

~QUARTERMASTER (47)

[Hebrew, *sar menu-chah*]

- **Possibly the officer in charge of rations and supplies for the troops.** A literal translation of the Hebrew *sar menu-chah* 'is prince of the resting-place and may mean **the one in charge of the king's living quarters** when on a campaign or journey.
- **Seraiah as quartermaster for King Zedekiah of Judah accompanied him on the trip to Babylon in the fourth year of Zedekiah's reign, carrying with him Jeremiah's written prophecy against Babylon.**
- **After reading it aloud in that city, Seraiah pitched it, tied to a stone, into the Euphrates, as a symbol of Babylon's future fall, never to rise again.**
- **The word that Jeremiah the prophet commanded Seraiah the son of Neriah the son of Mahseiah when he went with Zedekiah the king of Judah to Babylon in the fourth year of his being king, and Seraiah was the **quartermaster**. (Jeremiah 51:59)**
- **And Jeremiah proceeded to write in one book all the calamity that would come upon Babylon, even all these words written against Babylon. (Jeremiah 51:60)**
- **Furthermore, Jeremiah said to Seraiah; As soon as you come to Babylon and actually see her, you must also read aloud all these words. (Jeremiah 51:61)**
- **And you must say; O Yehowah, you yourself have spoken against this place, in order to cut it off so that there may come to be in it no inhabitant, either man or even domestic animal, but that she may become mere desolate wastes to time indefinite. (Jeremiah 51:62)**
- **And it must occur that when you will have completed reading this book, you will tie to it a stone, and you must pitch it into the midst of the Euphrates. (Jeremiah 51:63)**
- **And you must say; This is how Babylon will sink down and never rise up because of the calamity that I am bringing in upon her,**

and they will certainly tire themselves out. Down to this point are the words of Jeremiah. (Jeremiah 51:64)