

~JOHANAN 5 (116)

(Jo-ha'nan) [shortened form of Jehohanan, meaning, Yehowah Has Shown Favor, Yehowah Has Been Gracious]

- One of the chiefs of the military forces remaining in Judah after the general deportation to Babylon in the summer of 607 B.C.E. This son of Kareah readily supported the appointment of Gedaliah and, on learning of Ishmael's plot to assassinate the governor, asked Gedaliah for permission to kill Ishmael secretly but was denied it.
- In time all the chiefs of the military forces who were in the field, they and their men, got to hear that the king of Babylon had commissioned Gedaliah the son of Ahikam over the land and that he had commissioned him over the men and women and little children and some of the lowly people of the land, who had not been taken into exile in Babylon. (Jeremiah 40:7)
- So they came to Gedaliah at Mizpah, even Ishmael the son of Nethaniah and **Johanan** and Jonathan, the sons of Kareah, and Seraiah the son of Tanhumeth and the sons of Ephai the Netophathite and Jezaniah the son of the Maacathite, they and their men. (Jeremiah 40:8)
- As for **Johanan** the son of Kareah and all the chiefs of the military forces who were in the field, they came to Gedaliah at Mizpah. (Jeremiah 40:13)
- And they proceeded to say to him; Do you not at all know that Baalis, the king of the sons of Ammon, himself has sent Ishmael the son of Nethaniah to strike you to the soul? But Gedaliah the son of Ahikam did not believe them. (Jeremiah 40:14)
- And **Johanan** the son of Kareah himself said to Gedaliah, in a place of concealment in Mizpah; I want to go, now, and strike down Ishmael the son of Nethaniah, as no one at all will know. Why should he strike you to the soul, and why must all those of Judah who are being collected together to you be scattered and the remnant of Judah perish? (Jeremiah 40:15)
- But Gedaliah the son of Ahikam said to **Johanan** the son of Kareah; Do not do this thing, for it is a falsehood that you are speaking concerning Ishmael. (Jeremiah 40:16)

- Gedaliah was assassinated, **Johanan** led the forces to avenge him, and persons whom Ishmael had taken captive were recovered, but the assassin himself escaped to Ammon.
- In time **Johanan** the son of Kareah and all the chiefs of the military forces who were with him got to hear all the bad that Ishmael the son of Nethaniah had done. (**Jeremiah 41:11**)
- Consequently they took all the men and went off to fight against Ishmael the son of Nethaniah and found him by the abundant waters that were in Gibeon. (**Jeremiah 41:12**)
- Then it came about that as soon as all the people that were with Ishmael saw **Johanan** the son of Kareah and all the chiefs of the military forces who were with him, they began to rejoice. (**Jeremiah 41:13**)
- And all the people whom Ishmael had led captive from Mizpah proceeded to turn around and return and go to **Johanan** the son of Kareah. (**Jeremiah 41:14**)
- And as for Ishmael the son of Nethaniah, he escaped with eight men from before **Johanan**, that he might go to the sons of Ammon. (**Jeremiah 41:15**)
- **Johanan** the son of Kareah and all the chiefs of the military forces who were with him now took all the remnant of the people whom they brought back from Ishmael the son of Nethaniah, from Mizpah, after he had struck down Gedaliah the son of Ahikam, able-bodied men, men of war, and the wives and the little children and the court officials, whom he brought back from Gibeon. (**Jeremiah 41:16**)
- Fearing reprisals from the Babylonians, **Johanan** and the others asked the prophet Jeremiah what they should do, but, rather than follow Yehowah's advice to remain in the land, they fled to Egypt, taking Jeremiah with them.
- Then all the chiefs of the military forces and **Johanan** the son of Kareah and Jezaniah the son of Hoshaiah and all the people, from the smallest one even to the greatest one, approached (**Jeremiah 42:1**)

- **And they finally came into the land of Egypt, for they did not obey the voice of Yehowah, and they came gradually as far as Tahpanhes. (Jeremiah 43:7)**
- **When all the chiefs of the military forces, they and their men, heard that the king of Babylon had appointed Gedaliah, they immediately came to Gedaliah at Mizpah, that is, Ishmael the son of Nethaniah and **Johanan** the son of Kareah and Seraiah the son of Tanhumeth the Netophathite and Jaazaniah the son of the Maacathite, they and their men. (2 Kings 25:23)**
- **Then Gedaliah swore to them and their men and said to them; Do not be afraid of being servants to the Chaldeans. Dwell in the land and serve the king of Babylon, and it will go well with you. (2 Kings 25:24)**
- **And it came about in the seventh month that Ishmael the son of Nethaniah the son of Elishama of the royal offspring came, and also ten men with him, and they got to strike down Gedaliah, so that he died, and also the Jews and the Chaldeans that happened to be with him in Mizpah. (2 Kings 25:25)**
- **After that all the people, from small to great, and the chiefs of the military forces rose up and came into Egypt, for they had become afraid because of the Chaldeans. (2 Kings 25:26)**