

~JONATHAN 8 (61)

(Jon'a-than) [Yehowah Has Given]

- One of the military chiefs in the field when Nebuchadnezzar conquered Jerusalem in **607 B.C.E.**, a son of Kareah and brother of Johanan. After Gedaliah had been put in charge of the people left in the land, **Jonathan** and the other military leaders from the field went to him and were reassured of safety.
- 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**)
- And Gedaliah the son of Ahikam the son of Shaphan proceeded to swear to them and to their men, saying; Do not be afraid of serving the Chaldeans. Continue dwelling in the land and serve the king of Babylon, and it will go well with you. (**Jeremiah 40:9**)
- And as for me, here I am dwelling in Mizpah, in order to stand before the Chaldeans who will come to us. And as for you yourselves, gather wine and summer fruits and oil and put them in your vessels and dwell in your cities that you have seized. (**Jeremiah 40:10**)
- Evidently **Jonathan** was also among those who delivered to Gedaliah the warning that he chose to ignore about the danger of assassination.
- 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

Balis, 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)**