

~ADJUTANT (113)

[Hebrew, *sha-lish'*, third man]

- The Hebrew word *sha-lish'* third man, referring to the third warrior in a war chariot, has been translated in various Bible versions as captain, chariot-leader, lord, warrior, adjutant.
- Some monumental inscriptions illustrating Hittite and Assyrian war chariots show three men, one, the driver, another, the fighter with the sword, lance, or bow, and a third, the carrier of the shield. Though Egyptian monuments usually do not show three-manned chariots, the term is used at;
- And he proceeded to take six hundred chosen chariots and all the other chariots of Egypt and warriors upon every one of them. (Exodus 14:7)
- With respect to Pharaoh's charioteers. The third chariot warrior, usually the one carrying the shield, was an assistant commander in the war chariot, an **adjutant**. The English word **adjutant** literally means one that helps, the assistant.
- After mentioning that none of the sons of Israel were constituted slaves by Solomon.
- And there were none of the sons of Israel that Solomon constituted slaves, for they were the warriors and his servants and his princes and his **adjutants** and chiefs of his charioteers and of his horsemen. (1 Kings 9:22)
- For they were the warriors and his servants and his princes and his adjutants and chiefs of his charioteers and of his horsemen. Commenting on this text, C. F. Keil states that the term *sha-li-shim'* plural, used in this passage, could be understood as royal **adjutants**. (Commentary on the Old Testament, 1973, Vol. III, 1 Kings, p.146)
- In the days of King Jehoram of Israel, the Syrians put Samaria under siege, which in time caused famine conditions within the city. When Elisha prophesied that there would be plenty of food, Jehoram's special **adjutant** ridiculed the prophecy. As Elisha had foretold, the **adjutant** saw the fulfillment of the prophecy but did not get to eat any of the food, being trampled to death in the gateway.

- At that the adjutant upon whose hand the king was supporting himself answered the man of the true God and said; If Yehowah were making floodgates in the heavens, could this thing take place? To this he said; Here you are seeing it with your own eyes, but from it you will not eat. (2 Kings 7:2)
- And the people proceeded to go out and plunder the camp of the Syrians, and so a seah measure of fine flour came to be worth a shekel, and two seah measures of barley worth a shekel, according to the word of Yehowah. (2 Kings 7:16)
- And the king himself had appointed the **adjutant** upon whose hand he was supporting himself to have charge of the gateway, and the people kept trampling him in the gateway, so that he died, just as the man of the true God had spoken, when he spoke at the time that the king came down to him. (2 Kings 7:17)
- Thus it came about just as the man of the true God had spoken to the king, saying; Two seah measures of barley worth a shekel and a seah measure of fine flour worth a shekel it will come to be tomorrow at this time in the gateway of Samaria. (2 Kings 7:18)
- But the **adjutant** answered the man of the true God and said; Even if Yehowah were making floodgates in the heavens, could it take place according to this word? To this he said; Here you are seeing it with your own eyes, but from it you will not eat. (2 Kings 7:19)
- Thus it happened to him like that, when the people kept trampling him in the gateway, so that he died. (2 Kings 7:20)
- At Jehu's command, his runners and **adjutants**, likely including Bidkar, struck down the Baal worshipers.
- He now said to Bidkar his **adjutant**;
- Lift him up, throw him into the tract of the field of Naboth the Jezreelite, for remember; I and you were riding teams behind Ahab his father, and Yehowah himself lifted up this pronouncement against him. (2 Kings 9:25)
- And it came about that as soon as he finished rendering up the burnt offering, Jehu immediately said to the runners and the **adjutants**.

- **Come in, strike them down! Do not let a single one go out. And the runners and the adjutants began to strike them down with the edge of the sword and to throw them out, and they kept going as far as the city of the house of Baal. (2 Kings 10:25)**
- **Pekah, another **adjutant** referred to in the Scriptures, assassinated Pekahiah the king of Israel and succeeded him to the throne.**
- **Then Pekah the son of Remaliah his **adjutant** conspired against him and struck him down in Samaria in the dwelling tower of the king's house with Argob and Arieah, and with him there were fifty men of the sons of Gilead. So he put him to death and began to reign in place of him. (2 Kings 15:25)**
- **Girded with belts on their hips, with pendant turbans on their heads, having the appearance of warriors, all of them, the likeness of the sons of Babylon, Chaldeans as respects the land of their birth. (Ezekiel 23:15), Footnote**