

Jeremiah 40:1 - 41:2

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I. THE COMPASSION OF NEBUZARADAN (40:1-5)

- A. Nebuzaradan was the captain of the guard and had taken Jeremiah from prison and taken him to Ramah, 1
- B. Notice that the word of the Lord was a word from Nebuzaradan, whom the Lord used to give Jeremiah some good news, 2-3
- C. God's word was that Jeremiah make a decision to go either to Babylon or stay near Jerusalem with the poor ones who were not taken to Babylon, 4
- D. Nebuzaradan sent Jeremiah to Gedaliah, 5
- E. He gave Jeremiah victuals
- F. He gave Jeremiah a reward, some spending money to help him on his way
- G. He let Jeremiah go on his own—he was free.

II. THE CARE OF GEDALIAH (40:6-10)

- A. Jeremiah went to Gedaliah to dwell as requested, 6
- B. Gedaliah was made governor by the king of Babylon, 7
- C. Gedaliah encouraged the people to serve the king of Babylon and not be afraid, 9
- D. Gedaliah will stay at Mizpah while the others care for their vineyards, 10

III. THE COUNCIL OF THE JEWS (40:11-16)

- A. The Jews travel to Mizpah to speak to Gedaliah, 11-13
- B. Warning to Gedaliah of Ishmael's purpose to kill him, 14
- C. Johanan volunteered to go and kill Ishmael so he would not kill Gedaliah, 15
- D. Gedaliah refuses to believe that Ishmael will kill him, 16

IV. THE CASUALTY OF GEDALIAH (41:1-2)

- A. Ishmael and ten other men came to Gedaliah to eat with him, 1
- B. Then they arose from eating and killed Gedaliah, 2

Lessons We Can Learn From This Lesson

- 1. Even people who are not “of us” can be helpful to us and kind.
- 2. God takes care of his prophets (preachers), and sometimes the world is kind to them.
- 3. God sends people to tell us the truth, even if it seems to be bad truth.
- 4. Sometimes we do not listen to good advice, and we must suffer the consequences.