

THE HOUSE
OF THE

RECHABITES

Jeremiah 35



SOME HISTORY

- The first connection is back to Jonadab (2 Kgs. 10:15).
- The next connection comes from the lists of genealogies (1 Chron. 2:55).
- The Kenites are the in-laws of Moses (Judges 4:11).
- Moses appealed to them to come into Caanan (Num. 10:29).
- They lived as a protected people among Israel (1 Sam. 15:6).
- That brings us back to the environment in which Jonadab is giving this instruction (2 Kgs. 10:15).
- Now come back to Jeremiah 35, some 200+ years later.

SOME LESSONS

- Sometimes it is wise to separate ourselves further from the world than law requires (1 Cor. 10:23).
- Fathers need to make rules that are best for his family (Eph. 6:1-3).
- They followed these rules because they trusted his judgment (Eph. 6:4).
- We should not quickly walk away from traditions set in place by faithful predecessors (1 Cor 11:1).
- When others live faithfully by a standard that is stricter than God's standard, it is a strong rebuke to those who consider God's standard too great.
- When we respect the source, instructions do not lose relevance (Matt. 28:18-20).