
GEDALIAH, GOVERNOR OF JUDEA

According to the Bible, Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon came against Jerusalem in 586 B.C. and destroyed the city and captured Zedekiah king of Judah. He then appointed a man by the name of Gedaliah to be Governor over Judah.

In 1935 during excavations at the biblical city of Lachish, a clay seal was found in a layer of ashes left behind from Nebuchadnezzar's fire containing the following words:

"Belonging to Gedaliah, who is over the House."

This find is an amazing confirmation of the scriptural account of Nebuchadnezzar's invasion we read about in 2Kings 25:22-24:

"Then he made Gedaliah the son of Ahikam, the son of Shaphan, governor over the people who remained in the land of Judah, whom Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon had left. Now when all the captains of the armies, they and their men, heard that the king of Babylon had made Gedaliah governor, they came to Gedaliah at Mizpah."

Another clay seal housed in the British Museum is inscribed with the words: **"Hannaniah, son of Gedaliah."**



**Hannaniah, son of
Gedaliah Seal**

WORDS OF WISDOM FROM GEDALIAH

"And Gedaliah took an oath before them and their men, and said to them, "Do not be afraid of the servants of the Chaldeans." "Dwell in the land and serve the king of Babylon, and it shall be well with you."

II Kings 25:24

BIBLE STUDY: Proverbs 29:25, Titus 3:1-2

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