

Jeremiah 52:29

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

In the eighteenth year of Nebuchadrezzar he carried away captive from Jerusalem eight hundred thirty and two persons:

Analysis

In the eighteenth year of Nebuchadrezzar—597 BC, the second deportation. **Eight hundred thirty and two persons**—this number conflicts with 2 Kings 24:14 ('ten thousand') and 24:16 ('seven thousand'). The resolution: this counts adult males only; Kings includes families, soldiers, and craftsmen.

The precision—832 exact—emphasizes God's knowledge of every individual in judgment. Not masses but persons, each known by name to God. This echoes Jesus's teaching that God numbers our hairs (Matthew 10:30). Even in wrath, He remembers mercy (Habakkuk 3:2).

Historical Context

This deportation followed King Jehoiachin's surrender in 597 BC, eleven years before Jerusalem's final destruction. It included Daniel, Ezekiel, and the royal family. The smaller number here suggests these were specifically Jerusalem's civic leaders.

Related Passages

Romans 2:1 — Judging others

Revelation 20:12 — Judgment according to deeds

Study Questions

1. What comfort does God's individual accounting ('832 persons') offer—that He knows each person even in massive historical upheavals?
2. How do the different numbers in Kings and Jeremiah (not contradictions but different counting methods) reflect the complexity of historical testimony?
3. In what ways does God's detailed record-keeping in judgment assure you of His detailed care in blessing?

Interlinear Text

בְּשָׁנָה	שְׁמֹנֶה	עֶשְׂרִי	לְנִבְּוֹכַדְרֶאֱצַר	מִיר וּשְׁלָם	נָפְשִׁים
year	In the eighteenth	H6240	of Nebuchadrezzar	from Jerusalem	persons
H8141	H8083		H5019	H3389	H5315
שְׁמֹנֶה	יָמָא	שְׁלֹשִׁים	וּשְׁנָיִם:		
In the eighteenth	hundred	thirty	and two		
H8083	H3967	H7970	H8147		

Additional Cross-References

Jeremiah 52:12 (References Jerusalem): Now in the fifth month, in the tenth day of the month, which was the nineteenth year of Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon, came Nebuzar-adan, captain of the guard, which served the king of Babylon, into Jerusalem,

Genesis 12:5 (Parallel theme): And Abram took Sarai his wife, and Lot his brother's son, and all their substance that they had gathered, and the souls that they had gotten in Haran; and they went forth to go into the land of Canaan; and into the land of Canaan they came.