

#### ~ABIHAIL 4 (53)

#### (Ab'i-ha-il) [My Father Is Vital Energy]

- The daughter of Eliab, David's oldest brother. Though the **Hebrew** word *bath* , daughter at;
- Then Rehoboam took as his wife Mahalath the daughter of Jerimoth the son of David, and of **Abihail** the daughter of Eliab the son of Jesse. (**2 Chronicles 11:18**)
- May also mean - granddaughter.
- The **King James Version** at;
- Then Rehoboam took as his wife Mahalath the daughter of Jerimoth the son of David, and of **Abihail** the daughter of Eliab the son of Jesse. (**2 Chronicles 11:18**)
- Says; And Rehoboam took him Mahalath the daughter of Jerimoth the son of David to wife, and **Abihail** the daughter of Eliab the son of Jesse. This would make Abihail appear to be the second wife of Rehoboam. However, the original **Hebrew** allows for a different rendering, and hence many modern translations here read; Mahalath the daughter of Jerimoth the son of David, and of Abihail the daughter of Eliab the son of Jesse. (See **RS, AT, JP, NW, JB.**) Concerning this, the **Soncino Books of the Bible** says in a footnote on;
- Then Rehoboam took as his wife Mahalath the daughter of Jerimoth the son of David, and of **Abihail** the daughter of Eliab the son of Jesse. (**2 Chronicles 11:18**)
- The conjunction is implied. Mahalath was the daughter of Jerimoth and **Abihail**. Some commentators regard **Abihail** as the name of another of Rehoboam's wives. (Edited by **A. Cohen, London, 1952**) The singular pronouns used in the following verses;
- In time she bore him sons, Jeush and Shemariah and Zaham. (**2 Chronicles 11:19**)
- And after her he took Maacah the granddaughter of Absalom. In time she bore him Abijah and Attai and Ziza and Shelomith. (**2 Chronicles 11:20**)

- **Support the view that only one wife of Rehoboam is meant in,**
- **Then Rehoboam took as his wife Mahalath the daughter of Jerimoth the son of David, and of **Abihail** the daughter of Eliab the son of Jesse. (2 Chronicles 11:18)**
- **It therefore appears most probable that **Abihail** was the mother of Rehoboam's wife Mahalath.**