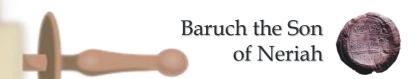
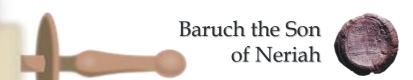
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- What happens when marriage or nurturing children isn't possible because of circumstances in the past?
- What happens when my spouse asks for a divorce?
- What happens when unforeseen events dissolve an eldership?
- What happens when the new clinical trial is no longer available for my malady?



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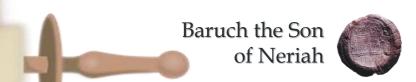
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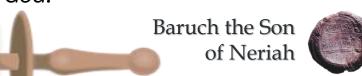


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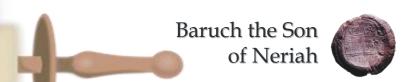
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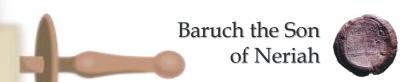
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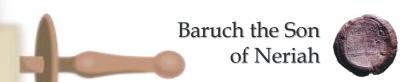
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  Carchemish Jer. 46:2
- Babylon invades Judah
- First Deportation Dan.1
  - Articles of the Temple
  - Best of the people
- The 70 years Jer.25
- Abandonment of Josiah's religious reforms – Jer.9





#### The Covenant God

יהוָה' yeh-ho-vaw'

From H1961; (the) self Existent or eternal; Jehovah

אֱלהֻׁים el-o-heem'

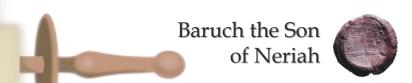
Plural of H433; used (in the plural thus, especially with the article) of the supreme *God* 



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"To You, O Baruch..."

Jer\_12:3 But you, O LORD, know me; you see me, and test my heart toward you.



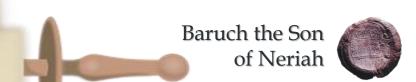
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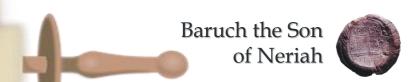
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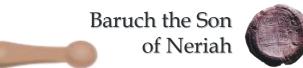
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7 But whatever gain I had, I counted as loss for the sake of Christ. 8 Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ 9 and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God that depends on faith— 10 that I may know him and the power of his resurrection, and may share his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, 11 that by any means possible I may attain the resurrection from the dead. Phil 3

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# God does not call us to seek greatness apart from Himself.

9 In the fifth year of Jehoiakim the son of Josiah, king of Judah, in the ninth month, all the people in Jerusalem and all the people who came from the cities of Judah to Jerusalem proclaimed a fast before the LORD.

10 Then, in the hearing of all the people, Baruch read the words of Jeremiah from the scroll, in the house of the LORD...

16 When they heard all the words, they turned one to another in fear.

Jer. 36

#### Baruch Endures

When our priorities are set on God's mission rather than our personal gains, we become participants in a victory that transcends space and time.

