

Links between Genesis 37-50 and 2 Kings 25.8-30, the end of the monarchy story

EXCERPTS FROM GENESIS 37-50

Meanwhile the Midianites had sold him in Egypt to **Potiphar, one of Pharaoh's officials, the captain of the guard.** (37.36)

So **Joseph** found favor in his sight and attended him; **[Pharaoh] made him overseer [pqd] of his house and put him in charge of all that he had.** (39.4)

Pharaoh said to Joseph, "Say to your brothers, 'Do this: load your animals and go back to the land of Canaan. Take your father and your households and come to me, so that I may give you the best of the land of Egypt, and you may enjoy the fat of the land. (45.17-18)

God spoke to Israel in visions of the night, and said, "Jacob, Jacob." And he said, "Here I am." Then he said, **"I am God, the God of your father; do not be afraid to go down to Egypt, for I will make of you a great nation there.** (46.2-3)

EXCERPTS FROM 2 KINGS 25.8-30

In the fifth month, on the seventh day of the month-- which was the nineteenth year of King Nebuchadnezzar, king of Babylon--**Nebuzaradan, the captain of the guard, a servant of the king of Babylon,** came to Jerusalem. He burned the house of the LORD, the king's house, and all the houses of Jerusalem; every great house he burned down. All the army of the Chaldeans who were with the **captain of the guard** broke down the walls around Jerusalem. Nebuzaradan the **captain of the guard** carried into exile the rest of the people who were left in the city and the deserters who had defected to the king of Babylon--all the rest of the population. But the **captain of the guard** left some of the poorest people of the land to be vinedressers and tillers of the soil....

. So Judah went into exile out of its land. **[The king] appointed Gedaliah son of Ahikam son of Shaphan as governor [pqd] over the people who remained in the land of Judah,** whom King Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon had left. Now when all the captains of the forces and their men heard that the king of Babylon had appointed Gedaliah as governor, they came with their men to Gedaliah at Mizpah,.... **Gedaliah swore to them and their men, saying, "Do not be afraid because of the Chaldean officials; live in the land, serve the king of Babylon, and it shall be well with you."** But in the seventh month, Ishmael son of Nethaniah son of Elishama, of the royal family, came with ten men; **they struck down Gedaliah so that he died, along with the Judeans and Chaldeans who were with him at Mizpah. Then all the people, high and low and the captains of the forces set out and went to Egypt; for they were afraid of the Chaldeans.**