

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

וְשָׁבָם	אַתָּה	יִשְׁמַע אֶל	כָּל	שָׁאַר יִתְּהַלֵּל	בָּעֵם
carried away captive	Then Ishmael	H853	H3605	all the residue	and all the people

רָאשֵׁה בְּמִצְפָּה אֶת בְּנֵי וּתְבּוּנָה לְקַרְבָּן	בְּמִצְפָּה הַמִּזְפָּהִים בְּנֵי וּתְבּוּנָה לְקַרְבָּן	בְּמִצְפָּה הַמִּזְפָּהִים בְּנֵי וּתְבּוּנָה לְקַרְבָּן
H834 in Mizpah H4709	H853 daughters H1323	H853 even the king's H4428

הַפְּקִדְךָ יְהוָה אֱלֹהֵינוּ אֲשֶׁר בְּמִצְפָּה הַגְּנֶשֶׁר יְמֵנוּ
and all the people that remained in Mizpah had committed H834 H6485
H5971 H7604 H4709

וְלֹרֶן תְּנִתְנֵה בֶּן יְהוָה אֲחִיכָּם וְשָׁבָם יְשַׁמְּעַ אֶל בְּנֵי יְהוָה נְתַנְנֵה בֶּן יְהוָה אֲחִיכָּם H1980

לֶעֶבֶר	אֶל	בֶּן	עַמּוֹן
to go over	H413	the son	H5983

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 Nethaniah 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.

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