

Jeremiah Chapter 39

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I. THE ENTERING OF THE ENEMY (39:1-3)

A. The Time of the Invasion, 1

1. 9th year of Zedekiah, the 10th month. 2 Kings 25:1 says it was the 10th day of the month.
2. The month was Tebet, which answers roughly to our December and January
3. This was the winter season (Gill)

B. The People of the Invasion, 2-3

1. Nebuchadrezzar (Nebuchadnezzar), king of Babylon came as prophesied.
2. It took about one year and a half to besiege the city of Jerusalem.
3. The people were faint after this time by lack of food (Jer. 52:6).
4. Nebuchadrezzar, it seems, came to Jerusalem at the beginning of the siege, but he then went back into Syria and commissioned his men to do the rest of the work.
 - a. Nergalsharezer - “prince of fire”
 - b. Samgarnebo - “sword of Nebo”
 - c. Sarsechim - “prince of the eunuchs”
 - d. Rabsaris - “chief eunuch”
 - e. Nergalsharezer - “prince of fire”
 - f. Rabmag - “magician” or “chief physician”

II. THE EXITING OF THE KING (39:4-8)

A. The King’s Exit, 4

1. The king with his army fled out of the city..
2. They did this by night so they would not be caught
3. They went through the king’s garden to hide themselves.
4. They went between two walls for hiding.
5. They went toward the plain to be able to get away in a hurry

B. The Army’s Pursuit, 5

1. The Babylon army caught Zedekiah
2. They brought Zedekiah to Nebuchadnezzar for judgment.

C. Nebuchadnezzar’s Judgment, 6-8

1. Nebuchadnezzar killed Zedekiah’s sons before his eyes, which would be the last thing that he would ever see.
2. He also killed all the nobles of Judah, those in high offices
3. He put out the eyes of Zedekiah and brought him to Babylon.
4. The Chaldeans burned down the king’s house and the houses of the people, 8
5. They also tore down the walls of Jerusalem, 8

III. THE EXILING OF THE PEOPLE (39:9-10)

- A. Nebuzaradan took the remaining people of the city to Babylon into exile, 9
- B. But he gave to the poor of the people vineyards and fields, 10

IV. THE EXALTING OF JEREMIAH (39:11-14)

- A. They took Jeremiah from the court of the prison, 11-13
- B. They gave him into the hand of Gedaliah so he could live at home among the people, 14

V. THE EXPECTANCY OF EBED-MELECH (39:15-18)

- A. Jeremiah reminds Ebedmelech of the prophecies he had prophesied to Judah, 15-16
- B. Jeremiah promises him that he will live to see the fulfillment of the prophecies, 17
- C. He will be safe, because he has trusted in the Lord.

Lessons To Be Learned

1. God will perform his word in a precise manner.
2. God's judgment is sure and will be meted according to His word.
3. Those who serve the Lord will be exalted.
4. God will protect those who trust in his name.