

Jeremiah 52:15

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Then Nebuzar-adan the captain of the guard carried away captive certain of the poor of the people, and the residue of the people that remained in the city, and those that fell away, that fell to the king of Babylon, and the rest of the multitude.

Analysis

Nebuzaradan 'carried away captive certain of the poor of the people' along with the rest. Even the poorest didn't escape exile - judgment was comprehensive. Yet verse 16 notes he left 'the poor of the land' to be farmers. This mixed picture shows judgment's severity while God preserves a remnant to work the land, maintaining hope for eventual restoration.

Historical Context

The poorest people had the least to lose but still faced exile's trauma. Yet some poor remained, forming the nucleus of eventual restoration.

Related Passages

Genesis 1:1 — Creation of heavens and earth

Colossians 1:16 — All things created through Christ

Study Questions

1. How does God's judgment affect all classes of society?

2. What hope exists in the preservation of even 'the poor of the land'?

Interlinear Text

וּמִדָּלּוֹת	הָעָם	וְאֵת	וְהַרְשָׁא	הָעָם
certain of the poor	of the people	H853 and the residue	of the people	
H1803	H5971	H3499	H5971	
הַנִּשְׁאָרִים	בְּעִיר	וְאֵת	וְהַנִּפְלָאוֹת	אֲשֶׁר
that remained	in the city	H853 and those that fell away		
H7604	H5892	H5307		H834
וְהַנִּפְלָאוֹת	אֶל	מֶלֶךְ	בָּבֶל	וְאֵת
and those that fell away	H413 to the king	of Babylon	H853 and the residue	
H5307	H4428	H894	H3499	
הָעָם	הַגָּלָה	נְבוּזַרְאֲדָן	רֹב	טַבָּחִים:
of the multitude	carried away captive	Then Nebuzaradan	the captain	of the guard
H527	H1540	H5018	H7227	H2876