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### (O'ded) [God Has Relieved]

- A prophet of Samaria during the overlapping reigns of Pekah of Israel and Ahaz of Judah, **761- 759 B.C.E.** After Israel and Syria delivered a smashing defeat to Judah, 200,000 captives from the southern kingdom were brought toward Samaria.
- **Oded**, however, intercepted the victorious army and warned them of God's wrath if they enslaved their brothers. After all, he explained, it was only because of Judah's wickedness that Yehowah permitted you to defeat them.
- Now do not make servants out of them and bring Yehowah's rage upon yourselves, return the captives! Four Ephraimite leaders supported Oded, and the captives were cared for and repatriated.
- Consequently Yehowah his God gave him into the hand of the king of Syria, so that they struck him and carried off from him a great number of captives and brought them to Damascus. And also into the hand of the king of Israel he was given, so that he struck him with a great slaughter. (**2 Chronicles 28:5**)
- Accordingly Pekah the son of Remaliah killed in Judah a hundred and twenty thousand in one day, all valiant men, because of their leaving Yehowah the God of their forefathers. (**2 Chronicles 28:6**)
- Further, Zichri, a mighty man of Ephraim, killed Maaseiah the son of the king and Azrikam the leader of the household and Elkanah the one next to the king. (**2 Chronicles 28:7**)
- Moreover, the sons of Israel took two hundred thousand of their brothers captive, women, sons and daughters, and also a great deal of spoil they took from them as plunder, after which they brought the spoil to Samaria. (**2 Chronicles 28:8**)
- And there happened to be a prophet of Yehowah there whose name was **Oded**. So he went out before the army that was coming to Samaria and said to them; Look! It was because of the rage of Yehowah the God of your forefathers against Judah that he gave them into your hand, so that you did a killing among them with a raging that has reached clear to the heavens. (**2**



### **Chronicles 28:9)**

- **And now the sons of Judah and of Jerusalem you are thinking of reducing to menservants and maidservants for yourselves. Nevertheless, are there not with you yourselves cases of guilt against Yehowah your God? (2 Chronicles 28:10)**
- **And now listen to me and return the captives that you have captured from your brothers, for Yehowah's burning anger is against you. (2 Chronicles 28:11)**
- **At that certain men of the heads of the sons of Ephraim, Azariah the son of Jehohanan, Berechiah the son of Meshillemoth and Jehizkiah the son of Shallum and Amasa the son of Hadlai, rose up against those coming in from the military campaign. (2 Chronicles 28:12)**
- **And they said to them; You must not bring in the captives here, for it will result in guilt against Yehowah on our part. You are thinking of adding to our sins and to our guilt, for abundant is the guilt we have, and there is burning anger against Israel. (2 Chronicles 28:13)**
- **Accordingly the armed men left the captives and the plunder before the princes and all the congregation. (2 Chronicles 28:14)**
- **Then the men that were designated by their names rose up and took hold of the captives, and all their naked ones they clothed from the spoil. So they clothed them and furnished them with sandals and fed them and gave them drink and greased them. Furthermore, in the case of anyone tottering, they gave them transportation on the asses and brought them to Jericho, the city of palm trees, beside their brothers. After that they returned to Samaria. (2 Chronicles 28:15)**