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10 So the army of the king of Babylon came after them, and overtook Zedekiah in the plains of Jericho: and when they had overtaken him, they bound him with chains, to bind him, carried him to Babylon.

11 A king of Babylon, Nebuzar-adan the chief captain of the guard, came into the land of Judah; he burnt the cities of Judah, and took the spoil thereof, and cast down the walls of the cities. 12 Then the king of Babylon slew all the chief men among the people of the land, and put his eyes out, and bound him with chains, to bind him, carry him into Babylon.

13 The king of Babylon sent Nebuzar-adan the captain of the guard into the land of Judah, to scatter among the people that remained, and to bring into captivity Nebuzar-adan the captain of the guard, that he might not make restlessness in the land, and that those who were not smitten by the sword, should not remain. 14 Then Nebuzar-adan the captain of the guard, came into the land of Judah, and scattered among the people.

15 This is the word that the Lord spake unto me, and I said, O Lord, God of hosts, the God of Israel, and the King of Babylon, let my soul live before thee, and do to me no harm; but do unto me whatsoever thou thinkest good. 16 So Nebuzar-adan the captain of the guard, sent, and Nebuchadrezzar, Rab-megiddo, and the king of Babylon, came into the land of Judah; he burnt the cities of Judah, Rab-megiddo, and the king of Babylon.

17 Now the word of the Lord came unto Jeremiah the prophet, while he was shut up in the prison, saying, 18 Know ye not that the Lord, the God of Israel, has made the whole world? he is the King of all countries; he will serve the King of Babylon; and that day shall come.

19 But I will deliver thee in that day, saith the Lord; and thou shall be given into the hand of the man whom thou art afraid.

20 Then Nebuzar-adan the captain of the guard, when he saw that they should not fall by the sword, and their life should be for a prey unto them; 21 Ch. 58. 24 And he said unto Jeremiah the prophet, I will bring thee to Mirmah, to serve the Chaldeans, saying, Thus saith the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel; Behold, I have given to the King of Babylon, to serve the King of Babylon, all that remaineth of thine seed.

22 So Nebuzar-adan the captain of the guard, sent him to Gedaliah the son of Shaphan, that was left at Riblah in the land of Hamath; he should be his companion in that day before them. 23 Now the word of the Lord came unto Jeremiah the prophet, while he was shut up in the prison, saying,

24 Know ye not that I, even I, the Lord, the God of Israel, have created all things; and you may trust in me, saith the Lord.

25 And Jeremiah did much deliver the words, and they should not fall by the sword, and their life should be for a prey unto them; 26 Ch. 58. 24 And he said unto the prophet, On the chief watchtower of Jerusalem, whereon the people of the land had set over them Gedaliah the son of Ahikam, the son of Shaphan:

27 That when all the Jews that were left in the land, and among the Ammonites, and in Edom, and in all the countries, heard that the king of Babylon had set over them Gedaliah the son of Ahikam, the son of Shaphan;

28 Then all the Jews that were left in all places whither they were driven, came to the land of Judah, to Gedaliah.

29 And when all the Jews came to Gedaliah, he said unto them, 3 He will set you free, then. 4 He is a good man; 5 He is steady. 6 He is a man of God. 7 He is good to us. 8 He will give us justice. 9 He will be true to us, and we will not be deceived by the sons of Gedaliah.

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The captives are recovered.

J. ch. 50. 10 Unto Mizraim did judgment go forth; he gathered wine and oil, and took gold and silver very much. 11 Moreover Jehovah the one of Israel, saith the Lord, sent unto me to say, that when you were in the fields, came to Gedaliah in Mizraim, 12 saying, Do thou what I command thee; know that I, the King of the Ammonites hath sent Ishmael the son of Nethaniah, and Zedekiah the son of Hananiah, and Caaphnah the son of Abihail, to speak unto Gedaliah; 13 and they came to Gedaliah, 14 But when Ishmael the son of Nethaniah, and Zedekiah the son of Hananiah, and Caaphnah the son of Abihail, departed to go over to the Ammonites; 15 I, the Lord, said, Do not they that were with him, break the oaths which he made unto me? 16 That when Ishmael the son of Nethaniah, and Zedekiah the son of Hananiah, and Caaphnah the son of Abihail, came to Gedaliah, he sent them to Mizraim, and said unto them, Do not these three speak falsely of Ishmael?

J. ch. 52. 1 Now it came to pass in the seventh year of the reign of Zedekiah, the son of Josiah, king of Judah, in the ninth month of the year, in the tenth day of the month, that Nebuzar-adan the captain of the guard, who was in charge of all that remained of the King of Judah, had made preparation to go over the cities of Judah, and dwelt with his men in Beth-lehem; when he saw that it was not convenient unto him to dwell there, he turned back unto Jerusalem, and dwelt in the guard house, till the year of the destruction of Jerusalem, and the seventh month. 3 Then when Nebuzar-adan the captain of the guard, sent Ishmael the son of Nethaniah, and the ten men that were with him, to bring out of Jerusalem the silver, and the golden vessels, and the vessels of gold and silver, and to give them into the hand of the Chaldean general; and they did so. 4 Then when all the captives of Judah, which were in the land, ears they that the King of Babylon had made Gedaliah the son of Ahikam, the son of Shaphan, to be over them; and he dwelt among them; and when he had gathered together all the remnant of the house of Israel, and of all the tribes of the house of Judah, in the land of Gilead, and the land beyond Jordan, and in the cities of Gilgal, and Beth-shan, to go to enter into Egypt; 5 And Ishmael the son of Nethaniah, and the men that were with him, and the Chaldean general, and all the remnant of the people, who had been scattered from the land of Judah, came to Gedaliah the son of Ahikam, and to the Chaldean general, and to Ishmael, and to the men that were with him, 6 And Ishmael the son of Nethaniah, and the men that were with him, came to Gedaliah the son of Ahikam, a week after he had smitten Jerusalem, and he was with him.

7 Then there came certain from Shechem, from Shiloh, and from Samaria, and from the high places, men that were Ishmaelites, and their children with them, and having run themselves, with offerings and sacrifices, to offer unto the God of their fathers; 8 And Ishmael the son of Nethaniah, and Ishmaelites, and the men that were with them, said unto Gedaliah the son of Ahikam, the King of Babylon, and to the Chaldean general, We will go to meet them, keeping all silence, as we went; and if they will not receive us, come unto them; come to Gedaliah the son of Ahikam.

9 And Ishmael was wroth, when they came into the middle of the city, that Ishmael the son of Nethaniah slew them, and cut off their hands, and put off their heads, and took their names that were with him. 10 And there ten men were found dead, that were with Ishmael. 11 See we as for us we have treasures in the field, of wheat, and barley, and grapevines, and olive trees, and so forth; bring them, and we will eat them. 12 So he did; and when they came to Gedaliah, he said unto them, 13 Because of God, because of the God of hosts, I have done this thing. 14 Because of God, and I made for fear of King of Babylon the son of Nebuchadrezzar, the King of the Chaldeans, to all things for the which the Lord thy God commandeth me.

15 When Ishmael carried away captive Jeremiah the prophet, he said unto him, Let us go into the land of the Chaldeans; 16 If we will be to God, or whether it is evil, we will obey the voice of the Lord thy God; 17 If we will be to God, or whether it is evil, we will follow the voice of the Lord thy God.

J. ch. 52. 18 See ye now, when we were in Mizraim, I, the Lord, sent unto me my servant Jeremiah the prophet, saying, 19 Come, say unto this people, Thus saith the Lord thy God,

20 Behold, I have set before you this day a blessing and curse; 21 Call ye them not to mind; 22 For I have set before you this day life and death, 23 See ye now, when we were in Mizraim, I, the Lord, sent unto me my servant Jeremiah the prophet, saying, 24 Come, say unto this people, Thus saith the Lord thy God,

25 Behold, I have set before you this day life and death, 26 See ye now, when we were in Mizraim, I, the Lord, sent unto me my servant Jeremiah the prophet, saying, 27 Come, say unto this people, Thus saith the Lord thy God,

28 Behold, I have set before you this day life and death, 29 See ye now, when we were in Mizraim, I, the Lord, sent unto me my servant Jeremiah the prophet, saying, 30 Come, say unto this people, Thus saith the Lord thy God,

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