

# Jeremiah 40:3

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Now the LORD hath brought it, and done according as he hath said: because ye have sinned against the LORD, and have not obeyed his voice, therefore this thing is come upon you.

## Analysis

The Babylonian captain Nebuzaradan demonstrates better theological insight than Judah's leaders - he recognizes the fall of Jerusalem as God's judgment for sin. Pagan officials sometimes see God's hand in events more clearly than His own people. This echoes Christ's observation that judgment begins with the household of God (1 Pet 4:17). Unbelievers' recognition of God's judgment increases accountability.

## Historical Context

Nebuzaradan's speech is remarkable - a pagan military officer preaching judgment to God's people. His words echo Jeremiah's prophecies, showing they were widely known.

## Related Passages

**Revelation 20:12** — Judgment according to deeds

**Romans 2:1** — Judging others

## Study Questions

1. How does unbelievers' recognition of God's judgment affect your witness?

2. What does this passage teach about God's sovereignty even over pagan rulers?

## Interlinear Text

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יְבָא	וְעָשָׂה	לֵיהּוּ	כִּאֵשׁ	דָּבָר	כִּי
<b>hath brought</b>	<b>it and done</b>	<b>Now the LORD</b>	H834	<b>according as he hath said</b>	H3588
H935	H6213	H3068		H1696	
בְּקֹלׁ וְ	שְׁמֻעָתָ מְ	לֵיהּוּ וְלֹא	מְ	בְּקֹלׁ וְ	
<b>because ye have sinned</b>	<b>Now the LORD</b>	H3808	<b>and have not obeyed</b>	<b>his voice</b>	H6963
H2398	H3068		H8085		
לֹכֶם וְפִי הָ	דָּבָר	פִּיהָ:			
H1961	H0	H2088			
<b>therefore this thing</b>					
H1697					

## Additional Cross-References

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**Romans 2:5** (Parallel theme): But after thy hardness and impenitent heart treasurest up unto thyself wrath against the day of wrath and revelation of the righteous judgment of God;

**Jeremiah 50:7** (Sin): All that found them have devoured them: and their adversaries said, We offend not, because they have sinned against the LORD, the habitation of justice, even the LORD, the hope of their fathers.