

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

וּמִדָּל וְתִּתְּנָא בְּעֵמָה וְאֶת בְּעֵמָה
certain of the poor of the people H853
H1803 H5971 H3499 H5971

וְאֶת בְּעֵמָה בְּנֵשָׁאָר יְמָן
that remained in the city and those that fell away H834
H7604 H5892 H5307

וְאֶת בְּבָבָל וְאֶל מֶלֶךְ בָּבָל
and those that fell away to the king of Babylon H853
H5307 H413 H4428 H894 H3499

וְאֶת בְּבָבָל נְבוּזָרָאֵד
of the multitude carried away captive Then Nebuzaradan the captain of the guard
H527 H1540 H5018 H7227 H2876

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