

~ABDI 2 (20)

(Ab'di) [shortened form of Abdiel]

- **Also a Levite of the house of Merari. He was the father of Kish.**
- **At that the Levites rose up, Mahath the son of Amasai and Joel the son of Azariah of the sons of the Kohathites. From the sons of Merari, Kish the son of **Abdi** and Azariah the son of Jehallelel. From the Gershonites, Joah the son of Zimmah and Eden the son of Joah. (2 Chronicles 29:12)**
- **Because of the similarity of their sons names, this **Abdi** and the one described above are represented in some Bible dictionaries as being the same person. However, the fact that this second Abdi's son, Kish, lived in the time of King Hezekiah some 250 years after David's time, makes such a conclusion illogical. This second Abdi was probably a contemporary of Kings Jotham and Ahaz, whose reigns cover the period from **777 B.C.E.** to about **746 B.C.E.****