

~BARACHIAH (132)

(Bar-a-chi'ah) [Yehowah Has Blessed]

- Father of the Zechariah who was murdered **between the sanctuary and the altar**.
- That there may come upon you all the righteous blood spilled on earth, from the blood of righteous Abel to the blood of Zechariah son of **Barachiah**, whom you murdered between the sanctuary and the altar. (**Matthew 23:35**)
- So that the blood of all the prophets spilled from the founding of the world may be required from this generation. (**Luke 11:50**)
- From the blood of Abel down to the blood of Zechariah, who was slain between the altar and the house. Yes, I tell you, it will be required from this generation. (**Luke 11:51**)
- As to the words **son of Barachiah**, they are not found in Luke's account, and they are omitted from Matthew's account in the Codex Sinaiticus, **original scribe**. It has been suggested that Jehoiada, the father of a Zechariah who was murdered, may have had two names, as is the case with other persons in the Bible.
- Next, while passing along from there, Jesus caught sight of a man named Matthew seated at the tax office, and he said to him; Be my follower. Thereupon he did rise up and follow him. (**Matthew 9:9**)
- But as he was passing along, he caught sight of Levi the son of Alphaeus sitting at the tax office, and he said to him, Be my follower. And rising up he followed him. (**Mark 2:14**)
- The names of the twelve apostles are these, first, Simon, the one called Peter, and Andrew his brother, and James the son of Zebedee and John his brother. (**Matthew 10:2**)
- Philip and Bartholomew, Thomas and Matthew the tax collector, James the son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus. (**Matthew 10:3**)
- It is generally understood that Jesus here referred to Zechariah the son of Jehoiada the priest.

- **And God's spirit itself enveloped Zechariah the son of Jehoiada the priest, so that he stood up above the people and said to them; This is what the true God has said; Why are you overstepping the commandments of Yehowah, so that you cannot prove successful? Because you have left Yehowah, he will, in turn, leave you. (2 Chronicles 24:20)**
- **Finally they conspired against him and pelted him with stones at the king's commandment in the courtyard of Yehowah's house. (2 Chronicles 24:21)**
- **And Jehoash the king did not remember the loving-kindness that Jehoiada his father had exercised toward him, so that he killed his son, who, when he was at the point of dying, said; Let Yehowah see to it and ask it back. (2 Chronicles 24:22)**
- **This is the most logical conclusion, since Chronicles is listed last in the traditional Jewish canon, thereby making Abel the first and Zechariah the last righteous man recorded in the Hebrew Scriptures as having been murdered. According to,**
- **Finally they conspired against him and pelted him with stones at the king's commandment in the courtyard of Yehowah's house. (2 Chronicles 24:21)**
- **Zechariah was murdered in the courtyard of Yehowah's house. The altar of burnt offering was in the inner courtyard, outside of and in front of the entrance to the sanctuary. This would correspond with Jesus' location of the incident between the sanctuary and the altar.**
- **Concerning both Abel and Zechariah a reckoning for the shedding of their blood was foretold.**
- **At this he said; What have you done? Listen! Your brothers' blood is crying out to me from the ground. (Genesis 4:10)**
- **And Jehoash the king did not remember the loving-kindness that Jehoiada his father had exercised toward him, so that he killed his son, who, when he was at the point of dying, said; Let Yehowah see to it and ask it back. (2 Chronicles 24:22)**
- **Also, there is a strong parallel between the circumstances and events in the days of Zechariah the son of Jehoiada and those of the**

generation living when Jesus spoke these words. As Zechariah was dying he said, Let Yehowah see to it and ask it back.

- **Very soon his prophetic words began to be fulfilled. A small Syrian force came up, and Yehowah delivered a great military force of Judah into their hand, the princes of Judah being greatly ruined and despoiled. The Syrians executed acts of judgment on Jehoash and left him with many diseases, after which he was murdered by his servants.**
- **And it came about at the turn of the year a military force of Syria came up against him, and they began to invade Judah and Jerusalem. Then they brought all the princes of the people to ruin from among the people, and all their spoil they sent to the king of Damascus. (2 Chronicles 24:23)**
- **For it was with a small number of men that the military force of the Syrians made an invasion, and Yehowah himself gave into their hand a military force of very great number, because they had left Yehowah the God of their forefathers, and upon Jehoash they executed acts of judgment. (2 Chronicles 24:24)**
- **And when they went away from him, for they left him with many diseases, his own servants conspired against him because of the blood of the sons of Jehoiada the priest, and they got to kill him upon his own couch, so that he died. Then they buried him in the City of David, but they did not bury him in the burial places of the kings. (2 Chronicles 24:25)**
- **After describing the bloodguilt of those to whom he was talking, Jesus said, All these things will come upon this generation.**
- **Truly I say to you, All these things will come upon this generation. (Matthew 23:36)**
- **Jesus prophecy was fulfilled on Jerusalem and Judea in 70-73 C.E.**