

Chapter 35

(1) The word which came to Jeremiah from the LORD {Jehovah} in the days of Jehoiakim the son of Josiah king of Judah, saying,

(2) Go to the house of the Rechabites, and speak to them, and bring them into the house {temple} of the LORD {Jehovah}, into one of the chambers, and give them wine to drink.

(3) Then I took Jaazaniah the son of Jeremiah, the son of Habaziah, and his brothers, and all his sons, and the whole house of the Rechabites;

(4) And I brought them into the house {temple} of the LORD {Jehovah}, into the chamber of the sons of Hanan, the son of Igdaliah, a man of God, which *was* by the chamber of the princes, which *was* above the chamber of Maaseiah the son of Shallum, the keeper of the door:

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(5) And I set before the sons of the house of the Rechabites pots full of wine, and cups, and I said to them, Drink wine.

(6) But they said, We will drink no wine: because Jonadab the son of Rechab our father commanded us, saying, You shall drink no wine, *neither you*, nor your sons forever:

(7) Neither shall you build house, nor sow seed, nor plant vineyard, nor have *any*: but all your days you shall live in tents; that you may live many days in the land where you *are* strangers.

(8) So we have obeyed the voice of Jonadab the son of Rechab our father in all that he has charged us, to drink no wine all our days, we, our wives, our sons, nor our daughters;

(9) Nor to build houses for us to live in: neither do we have vineyard, nor field, nor seed:

(10) But we have lived in tents, and have obeyed, and done according to all that Jonadab our father commanded us.

(11) But it came to pass, when Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon came up into the land, that we said, Come, and let us go to Jerusalem because of fear of the army of the Chaldeans, and for fear of the army of the Syrians: so we live at Jerusalem.

(12) Then the word of the LORD {Jehovah} came to Jeremiah, saying,

(13) This is what the LORD {Jehovah} of hosts {armies; multitudes}, the God of Israel says; Go and tell the men of Judah and those who live in Jerusalem, Will you not receive instruction to listen to My words? says the LORD {Jehovah}.

(14) The words of Jonadab the son of Rechab, that he commanded his sons not to drink wine, are performed; because to this day they drink none, but obey their father's commandment: nevertheless I have spoken to you, rising early and speaking; but you have not listened to Me.

(15) I have sent also to you all My servants the prophets, rising up early and sending *them*, saying, Return now every man from his evil way, and amend your deeds, and do not go after other gods to serve them, and you will live in the land which I have given to you and to your forefathers: but you have not inclined your ear, nor listened to Me.

(16) Because the sons of Jonadab the son of Rechab have performed the commandment of their father, which he commanded them; but this people has not listened to Me:

(17) Therefore this is what the LORD {Jehovah} God of hosts {armies; multitudes}, the God of Israel says; Indeed, I will bring upon Judah and upon all those who live in Jerusalem all the evil that I have pronounced against them: because I have spoken to them, but they have not heard; and I have called to them, but they have not answered.

(18) And Jeremiah said to the house of the Rechabites, This is what the LORD {Jehovah} of hosts {armies; multitudes}, the God of Israel says; Because you have obeyed the commandment of Jonadab your father, and kept all his precepts, and done according to all that he has commanded you:

(19) Therefore this is what the LORD {Jehovah} of hosts {armies; multitudes}, the God of Israel says; Jonadab the son of Rechab will not lack a man to stand before Me forever.

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