

Jeremiah 39:1-18 **Fall of Jerusalem – Jeremiah Set Free**

The Fall of Jerusalem (2 Kings 25:1-12; Jeremiah 52:4-16)

¹ In the ninth year of Zedekiah king of Judah, in the tenth month, Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon and all his army came against Jerusalem, and besieged it.

² In the eleventh year of Zedekiah, in the fourth month, on the ninth day of the month, the city was penetrated.

³ Then all the princes of the king of Babylon came in and sat in the Middle Gate: Nergal-Sharezer, Samgar-Nebo, Sarsechim, Rabsaris, Nergal-Sarezer, Rabmag, with the rest of the princes of the king of Babylon.

⁴ So it was, when Zedekiah the king of Judah and all the men of war saw them, that they fled and went out of the city by night, by way of the king's garden, by the gate between the two walls. And he went out by way of the plain.

⁵ But the Chaldean army pursued them and overtook Zedekiah in the plains of Jericho. And when they had captured him, they brought him up to Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon, to Riblah in the land of Hamath, where he pronounced judgment on him.

⁶ Then the king of Babylon killed the sons of Zedekiah before his eyes in Riblah; the king of Babylon also killed all the nobles of Judah.

⁷ Moreover he put out Zedekiah's eyes, and bound him with bronze fetters to carry him off to Babylon.

⁸ And the Chaldeans burned the king's house and the houses of the people with fire, and broke down the walls of Jerusalem.

⁹ Then Nebuzaradan the captain of the guard carried away captive to Babylon the remnant of the people who remained in the city and those who defected to him, with the rest of the people who remained.

¹⁰ But Nebuzaradan the captain of the guard left in the land of Judah the poor people, who had nothing, and gave them vineyards and fields at the same time.

Jeremiah Goes Free

¹¹ Now Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon gave charge concerning Jeremiah to Nebuzaradan the captain of the guard, saying, ¹² "Take him and look after him, and do him no harm; but do to him just as he says to you."

¹³ So Nebuzaradan the captain of the guard sent Nebushasban, Rabsaris, Nergal-Sharezer, Rabmag, and all the king of Babylon's chief officers; ¹⁴ then they sent someone to take Jeremiah from the court of the prison, and committed him to Gedaliah the son of Ahikam, the son of Shaphan, that he should take him home. So he dwelt among the people.

¹⁵ Meanwhile the word of Yahweh (the Lord) had come to Jeremiah while he was shut up in the court of the prison, saying, ¹⁶ "Go and speak to Ebed-Melech the Ethiopian, saying, 'Thus says Yahweh Tsebaot Elohey Yisrael (the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel): "Behold, I will bring My words upon this city for adversity and not for good, and they shall be performed in that day before

you.

17 But I will deliver you in that day," says Yahweh (the Lord), "and you shall not be given into the hand of the men of whom you are afraid. 18 For I will surely deliver you, and you shall not fall by the sword; but your life shall be as a prize to you, because you have put your trust in Me," says Yahweh (the Lord)."

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Facts Revealed:

The Fall of Jerusalem (2 Kings 25:1-12; Jeremiah 52:4-16)

- ✧ Jerusalem was under siege by the Babylonian armies from the tenth month of the ninth year of Zedekiah king of Judah to the ninth day of the fourth month of the eleventh year. [2 Kings 25:1-3, Jeremiah 39:1-2]
- ✧ Jerusalem was penetrated and Zedekiah with all the men of war fled through the king's garden by way of the gate between the two walls toward the plain of Jericho. [2 Kings 25:4, Jeremiah 39:2-4]
- ✧ The Chaldean army captured him in the plains of Jericho (his army was scattered from him) and brought him to Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon at Riblah in Hamath [2 Kings 25:5-6, Jeremiah 39:5]
- ✧ The king of Babylon killed the sons of Zedekiah and his nobles before his eyes, then put his eyes out and bound him with bronze fetters to carry him to Babylon. [2 Kings 25:7, Jeremiah 39:6-7]
- ✧ The houses of Jerusalem were burned with fire and the walls broken down. [2 Kings 25:8-10, Jeremiah 39:8]
- ✧ The poorest of the people were left behind in Judah and given vineyards and fields. The rest of the people along with those who had defected to the Babylonians were carried away captive to Babylon. [2 Kings 25:11-12, Jeremiah 39:9-10]

Jeremiah Goes Free – Ebed-Melech is given his life as a prize

- ✧ At the command of Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon, Jeremiah was set free from prison and committed under the care of Gedaliah. [Jeremiah 39:11-14]
- ✧ Gedaliah was made Governor of Judah by Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon. [2 Kings 25:22]
- ✧ While Jeremiah was still in prison, Yahweh gave him a message for Ebed-Melech the Ethiopian that though Yahweh would fulfill His words against the city of Jerusalem, still He would not allow Ebed-Melech to be killed but would give him his life as a prize because he had put his trust in Yahweh. [Jeremiah 39:15-18]