

~NEBUZARADAN (363)

(Neb-u'zar-ad'an) [from Babylonian, meaning, Nebo Has Given Offspring]

- Chief of the bodyguard and principal figure in Nebuchadnezzar's forces at the actual destruction of Jerusalem in 607 B.C.E. It does not appear that **Nebuzaradan** was present during the initial siege and breakthrough of Jerusalem, for it was about a month later that he came to Jerusalem, after King Zedekiah had been brought to Nebuchadnezzar and blinded.
- And the city came to be under siege until the eleventh year of King Zedekiah. (2 Kings 25:2)
- On the ninth day of the fourth month the famine was severe in the city, and there proved to be no bread for the people of the land. (2 Kings 25:3)
- And the city got to be breached, and all the men of war fled by night by the way of the gate between the double wall that is by the king's garden, while the Chaldeans were all around against the city, and the king began to go in the direction of the Arabah. (2 Kings 25:4)
- And a military force of Chaldeans went chasing after the king, and they got to overtake him in the desert plains of Jericho, and all his own military force was scattered from his side. (2 Kings 25:5)
- Then they seized the king and brought him up to the king of Babylon at Riblah, that they might pronounce a judicial decision upon him. (2 Kings 25:6)
- And Zedekiah's sons they slaughtered before his eyes, and Zedekiah's eyes he blinded, after which he bound him with copper fetters and brought him to Babylon. (2 Kings 25:7)
- 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)

- In the eleventh year of Zedekiah, in the fourth month, on the ninth day of the month, the city was broken through. (**Jeremiah 39:2**)
- And all the princes of the king of Babylon proceeded to come in and sit down in the Middle Gate, namely, Nergal-sharezer, Samgar-nebo, Sarsechim, Rabsaris, Nergal-sharezer the Rabmag and all the rest of the princes of the king of Babylon. (**Jeremiah 39:3**)
- In the fourth month, on the ninth day of the month, the famine also got to be severe in the city and there proved to be no bread for the people of the land. (**Jeremiah 52:6**)
- Finally the city was broken through, and as regards all the men of war, they began to run away and go forth from the city by night by the way of the gate between the double wall that is by the king's garden, while the Chaldeans were all around against the city, and they kept going by the way of the Arabah. (**Jeremiah 52:7**)
- And a military force of the Chaldeans went chasing after the king, and they got to overtake Zedekiah in the desert plains of Jericho, and all his own military force was scattered from his side. (**Jeremiah 52:8**)
- Then they seized the king and brought him up to the king of Babylon at Riblah in the land of Hamath, that he might pronounce upon him judicial decisions. (**Jeremiah 52:9**)
- And the king of Babylon proceeded to slaughter the sons of Zedekiah before his eyes, and also all the princes of Judah he slaughtered in Riblah. (**Jeremiah 52:10**)
- And the eyes of Zedekiah he blinded, after which the king of Babylon bound him with copper fetters and brought him to Babylon and put him in the house of custody until the day of his death. (**Jeremiah 52:11**)
- From outside the city, **Nebuzaradan** directed the Babylonian operations of destroying the city, which began on the seventh day of the month, the fifth month, Ab, and which included looting the temple treasures, wrecking the wall, dealing with the captives, and allowing some of the lowly ones to remain.

- 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 he proceeded to burn the house of Yehowah and the king's house and all the houses of Jerusalem, and the house of every great man he burned with fire. (2 Kings 25:9)
- And the walls of Jerusalem, all around, the entire military force of Chaldeans that were with the chief of the bodyguard pulled down. (2 Kings 25:10)
- 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 some of the lowly people of the land the chief of the bodyguard let remain as vinedressers and compulsory laborers. (2 Kings 25:12)
- And the pillars of copper that were in the house of Yehowah, and the carriages and the copper sea that were in the house of Yehowah, the Chaldeans broke in pieces and went carrying the copper of them to Babylon. (2 Kings 25:13)
- And the cans and the shovels and the extinguishers and the cups and all the utensils of copper with which they used to minister they took. (2 Kings 25:14)
- And the chief of the bodyguard took the fire holders and the bowls that were of genuine gold and those that were of genuine silver. (2 Kings 25:15)
- As for the two pillars, the one sea and the carriages that Solomon had made for the house of Yehowah, there happened to be no way to tell the weight of the copper of all these utensils. (2 Kings 25:16)
- Eighteen cubits was the height of each pillar, and the capital upon it was of copper, and the height of the capital was three cubits, and the network and the pomegranates all around upon

- the capital, the whole of it, was copper, and the second pillar had the same as these upon the network. (2 Kings 25:17)
- Furthermore, the chief of the bodyguard took Seraiah the chief priest and Zephaniah the second priest and three doorkeepers. (2 Kings 25:18)
 - And from the city he took one court official that had a command over the men of war, and five men from those having access to the king that were found in the city, and the secretary of the chief of the army, the one mustering the people of the land, and sixty men of the people of the land that were to be found in the city. (2 Kings 25:19)
 - And **Nebuzaradan** the chief of the bodyguard then took them and conducted them to the king of Babylon at Riblah. (2 Kings 25:20)
 - And the house of the king and the houses of the people the Chaldeans burned with fire, and the walls of Jerusalem they pulled down. (Jeremiah 39:8)
 - And the rest of the people who were left remaining in the city, and the deserters that had fallen away to him, and the rest of the people who were left remaining **Nebuzaradan** the chief of the bodyguard took into exile to Babylon. (Jeremiah 39:9)
 - And some of the people, the lowly ones who had nothing at all, **Nebuzaradan** the chief of the bodyguard let remain in the land of Judah, and he went on to give them vineyards and compulsory services on that day. (Jeremiah 39:10)
 - So Johanan the son of Kareah and all the chiefs of the military forces took all the remnant of Judah that had returned from all the nations to which they had been dispersed, in order to reside for a while in the land of Judah. (Jeremiah 43:5)
 - Even the able-bodied men and the wives and the little children and the daughters of the king and every soul that **Nebuzaradan** the chief of the bodyguard had let stay with Gedaliah the son of Ahikam the son of Shaphan, and Jeremiah the prophet and Baruch the son of Neriah. (Jeremiah 43:6)
 - And in the fifth month, on the tenth day of the month, that is, in the nineteenth year of King Nebuchadrezzar, the king of Babylon,

Nebuzaradan the chief of the bodyguard, who was standing before the king of Babylon, came into Jerusalem. (**Jeremiah 52:12**)

- And he proceeded to burn the house of Yehowah and the house of the king and all the houses of Jerusalem, and every great house he burned with fire. (**Jeremiah 52:13**)
- And all the walls of Jerusalem, round about, all the military forces of the Chaldeans that were with the chief of the bodyguard pulled down. (**Jeremiah 52:14**)
- And some of the lowly ones of the people and the rest of the people that were left remaining in the city and the deserters that had fallen away to the king of Babylon and the rest of the master workmen **Nebuzaradan** the chief of the bodyguard took into exile. (**Jeremiah 52:15**)
- And some of the lowly ones of the land **Nebuzaradan** the chief of the bodyguard let remain as vinedressers and as compulsory laborers. (**Jeremiah 52:16**)
- And the copper pillars that belonged to the house of Yehowah and the carriages and the copper sea that was in the house of Yehowah the Chaldeans broke to pieces and went carrying all the copper of them to Babylon. (**Jeremiah 52:17**)
- And the censers and the shovels and the extinguishers and the bowls and the cups and all the copper utensils with which they used to minister they took. (**Jeremiah 52:18**)
- And the basins and the fire holders and the bowls and the censers and the lampstands and the cups and the bowls that were of genuine gold, and those that were of genuine silver, the chief of the bodyguard took. (**Jeremiah 52:19**)
- And the two pillars, the one sea, and the twelve copper bulls that were under the sea, the carriages, that King Solomon had made for the house of Yehowah. There happened to be no weight taken of the copper of them, all these articles. (**Jeremiah 52:20**)
- And as regards the pillars, eighteen cubits in height was each pillar, and a thread of twelve cubits itself would go around it, and its thickness was four fingerbreadths, it being hollow. (**Jeremiah**

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- And the capital upon it was of copper, and the height of the one capital was five cubits, and as regards the network and the pomegranates upon the capital, all around, the whole was of copper, and the second pillar had just the same as these, also the pomegranates. (**Jeremiah 52:22**)
- And the pomegranates came to be ninety-six, on the sides, all the pomegranates being one hundred upon the network round about. (**Jeremiah 52:23**)
- Furthermore, the chief of the bodyguard took Seraiah the chief priest and Zephaniah the second priest and the three doorkeepers. (**Jeremiah 52:24**)
- And from the city he took one court official that happened to be commissioner over the men of war, and seven men of those having access to the king, who were found in the city, and the secretary of the chief of the army, the one mustering the people of the land, and sixty men of the people of the land, who were found in the midst of the city. (**Jeremiah 52:25**)
- So these **Nebuzaradan** the chief of the bodyguard took and conducted them to the king of Babylon at Riblah. (**Jeremiah 52:26**)
- Three days later, on the tenth day of the month, it appears that **Nebuzaradan** came **into** Jerusalem, entered Jerusalem, **RS**, **JB** and, after an inspection, put a torch to the house of Yehowah and reduced the city to ashes.
- And in the fifth month, on the tenth day of the month, that is, in the nineteenth year of King Nebuchadrezzar, the king of Babylon, **Nebuzaradan** the chief of the bodyguard, who was standing before the king of Babylon, came into Jerusalem. (**Jeremiah 52:12**)
- And he proceeded to burn the house of Yehowah and the house of the king and all the houses of Jerusalem, and every great house he burned with fire. (**Jeremiah 52:13**)
- Josephus observed that it was on the very same day, the **tenth** day of the fifth month, when Solomon's temple was burned, that the

temple rebuilt by Herod was also burned, in 70 C.E. [The Jewish War, VI, 250, iv, 5][VI, 268, iv, 8]
See Also AB.

- **Nebuzaradan**, under orders from Nebuchadnezzar, released Jeremiah and spoke to him kindly, letting him choose what he would do, offering to look after him and granting him some supplies. Nebuzaradan was also spokesman for the king of Babylon in appointing Gedaliah governor over those remaining.
- As for the people left behind in the land of Judah, whom Nebuchadnezzar the king of Babylon had left behind, he now appointed over them Gedaliah the son of Ahikam the son of Shaphan. (2 Kings 25:22)
- Furthermore, Nebuchadnezzar the king of Babylon gave command concerning Jeremiah by means of **Nebuzaradan** the chief of the bodyguard, saying; (Jeremiah 39:11)
- Take him and keep your own eyes set upon him, and do not do to him anything bad at all. But just as he may speak to you, so do with him. (Jeremiah 39:12)
- Accordingly **Nebuzaradan** the chief of the bodyguard and Nebushazban the Rabsaris, and Nergal-sharezer the Rabmag and all the principal men of the king of Babylon sent. (Jeremiah 39:13)
- They even proceeded to send and take Jeremiah out of the Courtyard of the Guard and give him over to Gedaliah the son of Ahikam the son of Shaphan, in order to bring him forth to his house, that he might dwell in the midst of the people. (Jeremiah 39:14)
- The word that occurred to Jeremiah from Yehowah after **Nebuzaradan** the chief of the bodyguard sent him from Ramah, when he took him while he was bound with handcuffs in the midst of all the exiles of Jerusalem and of Judah, who were being taken into exile in Babylon. (Jeremiah 40:1)
- Then the chief of the bodyguard took Jeremiah and said to him; Yehowah your God himself spoke this calamity against this place. (Jeremiah 40:2)

- That Yehowah might bring it true and do just as he has spoken, because you people have sinned against Yehowah and have not obeyed his voice. And this thing has happened to you. (**Jeremiah 40:3**)
- And now, look! I have let you loose today from the handcuffs that were upon your hands. If it is good in your eyes to come with me to Babylon, come, and I shall keep my eye upon you. But if it is bad in your eyes to come with me to Babylon, refrain. See! The entire land is before you. To wherever it is good and right in your eyes to go, go there. (**Jeremiah 40:4**)
- And he was yet not one that would return, when **Nebuzaradan** said; Do return to Gedaliah the son of Ahikam the son of Shaphan, whom the king of Babylon has commissioned over the cities of Judah, and dwell with him in the midst of the people, or to wherever it is right in your eyes to go, go. And the chief of the bodyguard then gave him a food allowance and a present and let him go. (**Jeremiah 40:5**)
- Accordingly Jeremiah came to Gedaliah the son of Ahikam at Mizpah and took up dwelling with him in the midst of the people who were left remaining in the land. (**Jeremiah 40:6**)
- 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**)
- Then Ishmael took captive all the remnant of the people who were in Mizpah, the daughters of the king and all the people who were remaining over in Mizpah, whom **Nebuzaradan** the chief of the bodyguard had put in the custody of Gedaliah the son of Ahikam. So Ishmael the son of Nethaniah took them captive and went off to cross over to the sons of Ammon. (**Jeremiah 41:10**)
- About five years later, **602 B.C.E**, **Nebuzaradan** took other Jews into exile, apparently those who had fled to surrounding territories.
- In the twenty-third year of Nebuchadrezzar, **Nebuzaradan** the chief of the bodyguard took Jews into exile, seven hundred and forty-five souls. All the souls were four thousand and six

hundred. (**Jeremiah 52:30**)