

~ABIJAH 8 (66)

(A-bi'jah) [My Father Is Yehowah]

- One of the family heads of priests in the days of Zerubbabel and Jeshua following the Babylonian exile. **Abijah** is listed among more than 20 **heads of the priests and their brothers** who returned to Jerusalem with Zerubbabel.
- And these were the priests and the Levites that went up with Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel and Jeshua. Seraiah, Jeremiah, Ezra. (**Nehemiah 12:1**)
- Amariah, Malluch, Hattush. (**Nehemiah 12:2**)
- Shecaniah, Rehum, Meremoth. (**Nehemiah 12:3**)
- Iddo, Ginnethoi, **Abijah**. (**Nehemiah 12:4**)
- Mijamin, Maadiah, Bilgah. (**Nehemiah 12:5**)
- Shemaiah, and Joiarib, Jedaiah. (**Nehemiah 12:6**)
- Sallu, Amok, Hilkiyah, Jedaiah. These were the heads of the priests and their brothers in the days of Jeshua. (**Nehemiah 12:7**)
- Quite likely he was on hand at the laying of the temple foundation in the second year when the priestly services were reorganized.
- And in the second year of their coming to the house of the true God at Jerusalem, in the second month, Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel and Jeshua the son of Jehozadak and the rest of their brothers, the priests and the Levites, and all those who had come out of the captivity to Jerusalem started, and they now put in positions the Levites from twenty years of age upward to act as supervisors over the work of the house of Yehowah. (**Ezra 3:8**)
- Accordingly Jeshua, his sons and his brothers, and Kadmiel and his sons, the sons of Judah, stood up as one group to act as supervisors over the doers of the work in the house of the true God, also the sons of Henadad, their sons and their brothers, the Levites. (**Ezra 3:9**)

- When the builders laid the foundation of the temple of Yehowah, then the priests in official clothing, with the trumpets, and the Levites the sons of Asaph, with the cymbals, stood up to praise Yehowah according to the direction of David the king of Israel. (**Ezra 3:10**)
- A generation later, in the days of Joiakim and Nehemiah, **Abijah's** priestly family was represented by Zichri.
- And in the days of Joiakim there happened to be priests, the heads of the paternal houses, for Seraiah, Meraiah, for Jeremiah, Hananiah. (**Nehemiah 12:12**)
- For **Abijah**, Zichri, for Miniamin, for Moadiah, Piltai. (**Nehemiah 12:17**)
- These were in the days of Joiakim the son of Jeshua the son of Jozadak and in the days of Nehemiah the governor and Ezra the priest, the copyist. (**Nehemiah 12:26**)