

# Jeremiah 52:25

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He took also out of the city an eunuch, which had the charge of the men of war; and seven men of them that were near the king's person, which were found in the city; and the principal scribe of the host, who mustered the people of the land; and threescore men of the people of the land, that were found in the midst of the city.

## Analysis

**An eunuch, which had the charge of the men of war** (סָרִיס)—a court official commanding military forces. **Seven men...near the king's person** (רֵאִי פְנֵי־הַמֶּלֶךְ, literally 'seers of the king's face') were royal counselors with direct access to Zedekiah. The **principal scribe** (סֹפֵר שְׂרֵה־צָבָא) mustered troops—the secretary of defense.

**Threescore men of the people**—60 community leaders. The totality: religious leaders (v. 24), military commanders, royal advisors, administrative officials, and civic leaders—all held accountable for leading Judah into covenant rebellion.

## Historical Context

The phrase 'seers of the king's face' reflects ancient Near Eastern court protocol where only high-ranking officials could enter the king's presence. These men shaped Zedekiah's disastrous policy of rebellion against Babylon, rejecting Jeremiah's counsel to submit.

## Related Passages

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**Hebrews 11:1** — Definition of faith

**Romans 1:17** — The righteous shall live by faith

## Study Questions

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1. How does the comprehensive judgment of all leadership levels warn against collective responsibility for national sin?
2. What does the capture of those who 'saw the king's face' teach about the danger of influencing leaders toward disobedience?
3. In what ways are you accountable for your influence in civic, professional, or spiritual leadership?

## Interlinear Text

|                        |                      |                      |                   |                 |               |             |
|------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|-------------------|-----------------|---------------|-------------|
| וּמִן                  | הָעִיר:              | לָקַח                | סֵר יֵס           | אֶחָד           | אֲשֶׁר        | הֵן ה       |
| H4480                  | also out of the city | He took              | eunuch            | an              | H834          | H1961       |
|                        | H5892                | H3947                | H5631             | H259            |               |             |
| פָּקֵד יֵדוֹ           | אֲנָשִׁים יֵס        | הַמִּלְחָמָה ה       | וְשִׁבְעָה ה      | אֲנָשִׁים יֵס   |               |             |
| which had the charge   | H5921                | men                  | of war            | and seven       | men           |             |
| H6496                  |                      | H582                 | H4421             | H7651           | H582          |             |
| מֵרֵאִי י              | פְּנֵי               | הַמֶּלֶךְ לְךָ       | אֲשֶׁר ר          | הַנִּמְצָא יֵס  |               |             |
| of them that were near | person               | the king's           | H834              | that were found |               |             |
| H7200                  | H6440                | H4428                |                   | H4672           |               |             |
| הָעִיר:                | וְאֵת                | סֹפֵר                | שֵׁר              | הַצֶּבֶא א      | הַמִּצְבֵּא א |             |
| also out of the city   | H853                 | scribe               | and the principal | of the host     | who mustered  |             |
| H5892                  |                      | H5608                | H8269             | H6635           | H6633         |             |
| אֶת                    | מֵעַם                | הָאָרֶץ              | וְשָׁלֹשִׁים יֵס  | אִישׁ           | מֵעַם         | הָאָרֶץ     |
| H853                   | of the people        | of the land          | and threescore    | men             | of the people | of the land |
|                        | H5971                | H776                 | H8346             | H376            | H5971         | H776        |
| הַנִּמְצָא יֵס         | בֵּית וְ             | הָעִיר:              |                   |                 |               |             |
| that were found        | in the midst         | also out of the city |                   |                 |               |             |
| H4672                  | H8432                | H5892                |                   |                 |               |             |

## Additional Cross-References

**2 Kings 25:19** (Kingdom): And out of the city he took an officer that was set over the men of war, and five men of them that were in the king's presence, which were found in the city, and the principal scribe of the host, which mustered the people of the land, and threescore men of the people of the land that were found in the city:

**Esther 1:14** (Kingdom): And the next unto him was Carshena, Shethar, Admatha, Tarshish, Meres, Marsena, and Memucan, the seven princes of Persia and Media, which saw the king's face, and which sat the first in the kingdom;)

