



SCRIPTURE: Jeremiah 31:15-16; 38:27; 43:5-6.
DEVOTIONAL READING: Psalms 82.

Baruch, The Scribe

Lesson for August 1, 1948

BARUCH, whose name means "blessed," was the grandson of Maaseiah, "governor of the city" under Josiah (II Chronicles 34:8), and his father, Neriah, appears to have been an official during the reign of Jehoiakim. He was a trusted friend of Jeremiah (Jeremiah 32:6-15 and 43:5-6). Tradition holds that Baruch was carried to Babylon, where he wrote the apocryphal "Book of Baruch," and died in 574, B.C., twelve years after the fall of Jerusalem.

Our golden text for this lesson is found in Psalms 119:105, "Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and light unto my path."

OUR BIBLE

"**T**HEN Jeremiah called Baruch, the son of Neriah, and Baruch wrote from the mouth of Jeremiah all the words of the Lord, which he had spoken unto him, upon a roll of a book. And Jeremiah commanded Baruch, saying, I am shut up; I cannot go into the house of the Lord. Therefore go thou, and read in the roll, which thou hast written from my mouth, the words of the Lord in the ears of the people in the Lord's house upon the fasting day; and also thou shalt read them in the ears of all Judah that come out of the cities," Jeremiah 36:4-8.

How did we get our Bible? Through this simple process of God speaking through his appointed prophet, and by the faithful work of men like Baruch who served as scribes.

THIS SCRIBE OF LONG AGO

In the introductory paragraph I sketched briefly the story of Baruch. He was a trained man, trusted and beloved. This he had to be, else God would not have approved Jeremiah's selection of Baruch to copy what he was saying for God. And not only was he selected to write down what God was saying, through his prophet, but he was used to proclaim the words of God to the people in the Lord's house. Baruch was amanuensis, reader and distributor of the Bible—a distinguished role, indeed. Let us today be gladly ready to read the Bible to others, and to distribute and circulate the Scriptures wherever we may. Here I pause to pay tribute to the American Bible Society and all others, including the Gideons, who help to make the Bible known to all men everywhere.

A MAN ON WHOM GOD COUNTED
T_HUS we see that Baruch was a man on whom God counted. His work was done well, and we read that, "When they heard all the words, they were afraid, both one and other, and said unto Baruch, We will surely tell the king of all these words."

Young people will do well to ponder this incident. In the varied contacts of young Christians in this modern day, we may be used of the Holy Spirit in making known the words of God in countless ways. Thus, like Baruch, you may be used of God to make known his will unto all mankind.

BARUCH, A COURAGEOUS SCRIBE

THE full context reveals the fact that Baruch exhibited courage as well as faithfulness in his service as scribe to Jeremiah. It was not an easy task. Nor will it be easy to fill our posts as couriers of the Good News. But it was a rewarding experience for Baruch. He served his day and generation according to the will of God.

Mr. Henry Ford, Sr., believed in having a copy of the Bible near at hand wherever he might sit down in his home. I heard him say once that he had a Bible on every table in his home. "I do this in order that I may reach over and spend a few minutes with the Lord wherever I may sit down. And I always cherish the hope that others will find it a lamp unto their feet and a light along their daily pathway."

Let us give thanks for Baruch—the trusted friend who served Jeremiah, and thus served God.

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Conduct

Fundamentally, the force that rules the world is conduct, whether it be moral or immoral. If it is moral at least there may be hope for the world. If immoral it is not only no hope, but no prospect of anything but destruction of all that has been accomplished during the last 5,000 years.

—Nicholas Murray Butler.

RURAL CHURCHES

St. Luke Evan. & Reformed Church
Honduras
H. H. Meckstroth, pastor
9:00 Sunday school.
10:00 Worship service.
Thursday 8:00—Girl's Guild.

Pleasant Mills Baptist
Rev. Albert Swenson, pastor
9:30 a.m. Sunday school, Donald Burkhardt, supt.

10:30 a.m. Worship service with sermon by the pastor.

Funeral services for Albert Roe buck will be held Friday 10:30 a.m. The pastor will be assisted by the pastor emeritus Rev. W. H. Day.

Monroe Methodist
W. L. Hall, minister
9:30, morning worship.
10:30, Sunday school.
6:45, M. Y. F.

No evening service.
W. S. C. S. executive meeting Tuesday afternoon at two o'clock at the home of Mrs. Bill Crist.

W. S. C. S. monthly meeting in the "Annex" Thursday p.m. at 2:00.

No prayer meeting nor choir practice.

Calvary Church
Evangelical United Brethren
F. H. Willard, minister
Sunday school 9:30 a.m. Lloyd Lichtenberger, supt.

Prayer meeting following the Sunday school.

United Brethren in Christ
Willshire Circuit
Duane A. Reahm, pastor
St. Paul

9:15—Sermon and Holy Communion.

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10:15—Sunday school.
Tues. 7:30—Prayermeeting.
Winchester
9:30—Sunday school.
10:30—Morning worship.
Thurs. 8:00—Administrative board meeting.
Willshire
9:30—Sunday school.
7:30—Evening evangelistic service.
Wed. 8:00—Prayermeeting.

Rivarre Circuit
U. B. Church
L. A. Middaugh, pastor
Mt. Zion

9:30 a.m. Sunday school.
10:30 a.m. Class meeting.
7:30 p.m. Christian Endeavor.

7:30 p.m. Wednesday, prayer meeting.

Mt. Victory
9:30 a.m. Sunday school.
10:30 a.m. Preaching service.

7:30 p.m. Christian Endeavor.
8:00 p.m. Wednesday, prayer meeting.

Union Chapel
Evangelical United Brethren
D. H. Pellett, minister
Unified morning services.
Sunday church school, Thurman L. Drew, superintendent, 9:30.

Divine worship, sermon subject, "Paul's Estimate of Life," 10:15.

Youth Fellowship, 6:45.

Adult studies in the book of Acts, 6:45.

Worship, subject, "A Holy Biography," 7:30.

Prayer service Wednesday, 8:00.

Dedication of the new Church August 15.

Fourth quarterly conference Wednesday August 18.
Books for the year close August 15.

This church is in the community for God's glory and for your good; you will receive the greater good when you attend every service regularly. You are always welcome.

Mt. Tabor Methodist Circuit
Clifford C. Conn, minister
Mt. Tabor

Mr. Donald Colter, supt.
Church school 9:30.

Worship service 10:45.

Thursday evening prayer meeting 7:30.

Mt. Pleasant

Mr. David Cook, supt.

Worship service 9:30.

Church school 10:30.

The Lord uses hot weather to grow corn, but the devil uses it to keep people from church.

Bethel Chapel

Mrs. D. C. Shady, supt.

Church school at 9:30.

There will not be preaching this Sunday.

Pleasant Valley

Mr. Raymond Teeple, supt.

Church school at 9:30.

There will not be preaching this Sunday.

SELL CHAMPION
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Wagley, F. J. Schmitt, \$74.10;

Tommy Wagley, F. J. Schmitt, \$64.35;

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Tommy Wagley, F. J. Schmitt, \$74.00;

Carl Gerber, \$51.15; Bill Workinger, Habegger Furniture Store, Berne, \$74.00; Herbert Marbach, Carl Gerber, \$42.90; David Springer, F. J. Schmitt, \$48.05; Evelyn Gerke, First State Bank, \$57.80; Ronald Wagley, Jefferson Garage, Berne, \$61.05; Carl Bluhm, Daniel Bros., Columbia City, \$77.55.

Edward Marbach, Carl Gerber, \$38.40; James Merriman, Austin Merriman, Monroe, \$47.85; Herbert Marbach, F. J. Schmitt, \$38.40; Jim Goldner, Berne Lumber Co., Berne, \$52.80; Bob Fuhrman, Lawrence Packing Co., Fort Wayne, \$59.50; Carl Lee Bluhm, Lawrence Von Gunton, \$33.00; Brice Christy, F. J. Schmitt, \$68.40; Bob Harvey, Bratrator Trucking, Fort Wayne, \$60.80; Bob Springer, Beam Super Serv., \$48.83; Richard Harvey, Cash Coal Feed & Supply, \$66.00; Norman Sheets, Parrott Packing Co., Fort Wayne, \$62.40; Johnnie Burkhardt, Parrott Packing Co., Fort Wayne, \$83.70; Chester Smith, Carl Gerber, \$48.05; Delmore Dean Fuelling, Parrott Packing Co., Fort Wayne, \$63.38; Delmore Dean Fuelling, Grover Neuenwander, Shell Distributor, Berne, \$59.20; Marion Sheets, Parrott Packing Co., Fort Wayne, \$55.10; Eugene Blume, Kenneth Murray Co., \$67.20; Edward Blue, Parrott Packing Co., Fort Wayne, \$70.80.

FAIR SIDELIGHTS

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the microphone wire and in general is the cutest thing you've ever seen. Incidentally, Little Jimmy, the organ grinder's monkey of the show, has appeared in such films as "Anna and the King of Siam" and "Monkey Town."

Indiana, meanwhile, will be transferred from the first to the 10th air force for air defense purposes, they said.

Erie Trains To Use Cleveland Terminal

Frolics."

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Other lost kids included Richard Allan, 10, of Chicago, Thomas Grimm, 10, Harry Essex, five, and Allen Jacobs, six. Jimmy Jackson, 11, was among the missing for the second time this week, but was quickly reunited with his parents.

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Profuse apologies are due Ziner and Elberson, local distributors of Culligan water softeners, for not mentioning them in connection with the industrial exhibit. Arnold and Kienz also have an exhibit, but they're in a separate tent next door.

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The police may get their first workout of the week. Someone stole two 100-ft. ropes from the Doehrmann sale barn Wednesday and several people saw the person. The owner reported the situation to the police Thursday, but asked that the thief be given a chance to return the ropes to the Chamber of Commerce office before Saturday.

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A local well-known bartender took on some extra work last night. He was seen standing in front of his establishment holding a 4-month old baby, while the parents made a quick round of the fair. The baby sitter told friends that after Thursday night, he would limit his baby sitting activities to babies somewhat older...

WINNERS ARE

(Cont. From Page One)

2nd, Evelyn Gerke; 3rd, Brice Christy; 4th, Floyd Ehlerding; 5th, Junior Bertsch.

Judging these projects was Maurice A. Marshall, of Avilla.

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