

Jeremiah 41:10

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Then Ishmael carried away captive all the residue of the people that were in Mizpah, even the king's daughters, and all the people that remained in Mizpah, whom Nebuzar-adan the captain of the guard had committed to Gedaliah the son of Ahikam: and Ishmael the son of Nethaniah carried them away captive, and departed to go over to the Ammonites.

Analysis

Ishmael's treachery in kidnapping the remnant, including 'the king's daughters,' represents complete betrayal of those entrusted to Gedaliah's care. This violence continues the chaos following Jerusalem's fall. Human wickedness doesn't pause even during national catastrophe. Yet God's purposes continue despite human evil - these events drive the remnant to Egypt, setting up further prophecies.

Historical Context

Ishmael was of royal blood, apparently motivated by jealousy of Gedaliah's appointment as governor. His alliance with Ammon shows political intrigue continued even in Judah's ruins.

Related Passages

Matthew 25:31 — Final judgment

Romans 2:1 — Judging others

Study Questions

1. How does human sin complicate even God's disciplinary judgments?
2. What hope exists when wickedness seems to triumph even in post-judgment situations?

Interlinear Text

וְשָׁבִים	יִשְׁמָעֵאל	אֶת	כָּל	שְׂאֵר יֵת	הָעָם
carried away captive	Then Ishmael			all the residue	and all the people
H7617	H3458	H853	H3605	H7611	H5971
אֲשֶׁר	בְּמִצְפָּה	אֶת	בָּנוֹת	הַמֶּלֶךְ	כָּל
H834	in Mizpah	H853	daughters	even the king's	
	H4709		H1323	H4428	H3605
הָעָם	הַנִּשְׁאָרִים	בְּמִצְפָּה	אֲשֶׁר	הִפְקִיד	
and all the people	that remained	in Mizpah		had committed	
H5971	H7604	H4709	H834	H6485	
בְּנֵי יְ	גִדְלִיָּהוּ	אֶת	טֹבַחַיִם	רֹב	נְבוּזַרְאֲדָן
the son	to Gedaliah		of the guard	the captain	whom Nebuzaradan
H1121	H1436	H853	H2876	H7227	H5018
וַיִּלְךָ	נִתְנָה	בְּנֵי יְ	יִשְׁמָעֵאל	וְשָׁבִים	אֲחִיקָם
H1980	of Nathaniah	the son	Then Ishmael	carried away captive	of Ahikam
	H5418	H1121	H3458	H7617	H296
עִמּוֹן:	בְּנֵי יְ	אֶל	לָעֵבֶר		
	the son		to go over		
	H1121		H5674		

Additional Cross-References

Jeremiah 40:14 (Kingdom): And said unto him, Dost thou certainly know that Baalis the king of the Ammonites hath sent Ishmael the son of Nathaniah to slay thee? But Gedaliah the son of Ahikam believed them not.

Jeremiah 40:7 (Kingdom): Now when all the captains of the forces which were in the fields, even they and their men, heard that the king of Babylon had made Gedaliah the son of Ahikam governor in the land, and had committed unto him men, and women, and children, and of the poor of the land, of them that were not carried away captive to Babylon;

Nehemiah 2:19 (Kingdom): But when Sanballat the Horonite, and Tobiah the servant, the Ammonite, and Geshem the Arabian, heard it, they laughed us to scorn, and despised us, and said, What is this thing that ye do? will ye rebel against the king?

Nehemiah 2:10 (Parallel theme): When Sanballat the Horonite, and Tobiah the servant, the Ammonite, heard of it, it grieved them exceedingly that there was come a man to seek the welfare of the children of Israel.