

~AMASA 2 (59)

(A-ma'sa) [shortened form of Amasiah]

- **Son of Hadlai. Following victory over Judah, when Israelite warriors were bringing their brothers back as servants, **Amasa** was one of four headmen of Ephraim who heeded the plea of the prophet Oded to return the captives. He also assisted those of Judah with supplies and transportation needed for their repatriation.**
- **Moreover, the sons of Israel took two hundred thousand of their brothers captive, women, sons and daughters, and also a great deal of spoil they took from them as plunder, after which they brought the spoil to Samaria. (2 Chronicles 28:8)**
- **And there happened to be a prophet of Yehowah there whose name was Oded. So he went out before the army that was coming to Samaria and said to them; Look! It was because of the rage of Yehowah the God of your forefathers against Judah that he gave them into your hand, so that you did a killing among them with a raging that has reached clear to the heavens. (2 Chronicles 28:9)**
- **And now the sons of Judah and of Jerusalem you are thinking of reducing to menservants and maidservants for yourselves. Nevertheless, are there not with you yourselves cases of guilt against Yehowah your God? (2 Chronicles 28:10)**
- **And now listen to me and return the captives that you have captured from your brothers, for Yehowah's burning anger is against you. (2 Chronicles 28:11)**
- **At that certain men of the heads of the sons of Ephraim, Azariah the son of Jehohanan, Berechiah the son of Meshillemoth and Jehizkiah the son of Shallum and **Amasa** the son of Hadlai, rose up against those coming in from the military campaign. (2 Chronicles 28:12)**
- **And they said to them; You must not bring in the captives here, for it will result in guilt against Yehowah on our part. You are thinking of adding to our sins and to our guilt, for abundant is the guilt we have, and there is burning anger against Israel. (2 Chronicles 28:13)**

- **Accordingly the armed men left the captives and the plunder before the princes and all the congregation. (2 Chronicles 28:14)**
- **Then the men that were designated by their names rose up and took hold of the captives, and all their naked one's they clothed from the spoil. So they clothed them and furnished them with sandals and fed them and gave them drink and greased them. Furthermore, in the case of anyone tottering, they gave them transportation on the asses and brought them to Jericho, the city of palm trees, beside their brothers. After that they returned to Samaria. (2 Chronicles 28:15)**