

Brazier Burgers

When I was a kid (and even into my teenage years) I always wondered what a brazier burger was. We would drive by a Dairy Queen and on the sign it would read, "Home of the Brazier Burger". With eight children Dad never stopped at any fast food restaurant while I was growing up. I was a Junior in high school when my older sister (who had a car and job) took my brothers and me to Micky D's for the first time. I know, how sad, but back to this brazier thing.

The word is found in the Bible in only one event (in ASV). In Jeremiah 36 we read of an event in which Jeremiah dictates a prophecy to his scribe Baruch. He writes God's message on a scroll and it is given to king Jehoiakim. It was winter time and the Bible says (36:23) that there was a fire "in the brazier". Other versions say a hearth or fire pot. A brazier then was a small grill or basin in which coals were kept to keep the king warm. When the king's attendant read part of the prophecy, the king took his knife and cut off part of the roll and threw it into the fire! Such was his contempt for the word of God. This continued "until all the roll was consumed in the fire that was in the brazier."

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I doubt the king ever cooked anything on his brazier, but the scroll he burned cost him a lot! God told Jeremiah to take another roll and write the same words again only this time add a few more! The added message told of God's punishment of Jehoiakim for his insolence. It's a lesson for all of us. We can't ignore, tear up, destroy, or burn the word of God and thereby be free from its message. It will still be there, the same words, the same message. If we heed the word and obey it we will receive the reward of eternal life through the grace of God. If however, we reject it, we will have to face it in the judgment day. *SER*