

2 Kings 25

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25 And it came to pass in the ninth year of his reign, in the tenth month, in the tenth day of the month, that Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon came, he, and all his host, against Jerusalem, and pitched against it; and they built forts against it round about. (This was again revealed unto them by God) (forts = towers to watch and snipe them from above the walls of Jerusalem)

(This is the 3rd and final siege of Jerusalem by Babylon) Ezekiel-24:1

²And the city was besieged unto the eleventh year of King Zedekiah. (This was a 2 year siege)

³And on the ninth day of the fourth month the famine prevailed in the city, and there was no bread for the people of the land. (If you do things God's way, you'll always have plenty to eat; but if you walk contrary to Him, He will walk contrary to you; and you'll eat your own sons) Leviticus-26, Deuteronomy-28

⁴And the city was broken up, and all the men of war fled by night by the way of the gate between two walls, which is by the king's garden: (now the Chaldees were against the city round about:) and the king went the way toward the plain. (Chaldees = the Babylonians)

(The king <Zedekiah> and the army fled the doomed city during the night. They abandoned their own people like a bunch of cowards)

⁵And the army of the Chaldees pursued after the king, and overtook him in the plains of Jericho: and all his army were scattered from him. (They ran like a bunch of cowards. Zedekiah should have put his faith and trust in God; not in men. Instead, he reneged on his oath to God and to Nebuchadnezzar)

⁶So they took the king, and brought him up to the king of Babylon to Riblah; and they gave judgment upon him. (If Zedekiah had listened to Jeremiah and repented, and returned to God; he and the people of Judah would have been just fine. They would not have had to go through the sieges from Babylon)

⁷And they slew the sons of Zedekiah before his eyes, and put out the eyes of Zedekiah, and bound him with fetters of brass, and carried him to Babylon. Ezekiel-12:13 (Only Zedekiah's daughters were spared)

⁸ And in the fifth month, on the seventh day of the month, which is the nineteenth year of king Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon, came Nebuzaradan, captain of the guard, a servant of the king of Babylon, unto Jerusalem:

⁹ And he burnt the house of the LORD, and the king's house, and all the houses of Jerusalem, and every great man's house burnt he with fire.
(They destroyed what was left of Judah)

Zechariah-14 (There will be one more siege of Jerusalem in the future; when antichrist is here, deceiving the world)

¹⁰ And all the army of the Chaldees, that were with the captain of the guard, brake down the walls of Jerusalem round about.

¹¹ Now the rest of the people that were left in the city, and the fugitives that fell away to the king of Babylon, with the remnant of the multitude, did Nebuzaradan the captain of the guard carry away.
(These were deserters from Jerusalem's army. Nebuzaradan captured them as prisoners)

¹² But the captain of the guard left of the poor of the land to be vinedressers and husbandmen. (These were the poor people who didn't previously own any property)

(The produce of Jerusalem was grown to serve Babylon, not Jerusalem. The people of Jerusalem were servants of Babylon)

¹³ And the pillars of brass that were in the house of the LORD, and the bases, and the brasen sea that was in the house of the LORD, did the Chaldees break in pieces, and carried the brass of them to Babylon.
Jeremiah-52:20

¹⁴ And the pots, and the shovels, and the snuffers, and the spoons, and all the vessels of brass wherewith they ministered, took they away.

¹⁵ And the firepans, and the bowls, and such things as were of gold, in gold, and of silver, in silver, the captain of the guard took away.

¹⁶ The two pillars, one sea, and the bases which Solomon had made for the house of the LORD; the brass of all these vessels was without weight. (There was so much of it that it could not be measured)

¹⁷ The height of the one pillar was eighteen cubits, and the chapter upon it was brass: and the height of the chapter three cubits; and the wreathen work, and pomegranates upon the chapter round about, all of brass: and like unto these had the second pillar with wreathen work. **1Kings-7:21 (The pillars were named – “Yah will Establish” & “In Him is Strength”)**

¹⁸ And the captain of the guard took Seraiah the chief priest, and Zephaniah the second priest, and the three keepers of the door:

¹⁹ And out of the city he took an officer that was set over the men of war, and five men of them that were in the king's presence, which were found in the city, and the principal scribe of the host, which mustered the people of the land, and threescore men of the people of the land that were found in the city:

²⁰ And Nebuzaradan captain of the guard took these, and brought them to the king of Babylon to Riblah:

²¹ And the king of Babylon smote them, and slew them at Riblah in the land of Hamath. So Judah was carried away out of their land.

²² And as for the people that remained in the land of Judah, whom Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon had left, even over them he made Gedaliah the son of Ahikam, the son of Shaphan, ruler. **Jeremiah-26 (Ahikam saved Jeremiah's life; when Zedekiah had left him to die in the dungeon)**

²³ And when all the captains of the armies, they and their men, heard that the king of Babylon had made Gedaliah governor, there came to Gedaliah to Mizpah, even Ishmael the son of Nethaniah, and Johanan the son of Careah, and Seraiah the son of Tanhumeth the Netophathite, and Jaazaniah the son of a Maachathite, they and their men. **(These men were stragglers, deserters and scumbags)**

²⁴ And Gedaliah sware to them, and to their men, and said unto them, Fear not to be the servants of the Chaldees: dwell in the land, and serve the king of Babylon; and it shall be well with you. **(That was a big mistake on his part. These scumbags came to kill and pillage what was left in Jerusalem)**

²⁵ But it came to pass in the seventh month, that Ishmael the son of Nethaniah, the son of Elishama, of the seed royal, came, and ten men with him, and smote Gedaliah, that he died, and the Jews and the

Chaldees that were with him at Mizpah. (These murderers were related to Zedekiah. They still refused the Word of God. They killed Gedaliah, who had welcomed them in)

²⁶ And all the people, both small and great, and the captains of the armies, arose, and came to Egypt: for they were afraid of the Chaldees.

(Johanan took the three daughters of Zedekiah with him to Egypt. Later, Jeremiah the prophet would take them to the British Isles. They became the royal seed line of Great Britain. This is historic, not Biblical)

²⁷ And it came to pass in the seven and thirtieth year of the captivity of Jehoiachin king of Judah, in the twelfth month, on the seven and twentieth day of the month, that Evilmerodach king of Babylon in the year that he began to reign did lift up the head of Jehoiachin king of Judah out of prison; (Evilmerodach - the son of Nebuchadnezzar)

²⁸ And he spake kindly to him, and set his throne above the throne of the kings that were with him in Babylon;

²⁹ And changed his prison garments: and he did eat bread continually before him all the days of his life. (He ate at the king's table)

³⁰ And his allowance was a continual allowance given him of the king, a daily rate for every day, all the days of his life.

NOTES: (This was a sad ending to a once great nation. God established and blessed Israel. Instead of loving and worshipping God for all that He did; they turned to idol worship and insulted God over and over)

(Finally, God had had enough. HE took His blessings away from Israel. They couldn't stand against their enemies without God's protection and fell. They caused this to happen with their idol worship and their perversion)

(This should be a lesson to the Christian nations today. Unfortunately for all of us, they are going the same way that Israel went)