

nant of the people. Some valuable things and the *King's Daughters*, called by him the king's seed. Jere. 43:5-7, "But Johanan the son of Kareah, and all the captains of the forces, took all the remnant of Judah, that were returned from all nations, whither they had been driven, to dwell in the land of Judah. Even men and women, and children, and the king's daughters, and every person that Nebuzar-adan the captain of the guard had left with Gedaliah the son of Ahikam the son of Shaphan, and Jeremiah the prophet, and Baruch the son of Neriah. So they came into the land of Egypt: for they obeyed not the voice of the LORD: thus came they even to Tahpanhes. Thus it appears that while the king of Babylon supposed he had utterly destroyed the seed of David, God was preserving it alive. It cannot be that this flight with the King's daughters was for nothing. The Lord of Israel was surely bringing his purposes to pass. The troublous condition of Egypt at that time made it impossible for this remnant of Judah to remain long in that country. They were, however, received very cordially by the king of Egypt who appointed them a dwelling, which has since been unearthed and identified as "The Palace of the King's Daughters." As Jeremiah was commanded of the Lord to utter prophecies against the kingdom in which he had taken refuge, their stay could not be long; accordingly we find them preparing for their journey. Jere. 45:5, And seekest thou great things for thyself? seek them not: for, behold, I will bring evil upon all flesh, saith the Lord: but thy life will I give unto thee for a prey in all places whither thou goest." Before we consider this flight from Egypt we must turn back and study for a time the special commission given to Jeremiah. In Jere. 1:10, God speaks to the prophet saying, "See, I have this day set thee over the nations and over the kingdoms, to root out, and to pull down, and to destroy, and to throw down, to build, and to plant." Now observe this is a double commission. First "to root out and to pull down and to destroy and to throw down." This part of his mission was surely accomplished when Zedekiah was carried away and Jerusalem thrown down and Egypt overthrown by the king of Babylon. But what of the second part of his mission? The *building* and the *planting*, when was this accomplished? We have already seen that Jeremiah had with him the king's daughters and the sacred things, undoubtedly the throne of David and the ark of the covenant, as nothing is said of these in Jeremiah 52nd where a list of sacred vessels carried away by Nebuzar-adan is given. This immediately raises the presumption that it was God's purpose in removing the throne and seed of David from Jerusalem to plant it in another land. We are not left, however, to conjecture, as it is positively said by the prophet Ezekiel that this was the divine plan. Ezek. 17:22-24, "Thus saith the Lord God; I will also take of the highest branch of