

## Jeremiah 35:1-19 **Obedient Rechabites – Example to the Disobedient**

1 The word which came to Jeremiah from Yahweh (the Lord) in the days of Jehoiakim the son of Josiah, king of Judah, saying,

2 "Go to the house of the Rechabites, speak to them, and bring them into Beit Yahweh (the house of the Lord), into one of the chambers, and give them wine to drink."

3 Then I took Jaazaniah the son of Jeremiah, the son of Habazziniah, his brothers and all his sons, and the whole house of the Rechabites,

4 and I brought them into Beit Yahweh (the house of the Lord), into the chamber of the sons of Hanan the son of Igdaliah, a man of Elohiym (God), which was by the chamber of the princes, above the chamber of Maaseiah the son of Shallum, the keeper of the door.

5 Then I set before the sons of the house of the Rechabites bowls full of wine, and cups; and I said to them, "Drink wine."

6 But they said, "We will drink no wine, for Jonadab the son of Rechab, our father, commanded us, saying, 'You shall drink no wine, you nor your sons, forever.

7 You shall not build a house, sow seed, plant a vineyard, nor have any of these; but all your days you shall dwell in tents, that you may live many days in the land where you are sojourners.'

8 Thus we have obeyed the voice of Jonadab the son of Rechab, our father, in all that he charged us, to drink no wine all our days, we, our wives, our sons, or our daughters,

9 nor to build ourselves houses to dwell in; nor do we have vineyard, field, or seed.

10 But we have dwelt in tents, and have obeyed and done according to all that Jonadab our father commanded us.

11 But it came to pass, when Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon came up into the land, that we said, 'Come, let us go to Jerusalem for fear of the army of the Chaldeans and for fear of the army of the Syrians.' So we dwell at Jerusalem."

### Yahweh's instructions concerning the Rechabites

12 Then came the word of Yahweh (the Lord) to Jeremiah, saying,

13 "Thus says the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel: 'Go and tell the men of Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem, "Will you not receive instruction to obey My words?" says Yahweh (the Lord).

14 "The words of Jonadab the son of Rechab, which he commanded his sons, not to drink wine, are performed; for to this day they drink none, and obey their father's commandment. But although I have spoken to you, rising early and speaking, you did not obey Me.

15 I have also sent to you all My servants the prophets, rising up early and sending them, saying, 'Turn now everyone from his evil way, amend your doings, and do not go after other gods to serve them; then you will dwell in the land which I have given you and your fathers.' But you have not inclined your ear, nor obeyed Me.

16 Surely the sons of Jonadab the son of Rechab have performed the commandment of their father, which he commanded them, but this people has not obeyed Me.'"

### Conclusion

17 "Therefore thus says Yahweh Elohey Tsebaovt Elohey Yisrael (the Lord God of hosts, the God of Israel): 'Behold, I will bring on Judah and

on all the inhabitants of Jerusalem all the doom that I have pronounced against them; because I have spoken to them but they have not heard, and I have called to them but they have not answered."

18 And Jeremiah said to the house of the Rechabites, "Thus says Yahweh Elohey Tsebaovt Elohey Yisrael (the Lord God of hosts, the God of Israel): 'Because you have obeyed the commandment of Jonadab your father, and kept all his precepts and done according to all that he commanded you,

19 therefore thus says Yahweh Elohey Tsebaovt Elohey Yisrael (the Lord God of hosts, the God of Israel): "Jonadab the son of Rechab shall not lack a man to stand before Me forever.'"

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Facts Revealed:

### The Obedient Rechabites tested with wine – Stayed obedient

- ✧ Yahweh chose a family obedient to their ancestor as an example for the people of Judah and Jerusalem.
- ✧ Yahweh called Jeremiah to test the Rechabites with wine.
- ✧ They refused because of a commandment from Jonadab their tribal father.
- ✧ They remained obedient as nomads until the invasion by the Chaldeans and Syrians drove them to seek shelter in Jerusalem.

### Yahweh's instructions concerning the Rechabites

- ✧ Yahweh pointed out the Rechabites as an example to the people of Judah and Jerusalem.
- ✧ Why do Yahweh's people of Judah and Jerusalem not show the same respect and honor to the Living God and His commandments as the Rechabites show toward Jonadab their human ancestor?
- ✧ Through the history of Israel, Yahweh has continually demonstrated His power and authority to show Himself as the only living God since creation of the world and His love and care for His chosen people.
- ✧ It is incredible that His people do not honor Yahweh as much as a human family honors their ancestor.

### Conclusion

- ✧ Yahweh will bring Judah and Jerusalem into the punishment for their rejection of Him as Lord and King, their God and their failure to submit themselves to be His People.
- ✧ The punishment and doom predicted will certainly come upon His disobedient people.
- ✧ The Rechabites will never lack a man to stand before Yahweh forever because they were obedient to their father.