

### ~NERGAL-SHAREZER 2 (34)

(Ner'gal-shar-e'zer) [from Akkadian, meaning, May Nergal Protect the King]

- Another important prince in Nebuchadnezzar's forces at the overthrow of Jerusalem, distinguished from **NERGAL-SHAREZER 1** by the added title Rabmag. It was this Rabmag who assisted in the release of Jeremiah.
- 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**)
- 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**)
- Because this name bears such a striking resemblance to that found in Babylonian inscriptions, *Nergal-shar-usur*, some scholars think this prince was Neriglissar, Greek form, believed to be the successor of King Evil-merodach, also Awil-Marduk. [*Ancient Near Eastern Texts*, edited by J. Pritchard, 1974, p. 308]