

¹ فِي السَّنَةِ الثَّاسِعَةِ لِيَصِدْقِيَا مَلِكُ يَهُودَا فِي الشَّهْرِ الْعَاشِرِ، أَتَى بُوْحَدَنْصَرُ مَلِكُ بَابِلَ وَكُلُّ حَيْشِهِ إِلَى أُورُشَلِيمَ وَخَاصَرُواهَا.² وَفِي السَّنَةِ الْخَادِثَةِ عَشْرَةَ لِيَصِدْقِيَا فِي الشَّهْرِ الرَّابِعِ فِي تَاسِعِ الشَّهْرِ فُتِحَتِ الْمَدِينَةُ.³ وَدَخَلَ كُلُّ رُؤَسَاءِ مَلِكِ بَابِلَ وَجَلَسُوا فِي الْبَابِ الْأَوْسَطِ، تَزَجَلَ شَرَاصَرُ، وَسَمَجَرُ نَبُو، وَسَرَسَخِيمُ رَئِيسُ الْخِصْيَانِ، وَتَزَجَلَ شَرَاصَرُ رَئِيسُ الْمَجُوسِ، وَكُلُّ بَقِيَّةِ رُؤَسَاءِ مَلِكِ بَابِلَ.⁴ فَلَمَّا رَأَاهُمْ صِدْقِيَا مَلِكُ يَهُودَا وَكُلُّ رِجَالِ الْحِزْبِ هَرَبُوا وَخَرَجُوا لَيْلًا مِنَ الْمَدِينَةِ فِي طَرِيقِ جَنَّةِ الْمَلِكِ مِنَ الْبَابِ بَيْنَ السُّورَيْنِ، وَخَرَجَ هُوَ فِي طَرِيقِ الْعَرَبَةِ.⁵ فَسَعَى جَيْشُ الْكِلْدَانِيِّينَ وَرَاءَهُمْ، فَأَذْرَكُوا صِدْقِيَا فِي عَرَبَاتٍ أَرِيحَا، فَأَخَذُوهُ وَأَضَعُوهُ إِلَى بُوْحَدَنْصَرِ مَلِكِ بَابِلَ إِلَى رَثْلَةٍ فِي أَرْضِ حَمَاةَ، فَكَلَّمَهُ بِالْقَصَاءِ عَلَيْهِ.⁶ فَقَتَلَ مَلِكُ بَابِلَ بَنِي صِدْقِيَا فِي رَثْلَةٍ أَمَامَ عَيْنَيْهِ، وَقَتَلَ مَلِكُ بَابِلَ كُلَّ أَشْرَافِ يَهُودَا.⁷ وَأَغْمَى عَيْنَيْ صِدْقِيَا وَقَبَضَهُ بِسَلَابِلِ نَحَاسٍ لِيَأْتِي بِهِ إِلَى بَابِلَ.⁸ أَمَّا بَيْتُ الْمَلِكِ وَبُيُوتُ الشَّعْبِ فَأَخْرَقَهَا الْكِلْدَانِيُّونَ بِالنَّارِ، وَتَقَصَّوْا أَسْوَارَ أُورُشَلِيمَ.⁹ وَبَقِيَّةُ الشَّعْبِ الَّذِينَ بَقُوا فِي الْمَدِينَةِ وَالْهَارِبُونَ الَّذِينَ سَقَطُوا لَهُ وَبَقِيَّةُ الشَّعْبِ الَّذِينَ بَقُوا سَبَّاهُمْ بُوْرَرَادَانُ رَئِيسُ الشَّرِطِ إِلَى بَابِلَ.¹⁰ وَلَكِنَّ بَعْضَ الشَّعْبِ الْفُقَرَاءِ الَّذِينَ لَمْ يَكُنْ لَهُمْ شَيْءٌ تَرَكَهُمْ بُوْرَرَادَانُ رَئِيسُ الشَّرِطِ فِي أَرْضِ يَهُودَا، وَأَعْطَاهُمْ كُزُومًا وَخُفُولًا فِي ذَلِكَ الْيَوْمِ.¹¹ وَأَوْصَى بُوْحَدَنْصَرُ مَلِكُ بَابِلَ عَلَى إِزْمِيَا بُوْرَرَادَانُ رَئِيسُ الشَّرِطِ قَائِلًا، خُذْهُ وَضَعْ عَيْنَيْكَ عَلَيْهِ وَلَا تَفْعَلْ بِهِ شَيْئًا رَدِيئًا، بَلْ كَمَا يُكَلِّمُكَ هَكَذَا افْعَلْ مَعَهُ.¹² فَأَرْسَلَ بُوْرَرَادَانُ رَئِيسُ الشَّرِطِ وَبُيُوتَ شَرَاتَانُ رَئِيسُ الْخِصْيَانِ وَتَزَجَلَ شَرَاصَرُ رَئِيسُ الْمَجُوسِ وَكُلُّ رُؤَسَاءِ مَلِكِ بَابِلَ،¹⁴ أَوْسَلُوا فَأَخَذُوا إِزْمِيَا مِنْ دَارِ السَّجْنِ وَأَسْلَمُوهُ لِجَدَلْيَا بْنِ أَخِيْقَامَ بْنِ شَاقَانَ لِيُخْرِجَ بِهِ إِلَى الْبَيْتِ. فَسَكَنَ بَيْنَ الشَّعْبِ.¹⁵ وَصَارَتْ كَلِمَةُ الرَّبِّ إِلَى إِزْمِيَا إِذْ كَانَ مَحْبُوسًا فِي دَارِ السَّجْنِ،¹⁶ أَذْهَبَ وَقُلَّ لِعَبْدِ مَلِكِ الْكُوشِيِّ هَكَذَا قَالَ رَبُّ الْجُنُودِ إِلَهُ إِسْرَائِيلَ، هُنَذَا جَالِبٌ كَلَامِي عَلَى هَذِهِ الْمَدِينَةِ لِلشَّرِّ لَا لِلخَيْرِ، فَيَحْدُثُ أَمَامَكَ فِي ذَلِكَ الْيَوْمِ.¹⁷ وَلَكِنِّي أَنْقِذَكَ فِي ذَلِكَ الْيَوْمِ يَقُولُ الرَّبُّ فَلَا تُسَلِّمْ لِيَدِ النَّاسِ الَّذِينَ أَنْتَ خَائِفٌ مِنْهُمْ.¹⁸ بَلْ إِنَّمَا أَتُجِيبُكَ تَجَاهَ فَلَا تَسْقُطُ بِالسَّيْفِ، بَلْ تَكُونُ لَكَ نَفْسُكَ غَنِيمَةً لِأَنَّكَ قَدْ تَوَكَّلْتَ عَلَيَّ يَقُولُ

¹ In the ninth year of Zedekiah king of Judah, in the tenth month, came Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon and all his army against Jerusalem, and they besieged it.² And in the eleventh year of Zedekiah, in the fourth month, the ninth day of the month, the city was broken up.³ And all the princes of the king of Babylon came in, and sat in the middle gate, even Nergalsharezer, Samgarnebo, Sarsechim, Rabсарis, Nergalsharezer, Rabmag, with all the residue of the princes of the king of Babylon.⁴ And it came to pass, that when Zedekiah the king of Judah saw them, and all the men of war, then they fled, and went forth out of the city by night, by the way of the king's garden, by the gate betwixt the two walls: and he went out the way of the plain.⁵ But the Chaldeans' army pursued after them, and overtook Zedekiah in the plains of Jericho: and when they had taken him, they brought him up to Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon to Riblah in the land of Hamath, where he gave judgment upon him.⁶ Then the king of Babylon slew the sons of Zedekiah in Riblah before his eyes: also the king of Babylon slew all the nobles of Judah.⁷ Moreover he put out Zedekiah's eyes, and bound him with chains, to carry him to Babylon.⁸ And the Chaldeans burned the king's house, and the houses of the people, with fire, and brake down the walls of Jerusalem.⁹ Then Nebuzaradan the captain of the guard carried away captive into Babylon the remnant of the people that remained in the city, and those that fell away, that fell to him, with the rest of the people that remained.¹⁰ But

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Nebuzaradan the captain of the guard left of the poor of the people, which had nothing, in the land of Judah, and gave them vineyards and fields at the same time.¹¹ Now Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon gave charge concerning Jeremiah to Nebuzaradan the captain of the guard, saying,¹² Take him, and look well to him, and do him no harm; but do unto him even as he shall say unto thee.¹³ So Nebuzaradan the captain of the guard sent, and Nebushasban, Rabsaris, and Nergalsharezer, Rabmag, and all the king of Babylon's princes;¹⁴ Even they sent, and took Jeremiah out of the court of the prison, and committed him unto Gedaliah the son of Ahikam the son of Shaphan, that he should carry him home: so he dwelt among the people.¹⁵ Now the word of the LORD came unto Jeremiah, while he was shut up in the court of the prison, saying,¹⁶ Go and speak to Ebedmelech the Ethiopian, saying, Thus saith the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel; Behold, I will bring my words upon this city for evil, and not for good; and they shall be accomplished in that day before thee.¹⁷ But I will deliver thee in that day, saith the LORD: and thou shalt not be given into the hand of the men of whom thou art afraid.¹⁸ For I will surely deliver thee, and thou shalt not fall by the sword, but thy life shall be for a prey unto thee: because thou hast put thy trust in me, saith the LORD.