

## ~GUARD (321)

[Hebrews, *sha-mar'*]

- In the pre-Christian Scriptures the noun guard is drawn, in many instances, from the Hebrew verb *sha-mar'*, meaning **guard, keep, observe, watch**.
- And so he drove the man out and posted at the east of the garden of Eden the cherubs and the flaming blade of a sword that was turning itself continually to **guard** the way to the tree of life. (**Genesis 3:24**)
- And God said further to Abraham; As for you, you are to keep my covenant, you and your seed after you according to their generations. (**Genesis 17:9**)
- And his brothers grew jealous of him, but his father observed the saying; (**Genesis 37:11**)
- And David went on to say to Abner; Are you not a man? And who is like you in Israel? Why, then, did you not **watch over** your lord the king? For one of the people came in to bring the king your lord to ruin. (**1 Samuel 26:15**)
- The workmen rebuilding Jerusalem's wall under Nehemiah's direction served also as **guards** at night.
- Besides, at that time I said to the people; Let the men spend the night, each one with his attendant, in the midst of Jerusalem, and they must become for us a **guard** by night and workers by day. (**Nehemiah 4:22**)
- As for me and my brothers and my attendants and the men of the **guard** who were behind me, we were not taking off our garments, each one having his missile in his right hand. (**Nehemiah 4:23**)
- Kings had runners accompanying their chariots as **guards**, as did Absalom and Adonijah when each tried to take the throne of Israel.
- And it came about following such things that Absalom proceeded to have a chariot made for himself, with horses and with fifty

men running before him. (2 Samuel 15:1)

- All the while Adonijah the son of Haggith was lifting himself up, saying; I myself am going to rule as king! And he proceeded to have a chariot made for himself with horsemen and fifty men running before him. (1 Kings 1:5)
- Runners served under King Rehoboam as watchmen at the palace doors and kept **guard** over valued copper shields.
- Consequently King Rehoboam made in place of them copper shields, and he committed them to the control of the chiefs of the runners, the **guards** of the entrance of the king's house. (1 Kings 14:27)
- And it would occur that as often as the king came to the house of Yehowah, the runners would carry them, and they returned them to the **guard** chamber of the runners. (1 Kings 14:28)
- High Priest Jehoiada used runners at the temple, along with the Carian **bodyguard**, to protect young King Jehoash and to execute Athaliah.
- And in the seventh year Jehoiada sent and then took the chiefs of hundreds of the Carian **bodyguard** and of the runners and brought them to himself at the house of Yehowah and concluded a covenant with them and made them swear at the house of Yehowah, after which he showed them the son of the king. (2 Kings 11:4)
- And he went on to command them, saying; This is the thing that you will do: One third of you are coming in on the Sabbath and keeping strict watch over the king's house. (2 Kings 11:5)
- And one third will be at the Gate of the Foundation, and one third will be at the gate behind the runners, and you must keep strict watch over the house by turns. (2 Kings 11:6)
- And there are two divisions among you that are all going out on the Sabbath, and they must keep strict watch over the house of Yehowah in behalf of the king. (2 Kings 11:7)
- And you must encircle the king all around, each one with his weapons in his hand, and anyone entering within the rows will

be put to death. And continue with the king when he goes out and when he comes in. (2 Kings 11:8)

- And the chiefs of hundreds proceeded to do according to all that Jehoiada the priest had commanded. So they took each one his men that were coming in on the Sabbath, together with those that were going out on the Sabbath, and then came in to Jehoiada the priest. (2 Kings 11:9)
- The priest now gave the chiefs of hundreds the spears and the circular shields that had belonged to King David, which were in the house of Yehowah. (2 Kings 11:10)
- And the runners kept standing each one with his weapons in his hand, from the right side of the house clear to the left side of the house, by the altar and by the house, all around near the king. (2 Kings 11:11)
- Then he brought the son of the king out and put upon him the diadem and the Testimony, and so they made him king and anointed him. And they began to clap their hands and say; Let the king live! (2 Kings 11:12)
- When Athaliah heard the sound of the people running, she at once came to the people at the house of Yehowah. (2 Kings 11:13)
- Then she saw, and there the king was standing by the pillar according to the custom, and the chiefs and the trumpets by the king, and all the people of the land rejoicing and blowing the trumpets. Immediately Athaliah ripped her garments apart and began crying; Conspiracy! Conspiracy! (2 Kings 11:14)
- But Jehoiada the priest commanded the chiefs of hundreds, the appointed ones of the military force, and said to them; Take her out from inside the rows, and, as for anyone coming after her, let there be an execution of death with the sword! For the priest had said; Do not let her be put to death in the house of Yehowah. (2 Kings 11:15)
- So they laid their hands upon her and she came by the way of the horse entry of the king's house, and she got put to death there. (2 Kings 11:16)

- Then Jehoiada concluded the covenant between Yehowah and the king and the people, that they should prove themselves the people of Yehowah, and also between the king and the people. (2 Kings 11:17)
- After that all the people of the land came to the house of Baal and pulled down his altars, and his images they broke up thoroughly, and Mattan the priest of Baal they killed before the altars. And the priest proceeded to put overseers over the house of Yehowah. (2 Kings 11:18)
- Further, he took the chiefs of hundreds and the Carian bodyguard and the runners and all the people of the land, that they might bring the king down from the house of Yehowah, and they came gradually by the way of the gate of the runners to the king's house, and he began to sit upon the throne of the kings. (2 Kings 11:19)
- And all the people of the land continued to rejoice, and the city, for its part, had no disturbance, and Athaliah herself they had put to death with the sword at the king's house. (2 Kings 11:20)
- Seven years old Jehoash was when he began to reign. (2 Kings 11:21)

See Also CARIAN BODYGUARD

See Also RUNNERS

- The Hebrew word *tab-bach'*, translated cook at;
- Later Samuel said to the cook; Do give the portion that I have given to you, of which I said to you, Put it away by you. (1 Samuel 9:23)
- Meant, basically, slaughterer and gained the meaning executioner, it is elsewhere used with reference to the bodyguard of Pharaoh of Egypt and of King Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon.
- However, the Midianites sold him into Egypt to Potiphar a court official of Pharaoh, the chief of the bodyguard. (Genesis 37:36)
- And in the fifth month on the seventh day of the month, that is to say; the nineteenth year of King Nebuchadnezzar the king of Babylon, Nebuzaradan the chief of the bodyguard, the servant of

- the king of Babylon, came to Jerusalem. (2 Kings 25:8)
- And the rest of the people that were left behind in the city and the deserters that had gone over to the king of Babylon and the rest of the crowd Nebuzaradan the chief of the **bodyguard** took into exile. (2 Kings 25:11)
  - And Nebuzaradan the chief of the **bodyguard** then took them and conducted them to the king of Babylon at Riblah. (2 Kings 25:20)
  - At that time Daniel, for his part, addressed himself with counsel and sensibleness to Arioch the chief of the kings **bodyguard**, who had gone out to kill the wise men of Babylon. (Daniel 2:14)
  - The **Hebrew** word *mish-ma'`ath*, meaning, basically, hearers and rendered subjects in;
    - And they must fly at the shoulder of the Philistines to the west, together they will plunder the sons of the East. Edom and Moab will be those upon whom they will thrust out their hand, and the sons of Ammon will be their **subjects**. (Isaiah 11:14)
    - Is used to refer to David's **bodyguard**.
    - Although he was distinguished even more than the thirty, to the rank of the three he did not come, but David appointed him to his own **bodyguard**. (2 Samuel 23:23)
    - Although he was more distinguished than the thirty, yet to the rank of the first three he did not come. However, David put him over his own **bodyguard**. (1 Chronicles 11:25)
    - And to the **bodyguard** of Saul, over which David had been chief.
    - At this Ahimelech answered the king and said; And who among all your servants is like David, faithful, and the son-in-law of the king and a chief over your **bodyguard** and honored in your house? (1 Samuel 22:14)
    - It was the practice in Roman prisons to chain a prisoner to a soldier **guard** or, for maximum security, to two **guards**.
    - And laying hold of him, he put him in prison, turning him over to four shifts of four soldiers each to **guard** him, as he intended to

produce him for the people after the Passover. (**Acts of Apostles 12:4**)

- Now when Herod was about to produce him, that night Peter was sleeping bound with two chains between two soldiers, and **guards** before the door were keeping the prison. (**Acts of Apostles 12:6**)
- However, during the apostle Paul's first imprisonment in Rome, he was accorded the respect of being free from this form of restraint, having only a soldier **guard** living with him in his own hired house.
- When, finally, we entered into Rome, Paul was permitted to stay by himself with the soldier **guarding** him. (**Acts of Apostles 28:16**)
- So he remained for an entire two years in his own hired house, and he would kindly receive all those who came in to him. (**Acts of Apostles 28:30**)
- During his second imprisonment he may have been chained to a **guard**.
- To prevent the people from learning about Jesus resurrection, the chief priests bribed Roman **guards** to circulate the lie that Jesus followers had stolen his body.
- The next day, which was after the Preparation, the chief priests and the Pharisees gathered together before Pilate. (**Matthew 27:62**)
- Saying; Sir, we have called to mind that that impostor said while yet alive; After three days I am to be raised up. (**Matthew 27:63**)
- Therefore command the grave to be made secure until the third day, that his disciples may never come and steal him and say to the people; He was raised up from the dead! And this last imposture will be worse than the first. (**Matthew 27:64**)
- Pilate said to them; You have a **guard**. Go make it as secure as you know how. (**Matthew 27:65**)
- So they went and made the grave secure by sealing the stone and having the **guard**. (**Matthew 27:66**)

- While they were on their way, look! Some of the **guard** went into the city and reported to the chief priests all the things that had happened. (**Matthew 28:11**)
- And after these had gathered together with the older men and taken counsel, they gave a sufficient number of silver pieces to the soldiers (**Matthew 28:12**)
- And said; say; His disciples came in the night and stole him while we were sleeping. (**Matthew 28:13**)
- And if this gets to the governor's ears, we will persuade him and will set you free from worry. (**Matthew 28:14**)
- So they took the silver pieces and did as they were instructed, and this saying has been spread abroad among the Jews up to this very day. (**Matthew 28:15**)

#### **See Also SOLDIER**

- The Roman Praetorian **Guard** was formed by Caesar Augustus in **13 B.C.E.** to serve as imperial bodyguards.
- Now I desire you to know, brothers, that my affairs have turned out for the advancement of the Good News rather than otherwise. (**Philippians 1:12**)
- So that my bonds have become public knowledge in association with Christ among all the Praetorian **Guard** and all the rest. (**Philippians 1:13**)
- Emperor Tiberius had this **guard** encamped permanently near the walls of Rome and by means of them held in check any unruliness of the people.
- This attached great importance to the commander of the guard, whose force came to amount to about 10,000 men. In time the Praetorian Guard became so powerful that it was able both to put emperors into office and to dethrone them.
- Priests and Levites were organized under captains to **guard** the temple in Jerusalem.

**See Also CAPTAIN OF THE TEMPLE**