

~AHIKAM (71)

(A-hi'kam) [My Brother Has Raised Himself Up, that is, to the battle]

- Son of Shaphan the royal secretary during Josiah's reign. **Ahikam** was one of the five sent to the prophetess Huldah by Josiah to inquire concerning what they had read in the recently discovered book of the Law.
- Then the king commanded Hilkiah the priest and **Ahikam** the son of Shaphan and Achbor the son of Micaiah and Shaphan the secretary and Asaiah the king's servant, saying; **(2 Kings 22:12)**
- Go, inquire of Yehowah in my own behalf and in behalf of the people and in behalf of all Judah concerning the words of this book that has been found, for great is Yehowah's rage that has been set afire against us over the fact that our forefathers did not listen to the words of this book by doing according to all that is written concerning us. **(2 Kings 22:13)**
- Accordingly Hilkiah the priest and **Ahikam** and Achbor and Shaphan and Asaiah went to Huldah the prophetess the wife of Shallum the son of Tikvah the son of Harhas, the caretaker of the garments, as she was dwelling in Jerusalem in the second quarter, and they proceeded to speak to her. **(2 Kings 22:14)**
- Then the king commanded Hilkiah and **Ahikam** the son of Shaphan and Abdon the son of Micah and Shaphan the secretary and Asaiah the king's servant, saying; **(2 Chronicles 34:20)**
- Go, inquire of Yehowah in my own behalf and in behalf of what is left in Israel and in Judah concerning the words of the book that has been found, for great is Yehowah's rage that must be poured out against us because of the fact that our forefathers did not keep the word of Yehowah by doing according to all that is written in this book. **(2 Chronicles 34:21)**
- Accordingly Hilkiah along with those whom the king had said went to Huldah the prophetess, the wife of Shallum the son of Tikvah the son of Harhas the caretaker of the garments, as she was dwelling in Jerusalem in the second quarter, and they proceeded to speak to her like this. **(2 Chronicles 34:22)**

- Later he protected Jeremiah's life when it was threatened.
- Moreover, it was the hand of **Ahikam** the son of Shaphan that proved to be with Jeremiah, in order not to give him into the hand of the people to have him put to death. (**Jeremiah 26:24**)
- **Ahikam's** son Gedaliah was governor of Judah after Jerusalem's destruction in **607 B.C.E.**
- As for the people left behind in the land of Judah, whom Nebuchadnezzar the king of Babylon had left behind, he now appointed over them Gedaliah the son of **Ahikam** the son of Shaphan. (**2 Kings 25:22**)
- And he was yet not one that would return, when Nebuzaradan said; Do return to Gedaliah the son of **Ahikam** the son of Shaphan, whom the king of Babylon has commissioned over the cities of Judah, and dwell with him in the midst of the people, or to wherever it is right in your eyes to go, go. And the chief of the bodyguard then gave him a food allowance and a present and let him go. (**Jeremiah 40:5**)