

18 Zedekiah *q* was twenty and one years old when he began to reign, and he reigned eleven years in Jerusalem. And his mother's name was Hamutal, *r* the daughter of Jeremiah of Libnah.

19 And he did that *which* was evil in the sight of the LORD, according to all that Jehoiakim had done.

20 For through the anger of the LORD it came to pass in Jerusalem and Judah, until he had cast them out from his presence, that Zedekiah rebelled *s* against the king of Babylon.

## CHAPTER XXV.

*Zedekiah taken, his sons slain, and his eyes put out.*

AND *a* it came to pass in the ninth year of his reign, in the tenth month, in the tenth day of the month that Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon came, he, and all his host, against Jerusalem, and pitched against it; and they built forts against it round about.

2 And the city was besieged unto the eleventh year of king Zedekiah.

3 And on the ninth day of the fourth month the famine prevailed in the city, and there was no bread for the people of the land.

4 ¶ And the city was broken up, and all the men of war fled by night by the way of the gate between two walls, which is by the king's garden: (now the Chaldees were against the city round about:) and the king *b* went the way toward the plain.

5 And the army of the Chaldees pursued after the king, and overtook him in the plains of Jericho: and all his army were scattered from him.

6 So they took the king, and brought him up to the king of Babylon to *c* Riblah; and they <sup>1</sup> gave judgment upon him.

7 And they slew the sons of Zedekiah before his eyes, and <sup>2</sup> put out the eyes of *d* Zedekiah, and bound him with fetters of brass, and carried him to Babylon.

8 ¶ And in the fifth month, on the seventh day of the month, (which is the nineteenth year of king Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon,) came Nebuzar-adan, <sup>3</sup> captain of the guard, a servant of the king of Babylon, unto Jerusalem:

9 And *e* he burnt the house of the LORD, and the king's house, and all the houses of Jerusalem, and *f* every great man's house burnt he with fire.

10 And all the army of the Chaldees that were with the captain of

*B. C. 588.*

*q* Je. 52.1, &c.

*r* ch. 23.31.

*s* 2Ch. 36.13.

Eze. 17.15.

(CHAP. 25.)

*a* 2Ch. 36.17,

&c.

Je. 34.2, &c.

39.1, &c.

52.4, &c.

Eze. 24.2,

&c.

*b* Eze. 12.12.

*c* ch. 23.33.

<sup>1</sup> spake

judgment

with him.

<sup>2</sup> made blind.

*d* Eze. 12.13,

&c.

<sup>3</sup> or, chief

marshal.

*e* 1Ki. 9.8.

Ps. 79.1.

Is. 64.10, 11.

*f* Am. 2.5.

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<sup>5</sup> Ne. 1.3.

Je. 52.14,

&c.

<sup>4</sup> fallen

away.

*h* ch. 24.14.

Je. 40.7.

*i* Je. 27.19, &c.

1Ki. 7.15-27.

*k* Ex. 27.3.

*l* 1Ki. 7.47, 50.

*m* the one.

*n* 1Ki. 7.15.

*o* 1Ch. 6.14.

Ezra 7.1.

*p* Je. 21.1.

29.25, 29.

*q* threshold.

<sup>7</sup> or, eunuch.

<sup>8</sup> saw the

king's face.

Es. 1.14.

<sup>9</sup> or, scribe of

the captain

of the host.

*p* ch. 23.27.

Le. 26.33.

De. 28.36,

64.

Eze. 12.25-

28.

24.14.

*q* Je. 40.5, &c.

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the guard, brake down *g* the walls of Jerusalem round about.

11 Now the rest of the people that were left in the city, and the <sup>4</sup> fugitives that fell away to the king of Babylon, with the remnant of the multitude, did Nebuzar-adan the captain of the guard carry away.

12 But the captain of the guard left of the poor *h* of the land *to be* vinedressers and husbandmen.

13 And *i* the pillars *k* of brass that were in the house of the LORD, and the bases, and the brazen sea that was in the house of the LORD, did the Chaldees break in pieces, and carried the brass of them to Babylon.

14 And the pots, *l* and the shovels, and the snuffers, and the spoons, and all the vessels of brass wherewith they ministered, took they away.

15 And the fire-pans, and the bowls, and such things as were of gold, *in* gold, and of silver, *in* silver, the captain of the guard took away.

16 The two pillars, <sup>5</sup> one sea, and the bases which Solomon had made for the house of the LORD; the brass of all these vessels was without weight.

17 The height *m* of the one pillar was eighteen cubits, and the chapter upon it was brass: and the height of the chapter three cubits; and the wreathen work, and pomegranates upon the chapter round about, all of brass: and like unto these had the second pillar with wreathen work.

18 ¶ And the captain of the guard took Seraiah *n* the chief priest, and *o* Zephaniah the second priest, and the three keepers of the <sup>6</sup> door:

19 And out of the city he took an <sup>7</sup> 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 <sup>9</sup> 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:

20 And Nebuzar-adan captain of the guard took these, and brought them to the king of Babylon to Riblah:

21 And the king of Babylon smote them, and slew them at Riblah in the land of Hamath. So *p* Judah was carried away out of their land.

22 ¶ And *q* as for the people that remained in the land of Judah, whom Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon had left, even over them he made Gedaliah the son of Ahikam, the son of Shaphan, ruler.