

~ABDI 3 (58)

(Ab'di) [shortened form of Abdiel]

- **A man of the family of Elam who lived in postexilic times.**
- **And of the sons of Elam, Mattaniah, Zechariah and Jehiel and **Abdi** and Jeremoth and Elijah. (**Ezra 10:26**)**
- **He was among those Israelites who had taken foreign wives, but who put them away in response to Ezra's exhortation following his return to Jerusalem in the seventh year of King Artaxerxes, Longimanus, **468 B.C.E.****
- **At length he came to Jerusalem in the fifth month, that is, in the seventh year of the king. (**Ezra 7:8**)**
- **Now as soon as Ezra had prayed and he had made confession while weeping and lying prostrate before the house of the true God, those of Israel collected themselves together to him, a very large congregation, men and women and children, for the people had wept profusely. (**Ezra 10:1**)**
- **Then Shecaniah the son of Jehiel of the sons of Elam answered and said to Ezra; We, we have acted unfaithfully against our God, so that we gave a dwelling to foreign wives from the peoples of the land. Yet now there exists a hope for Israel concerning this. (**Ezra 10:2**)**
- **And now let us conclude a covenant with our God to put away all the wives and those born from them according to the counsel of Yehowah and of those trembling at the commandment of our God, that it may be done according to the law. (**Ezra 10:3**)**
- **Get up, for the matter devolves upon you, and we are with you. Be strong and act. (**Ezra 10:4**)**
- **At length Ezra the priest rose and said to them; You yourselves have acted unfaithfully in that you gave a dwelling to foreign wives so as to add to the guiltiness of Israel. (**Ezra 10:10**)**
- **And now make confession to Yehowah the God of your forefathers and do his pleasure and separate yourselves from the**

peoples of the land and from the foreign wives. (**Ezra 10:11**)

- To this all the congregation answered and said with a loud voice; Exactly according to your word it devolves upon us to do. (**Ezra 10:12**)
- And of the sons of Elam, Mattaniah, Zechariah and Jehiel and **Abdi** and Jeremoth and Elijah. (**Ezra 10:26**)
- These all had accepted foreign wives, and they proceeded to send away wives along with sons. (**Ezra 10:44**)