

**2** Our inheritance is turned to aliens: our houses to strangers.

**3** We are become orphans without a father: our mothers are as widows.

**4** We have drunk our water for money: we have bought our wood.

**6** We were dragged by the necks, we were weary and no rest was given us.

**6** We have given our hand to Egypt, and to the Assyrians, that we might be satisfied with bread.

**7** Our fathers have sinned, and are not: and we have borne their iniquities.

**8** Servants have ruled over us: there was none to redeem us out of their hand.

**9** We fetched our bread at the peril of our lives, because of the sword in the desert.

**10** Our skin was burnt as an oven, by reason of the violence of the famine.

**11** They oppressed the women in Sion, and the virgins in the cities of Juda.

**12** The princes were hanged up by their hand: they did not respect the persons of the ancients.

**13** They abused the young men indecently: and the children fell under the wood.

**14** The ancients have ceased from the gates: the young men from the choir of the singers.

**15** The joy of our heart is ceased, our dancing is turned into mourning.

**16** The crown is fallen from our head: woe to us, because we have sinned.

**17** Therefore is our heart sorrowful, therefore are our eyes become dim.

**18** For mount Sion, because it is destroyed, foxes have walked upon it.

**19** But thou, O Lord, shalt remain for ever, thy throne from generation to generation.

**20** Why wilt thou forget us for ever? why wilt thou forsake us for a long time?

**21** Convert us, O Lord, to thee, and we shall be converted: renew our days, as from the beginning.

**22** But thou hast utterly rejected us, thou art exceedingly angry with us.

# Prophecy of Baruch

## Chapter 1

And these are the words of the book, which Baruch the son of Nerias, the son of Maasias, the son of Sedecias, the son of Sedei, the son Helcias, wrote in Babylonia.

**2** In the fifth year, in the seventh day of the month, at the time that the Chaldeans took Jerusalem, and burnt it with fire.

**3** And Baruch read the words of this book in the hearing of Jechonias the son of Joakim king of Juda, and in the hearing of all the people that came to hear the book.

**4** And in the hearing of the nobles, the sons of the kings, and in the hearing of the ancients, and in the hearing of the people, from the least even to the greatest of them that dwelt in Babylonia, by the river Sedi.

**5** And when they heard it they wept, and fasted, and prayed before the Lord.

**6** And they made a collection of money according to every man's power.

**7** And they sent it to Jerusalem to Joakim the priest, the son of Helcias, the son of Salom, and to the priests, and to all the people, that were found with him in Jerusalem:

**8** At the time when he received the vessels of the temple of the Lord, which had been taken away out of the temple, to return them into the land of Juda the tenth day of the month Sivan, the silver vessels, which Sedecias the son

of Josias king of Juda had made,

**9** After that Nabuchodonosor the king of Babylon had carried away Jechonias, and the princes, and all the powerful men, and the people of the land from Jerusalem, and brought them bound to Babylon.

**10** And they said: Behold we have sent you money, buy with it holocausts, and frankincense, and make meat offerings, and offerings for sin at the altar of the Lord our God:

**11** And pray ye for the life of Nabuchodonosor the king of Babylon, and for the life of Balthasar his son, that their days may be upon earth as the days of heaven:

**12** And that the Lord may give us strength, and enlighten our eyes, that we may live under the shadow of Nabuchodonosor the king of Babylon, and under the shadow of Balthasar his son, and may serve them many days, and may find favour in their sight.

**13** And pray ye for us to the Lord our God: for we have sinned against the Lord our God, and his wrath is not turned away from us even to this day.

**14** And read ye this book, which we have sent to you to be read in the temple of the Lord, on feasts, and proper days.

**15** And you shall say: To the Lord our God belongeth justice, but to us confusion of our face: as it is come to pass at this day to all Juda, and to the inhabitants of Jerusalem,

**16** To our kings, and to our princes, and to our priests, and to our prophets, and to our fathers.

**17** We have sinned before the Lord our God, and have not believed him, nor put our trust in him:

**18** And we were not obedient to him, and we have not hearkened to the voice of the Lord our God, to walk in his commandments which he hath given us.

**19** From the day that he brought our fathers out of the land of Egypt, even to this day, we were disobedient to the Lord our God: and going astray we turned away from hearing his voice.

**20** And many evils have cleaved to us, and the curses which the Lord foretold by Moses his servant: who brought our fathers out of the land of Egypt, to give us a land flowing with milk and honey, as at this day.

**21** And we have not hearkened to the voice of the Lord our God according to all the words of the prophets whom he sent to us:

**22** And we have gone away every man after the inclinations of his own wicked heart, to serve strange gods, and to do evil in the sight of the Lord our God.

## Chapter 2

Wherefore the Lord our God hath made good his word, that he spoke to us, and to our judges that have judged Israel, and to our kings, and to our princes, and to all Israel and Juda:

**2** That the Lord would bring upon us great evils, such as never happened under heaven, as they have come to pass in Jerusalem, according to the things that are written in the law of Moses:

**3** That a man should eat the flesh of his own son, and the flesh of his own daughter.

**4** And he hath delivered them up to be under

the hand of all the kings that are round about us, to be a reproach, and desolation among all the people, among whom the Lord hath scattered us.

**5** And we are brought under, and are not uppermost: because we have sinned against the Lord our God, by not obeying his voice.

**6** To the Lord our God belongeth justice: but to us, and to our fathers confusion of face, as at this day.

**7** For the Lord hath pronounced against us all these evils that are come upon us:

**8** And we have not entreated the face of the Lord our God, that we might return every one of us from our most wicked ways.

**9** And the Lord hath watched over us for evil, and hath brought it upon us: for the Lord is just in all his works which he hath commanded us:

**10** And we have not hearkened to his voice to walk in the commandments of the Lord which he hath set before us.

**11** And now, O Lord God of Israel, who hast brought thy people out of the land of Egypt with a strong hand, and with signs, and with wonders, and with thy great power, and with a mighty arm, and hast made thee a name as at this day,

**12** We have sinned, we have done wickedly, we have acted unjustly, O Lord our God, against all thy justices.

**13** Let thy wrath be turned away from us: for we are left a few among the nations where thou hast scattered us.

**14** Hear, O Lord, our prayers, and our petitions, and deliver us for thy own sake: and grant that we may find favour in the sight of them that have led us away:

**15** That all the earth may know that thou art the Lord our God, and that thy name is called upon Israel, and upon his posterity.

**16** Look down upon us, O Lord, from thy holy house, and incline thy ear, and hear us.