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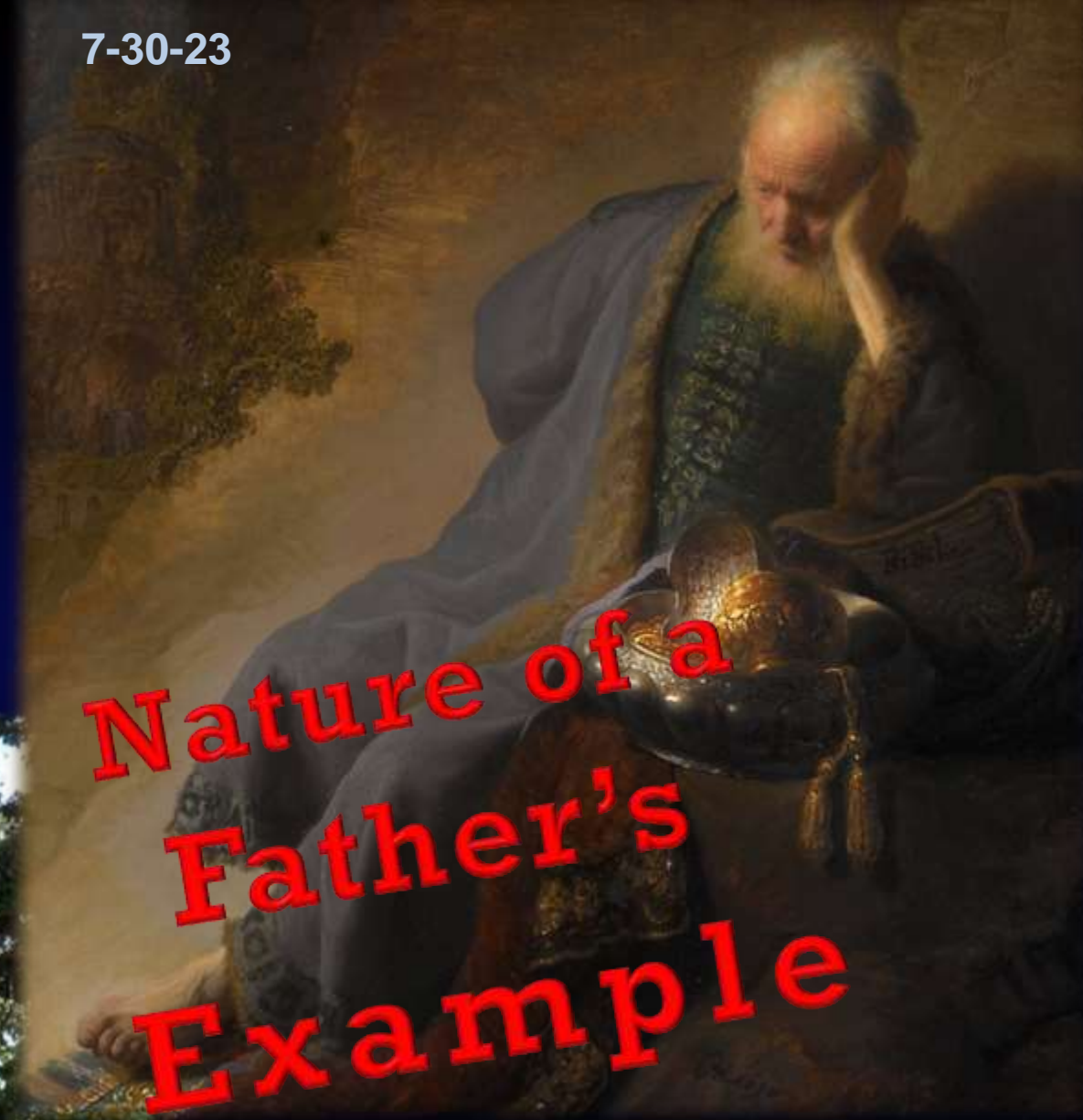
Jeremiah c. 650–570 BC

chapters

- 1 The Prophet's Call
- 2 Nature of Betrayal
- 7 Nature of Destruction
- 12 Nature of Compassion
- 18 Nature of the Potter's House
- 23 Nature of the Righteous Branch
- 29 Nature of *Shalom*
- 31 Nature of Everlasting Love
- 35 Nature of a Father's Example**
- 36 Nature of the Potter's House
- 42 Nature of the Righteous Branch
- 52 Jerusalem's Fall
- Lamentations*



**35:8 We have obeyed everything
our forefather Jehonadab
son of Rekab commanded us.**



Jeremiah Lamenting the Destruction
of Jerusalem, c. 1630, by Rembrandt

Jeremiah 35 ... Another Odd Insert

PRIOR to last Siege – PRIOR to Jer 31-34

35:1 Word of the Lord to Jeremiah

**during the reign of Jehoiakim son of
Josiah king of Judah:**

2 “Go to the Rekabite FAMILY / HOUSE

**invite them to come to the side rooms of the
House of the Lord & give them wine to drink.”**

FAMILY ... what a Precious Word ... Holy Word ... Honorable Word ...

REASON is that Jeremiah is going to use Rekabite FAMILY as an EXAMPLE

Example of a Faithful FATHER's Influence for 100s of YEARS

Example of Following FATHER's Father's Father's Father's *DESIRE*

GGGrandFather's Wishes of Devotion ... Orders for Abstinence

GGGrandFather's Family's Faith for the Future ... Family Faith



Family ... Father Lionel's FAMILY & daughter



No Place Like

HOME

**Every thought of
MY Grandpa is
Always Pleasant**

Standley Family Reunion – *only HALF*



Father Sergio & Susan Ramos' 54th Anniversary



No Place Like
HOME

Most of us have Precious
HOME Memories
Sweetly Pleasant

Family ... Toby's FAMILY ... loves to Fox Hunt
Saw this painting ... even looks like Toby



No Place Like
HOME

Most of us have Precious
HOME Memories
Supremely Pleasant

24 Two Baskets of Figs, good & bad

GOOD Figs Jehoiachin & **BEST** to Babylon – *will RETURN*

BAD Figs Zedekiah – object of ridicule & banished

25 70 Years of Desolation – Shepherds slaughtered

26 Prophets & Priest want to **KILL** Jeremiah

27 Jeremiah's YOKE ... Lord's servant Nebuchadnezzar

28 False Prophet Hananiah breaks Jeremiah's Yoke –
> Jeremiah challenges Hananiah's **LIES** – he *will DIE*

Jeremiah 31-34 Siege of Jerusalem **BEGINS**

Music has Died in Jerusalem

YET Jeremiah 35 backs up about 10 years

No one knows **WHY** Jeremiah placed 35 here

Some say Jeremiah wrote *thematically*

Perhaps that ^ ... or just as it came to him

Jer 35 = Supreme Lesson on FATHER's Example



Chris Tomlin's *Forever Home* (2020) 577k views

Yeah, I love this little house
we got out on the edge of town

Shaw homestead right dar

It's hard to think that
we could beat the view
we got right now

We think we got it good
watching the sunset from the steps
It looks like HEAVEN
but we ain't seen nothing yet

Lot work over the *DECADES*

Kids then grand kids ...

Piece by Piece ...

Memory by Memory ...

MILLIONS of Memories



Jeremiah 35:1 Word of Lord to Jeremiah ...

2 “Go to the Rekabite **FAMILY / HOUSE**
invite them to come to the side rooms of the
House of the Lord & give them wine to drink.”

3 So I went to get Jaazaniah son of Jeremiah,
... his brothers and **ALL** his sons
—the whole House / Family of the Rekabites.



FAMILY ... what a Precious Word ... Holy Word ... Honorable Word ...

Other Jer 35, we only have **TWO** stories about Rekabite **FAMILY**

Jehonadab **SON** of Rekab in 2 Kgs 10 w Jehu 10th King of Northern Kingdom

Almost 200+ years before Jer 35

Many today use Ancestry.com ... pursue their ancestry as best possible

Some go back **200 years** and more ... like Detective Work

I have only vague recollections of those before my grandparents

Rechabites descended from Hobab, or Jethro
Father-in-law to Moses ... called “**Kenites**”
Judges 4 pitched tent near the Great Oak Tree
in Zaanannim near Kedesh
Joshua 19:33 when Tribe of Naphtali settled
near the Great Oak Tree in Zaanannim



Seven Sisters Live Oak
Mandeville, Louisiana
President of Live Oak Society
with 8,000 member oaks in 14 states

Girth 40' – 57' High
155' Spread



Joshua 19:33 when Tribe of Naphtali settled near the Great Oak Tree in Zaanannim

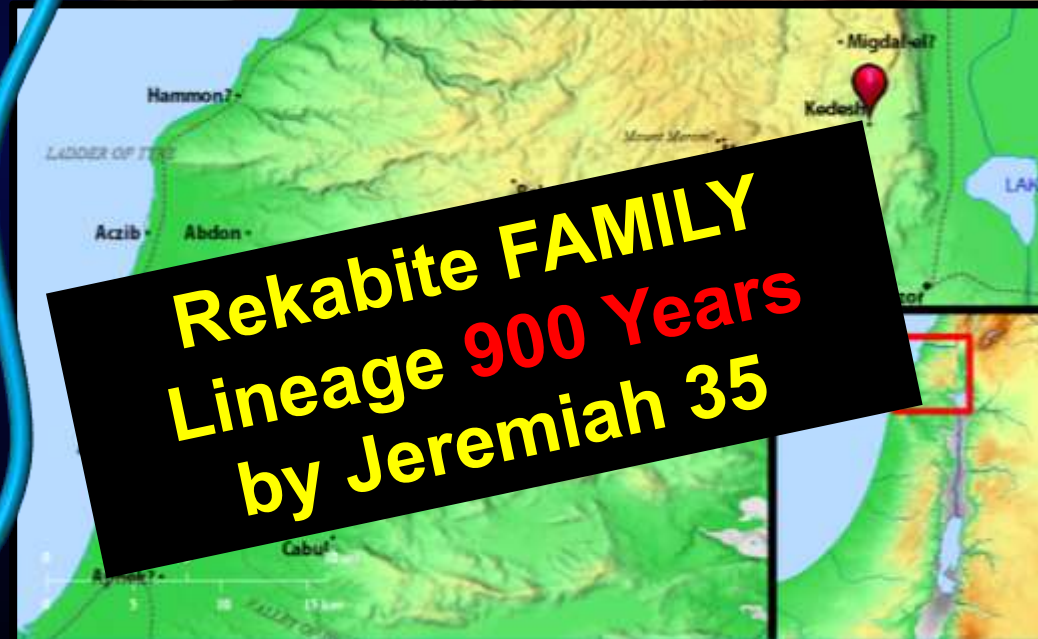
Moses out of Egypt	c.1500 B.C.
Moses Exodus	1446-1406 B.C.
Conquest Joshua	1406-1356 B.C.
Judges to Samuel	1350-1014 B.C.
Reign of King David	1010-970 B.C.
Reign of King Jehu	842-815 B.C.

Samaria Destroyed	722 B.C.
Jeremiah chapter 35	c. 597 B.C.
Jerusalem Destroyed	586 B.C.

From Rekab & Jehonadab back 700 years
King Jehu to Moses' Father-in-Law
THEN by Jeremiah 35 – FAMILY of Rekab
traces back 200+ years to King Jehu

That's a lineage of 900+ years WITH ...

Jehonadab 200+ years remembered in Jeremiah 35 > FAMILY of Rekab



Jer 35 Critical part Rekab's Legacy ... seen also

- ✓ in Judges: Story of descendent Heber's wife **Jael**
- ✓ in Joshua: Story of Son **Jehonadab**

Judges 4 Deborah holds court near Bethel
Israel harassed by King Jabin of Caanan

Deborah sends for Barak in Kadesh of Naphtali ...
Orders Barak against Jabin's Commander Sisera

Barak will ONLY go if Deborah comes with him ... SHE DOES
Long story short ... ALL of Sisera's men are killed

Sisera escapes ... runs to Great Tree in Zaanannim at Kadesh

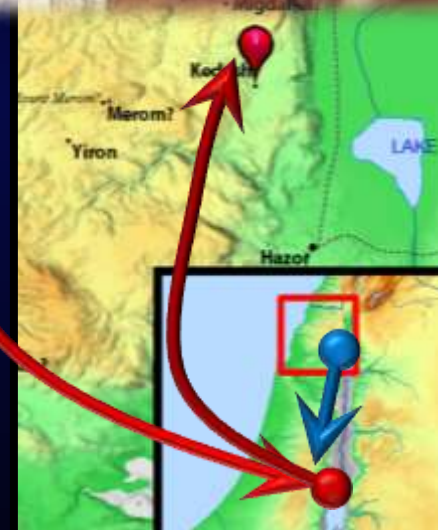
Judges 4:17 Sisera fled on foot to tent of Jael, wife of Heber
because ... alliance between Jabin... & Heber the Kenite

Sisera gets some water & milk ... asks Jael to watch ... takes NAP

Once asleep, Jael drives a tent peg into his temple, killing him

Judges 4:22 Just then Barak came by in pursuit of Sisera, and Jael went out to meet him. "Come," she said, "I will show you the man you're looking for."

Barak went in with her, and there Sisera lay with tent peg *through* his temple—DEAD.



Jer 35 Critical part Rekab's Legacy ...

- ✓ Story of descendent Heber's wife Jael
- ✓ Story of Son Jehonadab in Joshua

2 Kings 10 King Jehu goes on a **Killing Spree**

He **Kills** all of Ahab's Family ... & 70 sons

King Jehu ordered the **Killing**
of all Ahab's leaders

Heads in baskets to Jehu ... at city gates

King Jehu **Killed** ALL of Ahab's
people in Jezreel

King Jehu heads to Samaria ...
on the way Jehu meets and
Kills 42 of family of Ahaziah



Queen Jezebel Being Punished by
Jehu by Andrea Celesti (1637–1712)





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2 Kgs 10 *continued*

Jehu Meets Jehonadab son of Rekab
.... they shake hands ... go Samaria

They **KILL ALL** the Prophets of Baal ...
destroyed Temple of Baal

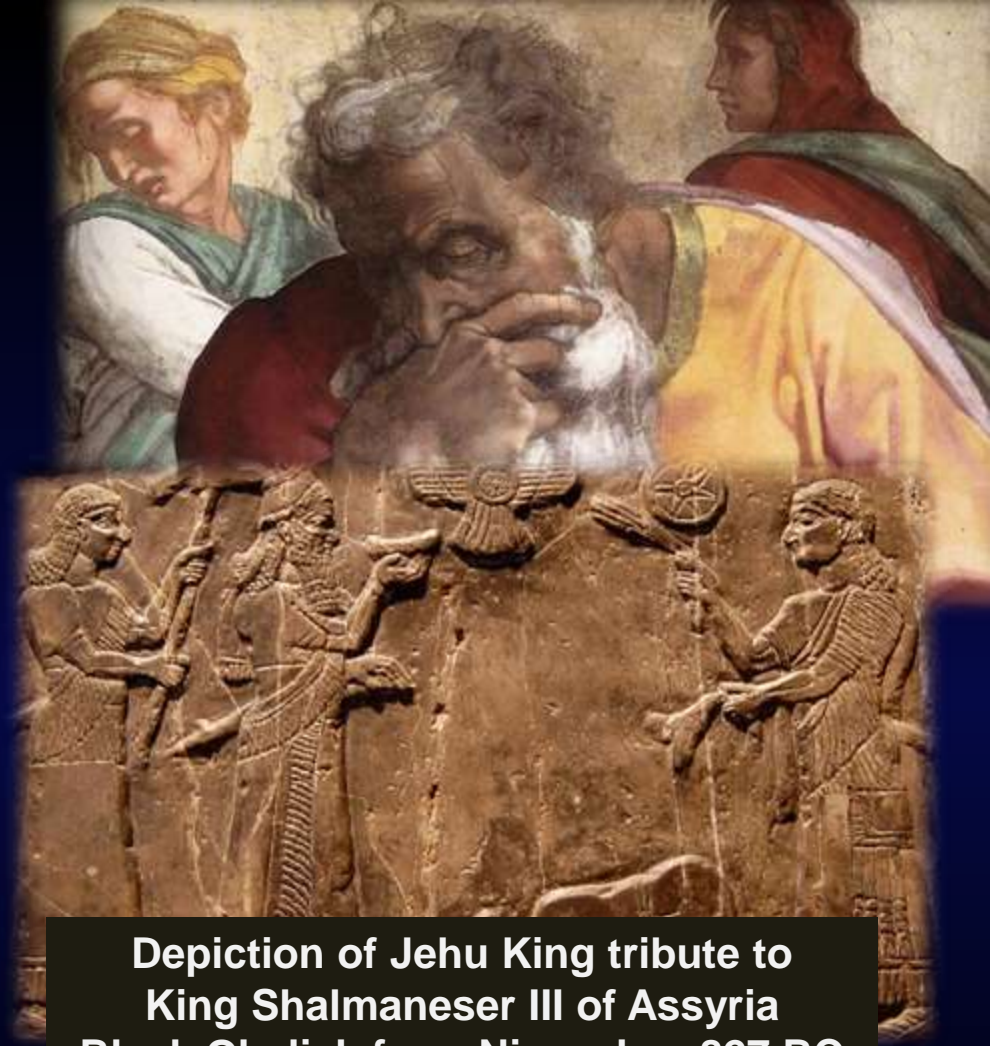
2 Kings 10:30 Lord praised Jehu for
“doing what was right in His eyes”

FAMILY of Rekab & son Jehonadab

900 yrs from Moses' Father-in-Law

1828 - English missionary Dr. Wolff found 60,000 Rekabites near Mecca
They observed of Mosaic law, good horses, spoke Arabic & little Hebrew

> Legacy 2,325 years to Jer 35 ... or 3,228 years to Moses' Father-in-Law



Depiction of Jehu King tribute to
King Shalmaneser III of Assyria
Black Obelisk from Nimrud, c. 827 BC

Rekabites named after Father of Jehonadab

**Yet it is Jehonadab's ORDERS that are
in Jeremiah 35 NOT drink & NOT own House**

Jeremiah 35:4 brings FAMILY into Temple

**4 I brought them into the House of the Lord,
into the room of the sons of Hanan
son of Igdaliah the MAN OF GOD.**

**It was next to the room of the officials,
which was over that of Maaseiah
son of Shallum the doorkeeper.**

**5 Then I set bowls full of wine & some cups
before the Rekabites and said to them,**

“Drink some Wine.”

Jeremiah KNOWS ... he KNOWS



**KNOWS what they are
going to do ...**

For 200+ years ...

**They have obeyed
Jehonadab**

**EVERYONE knows the
Rekabite FAMILY**

Family ... Yours ... Mine ... Theirs ...

Hebrew *bêṭ* בֵּית 724x in OT = HOUSE
AND over 1,500x in 90+ forms as in

“Pharaoh's HOUSE” – “Abraham's HOUSE”

227x *hab·ba·yit* owner of “the HOUSE”

“surrounded the HOUSE” – “at the door of”

How about YOUR HOUSE?

We've mentioned this MANY times over the years

BEST parts of HOUSE make a HOME - *invisible*

Love – **Loyalty** – **Longing** – **Living Hugs**

Not merely Christmas & Thanksgiving Dinners

But the Joy of CARING ... Thrill of GROWTH ... *more*



What's your OLD Home look like to YOU?

Miranda Lambert's music video

The House That Built ME (2010) 96m views
BEGINS w her pulling up to her childhood HOME



Ma'am, I know you don't know me from Adam
But these hand prints on the front steps are mine

Up those stairs in that little back bedroom
Is where I did my homework &
I learned to play guitar

And I bet you didn't know under that live oak
My favorite dog is buried in the yard

Every FAMILY in Judah has SPECIAL Places
Israel TODAY is FILLED with Special Places

- 597 B.C.—10 yrs before Jerusalem is destroyed
- Colmesneil & Warren are OCCUPIED by Babylonians
- Many Friends / Family in Babylon after 1st & 2nd Deportations



Jeremiah 35:6 But they replied,
“We do not drink wine, because our
forefather Jehonadab son of Rekab
gave us this command:
‘Neither you nor your descendants
must ever drink wine.’



The Rekabites are NAMED after Rekab ...
Yet they follow the teachings of Rekab's SON ... Jehonadab
WHO was Father Rekab? How distinguished he MUST have been
Then his SON ... Jehonadab was truly Like Father, Like SON
So much missing ... stories 200+ years of FAITHFULNESS
900+ Years to Moses' Father-in-law ... yet FAITHFUL to
Jehonadab these last 200+ Years

200+ Years

Jeremiah 35:7 influence of Father Jehonadab

7 ALSO

You must never build houses,
sow seed or plant vineyards;

you must never have any of these things,
but must **ALWAYS LIVE IN TENTS.**

Then you will live a long time in the land
where you are nomads.'

8 We have obeyed everything our forefather
Jehonadab son of Rekab commanded us.
Neither we nor our wives nor our sons
& daughters have **EVER** drunk wine

9 or built houses to live in or had vineyards, fields or crops.

200+ YEARS ... what is **missing** is the Kind of Man Jehonadab was

Father Jehonadab held such **RESPECT... No One could Turn Them**



Who today commands such
Long-lived **RESPECT?**

Some Grandfathers TODAY
cannot even **ACKNOWLEDGE**
their own Granddaughters

Jeremiah 35:10 We have lived in tents and have fully obeyed everything our forefather Jehonadab commanded us.

11 But when Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon invaded this land, we said, 'Come, we must go to Jerusalem to escape the Babylonian and Aramean armies.' So we have remained in Jerusalem."



FAMILY seeking Refuge in GOD's House

FAMILY seeking Safety in GOD's House

FAMILY seeking Protection in GOD's House

Did the Rekabites KNOW of Jeremiah's prophecies?

We ALL Should feel Safe in GOD's House

35:12 Word of the Lord came to Jeremiah,
13 “This is what the Lord Almighty,
the God of Israel, says:
Go and tell the people of Judah and
those living in Jerusalem,
‘Will you NOT learn a lesson and
obey my words?’ declares the Lord.



14 ‘Jehonadab son of Rekab ordered his descendants not to drink wine
THIS COMMAND HAS BEEN KEPT

To this day they do not drink wine,
because they obey their forefather’s command.
But I have spoken to you again and again,
yet you have NOT obeyed me.

In 30+ years since his CALL – Jeremiah has NOT SEEN ANY LIKE THEM
Influence of One FATHER for 200+ Year

Miranda Lambert's *The House That Built Me* (2010) 96m views

If I could just come in, I swear I'll leave
Won't take nothin' but a MEMORY



From the House that **BUILT ME**

Momma cut out pictures of houses for years
From *Better Homes and Gardens* magazine

Plans were drawn & concrete poured
Nail by Nail and Board by Board
Daddy gave life to Momma's DREAM

10 years **before** Jerusalem is destroyed

25+ years **after** Jeremiah was called

Rekabites seek refuge in Jerusalem

Nebuchadnezzar is taking over Israel

Jeremiah calls Rekabites out ...

REMEMBER – Good Figs are in Babylon

Rekabites are only ones faithful to Father Jehonadab



35:15 Again and again I sent
all my servants the prophets to you.
They said, “Each of you must turn from
your wicked ways & reform your actions;
do NOT follow other gods to serve them.

Then you will live in the land
I have given to you and your ancestors.”

But you have NOT paid attention or listened to me.

16 The descendants of Jehonadab son of Rekab have
carried out the command their forefather gave them,
but these people have NOT obeyed me.’

FATHER a KEY to Family Faithfulness ... 200+ years ...

FAMILY United around LOVE for Father & Fathers ...

Home & Family is WHERE we find our Worth & Soul



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Out here, it's like I'm someone else
I thought that maybe I could find myself
If I could just come in, I swear I'll leave
Won't take nothin' but a **MEMORY**

From the House that **BUILT ME**

We have witness **HOMES**
All over Tyler County

Where **FAMILY** is **FIRST**
Where **FAMILY**
creates **Memories**
Faith & Love



35:17 “Therefore, the Lord God Almighty,
the God of Israel, says:

‘Listen! I am going to bring on Judah
and on everyone living in Jerusalem
every disaster I pronounced against them.

I spoke to them, but they did **NOT** listen;
I called to them, but they did **NOT** answer.’ ”



18 Then Jeremiah said to the family of the Rekabites,
“This is what the Lord Almighty, the God of Israel, says:
‘You have obeyed the command of your **FOREFATHER** Jehonadab
and have followed **ALL** his instructions
and have done **EVERYTHING** he ordered.’

19 Therefore, the Lord Almighty, the God of Israel, says:
‘Jehonadab son of Rekab will
never **FAIL** to have a descendant to serve me.’ ”

On your way Home

Pass you SON's
Home, FAMILY

Thinking of ALL
memories

ALL the LOVE

ALL the Struggles

ALL the Holidays

Like their FATHER
Both Sons at home
in The SHOP

ALL the MEMORIES

In the HOME that
BUILT ME



How did the Rekabites come to be CALLED such?

- ✓ Patriarch Jehonadab grew up LOVING his Father
- ✓ Jehonadab LOVED, followed, his Father all the way

When Jehonadab married, he treated HIS children same

ONLY Jehonadab requested with LOVE ... No Wine
No Settlement ... Live in Tents as Nomads

Likely, Jehonadab repeated his Father Maxim
“They Can’t Take Land You DO NOT Own”

Also, moving around INCREASE Loyalty

- ✓ They were always NEW to a territory
- ✓ That Fostered greater SOCIAL skills
- ✓ That Fostered greater TRUST among themselves

Father to Father to Father – Trust & Love

Remained CLOSE FAMILY 200+ Years to Jer 35

Helped rebuild temple after return ... still going in 1800s

^ Nehemiah 3:14 ^



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When we get to our forever Home

Me & you will be forever Home



Yeah, we'll leave all of our worries
just like work boots on the porch

And all our loved ones, they'll be hangin' out
When we walk through the door

Yeah, we'll catch up on the good times,
and we'll have a MILLION more

No, there ain't no telling what He's got in store
When we get to our forever Home

Rekabite FAMILY ... never forgot

**Christian FAMILY ... since Christ ROSE
Never Forgets ... 2,023 years running**

Then ... onto our Eternal HOME

Our Forever Home

