite the king burning the scroll, Jeremiah obeyed God's command to rewrite the entire message. This act of preservation in a hostile environment underscores the inevitability and endurance of God's Word.

We face times and cultures that challenge the truth and accessibility of Scripture. However, like Jeremiah and Baruch, we are called to protect, preserve, and proclaim God's Word no matter the circumstances.

God's Word is timeless and powerful, able to withstand the attacks of any enemy or era. We must be committed to ensuring it continues to be known, read, and lived.







## Reflect and Apply

1.	How do you actively preserve and protect God's Word in your life?
	What challenges exist today against the accessibility and integrity of Scripture?
	How can you contribute to passing God's Word faithfully to the next generation?







### **Journaling Prompts**

1.	Write about what preserving God's Word means to you personally.
2.	List ways you can help others engage with and value Scripture.
3.	Reflect on the eternal nature of God's Word and its impact on your life.







#### **Prayer for Today**

Father, thank You for the enduring power of Your Word. Help me be a faithful guardian of Scripture, preserving and sharing it boldly even in difficult times. Empower me to trust Your promises and to encourage others to do the same. May Your Word shape my life and bring light to dark places. *Keep me steadfast and passionate about Your truth forever.* Amen.







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#### Your Verse

Jeremiah 36:5-8 NIV - "Jeremiah commanded Baruch, 'Read to the people in the LORD's temple all the words of the scroll... Then Baruch read from the scroll... as Jeremiah dictated all the words."

#### **Supporting Scriptures**

- Joshua 1:9 "Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged."
- Psalm 27:1 "The LORD is my light and my salvation—whom shall I fear?"







#### Devotional: Courage to Obey When Fear is Real

Baruch's public reading of the scroll required courage and obedience despite potential backlash. In uncertain and fearful times, obedience to God's directions demands trust and boldness.

Fear can hinder us from fully obeying God, but faith calls us to step out courageously. Like Baruch, even when the outcome is unknown or risky, God's call is clear: be obedient.

God honors faith that moves forward in obedience and equips us with strength beyond ourselves. We must remember that God's Word lights our way, even through dark times.







## Reflect and Apply

1.	What fears challenge your obedience to God today?
2.	How can you trust God more to obey Him even when uncertain?
3.	In what ways has God equipped you to take courageous steps recently?







### **Journaling Prompts**

1.	Write about a time you obeyed God despite fear and what happened.
2.	List fears you need to surrender to God and ask for His strength.
3.	Describe how God's Word encourages you during fearful seasons.







#### Prayer for Today

Lord, give me courage to obey You fully, even when fear arises. Help me trust Your guidance and not be deterred by uncertainty or opposition. Fill me with Your peace and boldness to proclaim Your truth in every circumstance. *Let Your Word be my light and strength every day.* Amen.







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#### Your Verse

Jeremiah 36:29 NIV - "You will burn in the fire—You will not have a burial place, because you have defied the Lord." (Jehoiakim's warning)

#### Supporting Scriptures

- Romans 15:4 "...through endurance and the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope."
- Lamentations 3:22–23 "Because of the Lord's great love we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail."







# Devotional: Anchored Hope Through God's Eternal Word

Though King Jehoiakim defiantly rejected God, the message of Scripture offers us hope, endurance, and compassion. In the midst of judgment and darkness, God's Word remains a source of encouragement.

Even when society or circumstances seem bleak, Scripture reminds us of God's unfailing love and promises. Our hope is anchored in the living Word that does not fail.

This encourages us not to despair but to stand firm, allowing God's Word to strengthen us in trials or uncertainty.







### Reflect and Apply

1.	How has God's Word given you hope during your darkest moments?
2.	In what ways can Scripture encourage you today amid challenges?
3.	What promises from God's Word speak most deeply to your heart now?







### **Journaling Prompts**

1.	Write about a Scripture that has sustained your hope in tough times.
2.	List reasons why God's Word is a firm foundation for your life.
3.	Reflect on how you can share the hope of God's Word with others.







#### Prayer for Today

**Heavenly Father, thank You for hope found in Your Word.** When darkness surrounds me, help me cling to Your promises that never fail. Fill me with endurance and encouragement through Scripture daily. Teach me to rest in Your compassion and love even in harsh circumstances. *Let Your Word be my unwavering anchor.* Amen.









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Day 6: Standing Firm on God's Word

#### Your Verse

Jeremiah 36:32 NIV - "Jeremiah took another scroll and gave it to Baruch to write on..."

#### **Supporting Scriptures**

- Ephesians 6:17 "Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God."
- 1 Peter 5:9 "Resist him, standing firm in the faith."







Day 6: V Standing Firm on God's Word

#### Devotional: Equipped to Stand Firm in God's Truth

Jeremiah's rewriting of the scroll symbolizes God's Word's resilience and our calling to stand firm. Like a shield and sword, Scripture equips believers to resist evil and hold tight to faith.

When faced with challenges or attacks against God's truth, standing firm in His Word becomes our defense. We are empowered to withstand pressures because God's Word is living and active.

Commitment to Scripture arms us spiritually, encouraging boldness and protection in spiritual battles.







Day 6: **(**) Standing Firm on God's Word

### Reflect and Apply

1. I	n what areas do you need to stand firmer on God's Word?
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2. I	How does Scripture equip you to resist spiritual challenges?
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	What steps can you take to deepen your understanding and application of God's Word?
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Day 6: **(**) Standing Firm on God's Word

### **Journaling Prompts**

1.	Reflect on a situation where knowing Scripture helped you stand firm.
2.	Write a plan to engage with God's Word more deeply this week.
3.	List spiritual weapons God has given you through His Word.







Day 6: Standing Firm on God's Word

#### **Prayer for Today**

Lord, strengthen me to stand firm using Your Word as my weapon and shield. Help me resist evil through faith and truth. Let Your Spirit guide me to live boldly and confidently in Your promises. Equip me daily to face every trial with Scripture as my strength and defense. *Thank You for Your eternal Word that never fails.* Amen. ① 🗀 💥







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#### Your Verse

Jeremiah 36:6 NIV - "Jeremiah then said to Baruch, 'I am confined; I cannot go to the Lord's temple." But Baruch read the scroll publicly.

#### **Supporting Scriptures**

- Colossians 3:16 "Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly..."
- Matthew 28:19–20 "...make disciples of all nations... teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you."







# Devotional: Commitment to Share and Live God's Truth

Though Jeremiah felt confined, Baruch boldly read God's Word publicly—showing that sharing and living out Scripture is a communal effort. Each believer has a role in advancing God's Kingdom through obedience and proclamation.

Living out God's Word requires intentionality, and sharing it requires courage and faith. We might not always be able to do everything, but together God's people ensure His Word is heard and obeyed.

Let us commit to embedding Scripture richly in our hearts and sharing it faithfully, trusting God to work through us to impact others.







## Reflect and Apply

1.	How can you live out God's Word more intentionally in your daily life?
2.	Who in your life needs to hear God's Word through you?
3.	What limits or fears do you need to surrender to allow God to use you?







### **Journaling Prompts**

Write about ways you can share God's Word in your current context.
Reflect on how embedding Scripture in your heart affects your actions.
List people you can pray for and share the Gospel with this week.







#### Prayer for Today

**Lord, help me to live and share Your Word courageously.** Even when I feel limited or afraid, empower me to be Your witness and servant. Let Your truth dwell richly in my heart, guiding my words and actions. Use me to bring Your light to others and multiply Your love. *Thank You for calling me to this sacred mission.* Amen. �� 🛄 💬







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