

~BERECHIAH 3 (79)

(Ber-e-chi'ah) [Blessed by Yehowah]

- The son of Meshillemoth.
- 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**)
- At the time that Ahaz was king of Judah, this southern kingdom suffered a terrible defeat at the hands of the northern kingdom, but when 200,000 were being taken captive to Samaria, **Berechiah** and three other headmen of Ephraim acted quickly on the counsel of Yehowah's prophet Oded.
- Not only did they prevent the victors from enslaving their brothers but they also went so far as to clothe and feed the captives as well as assist in their return.
- Accordingly Pekah the son of Remaliah killed in Judah a hundred and twenty thousand in one day, all valiant men, because of their leaving Yehowah the God of their forefathers. (2 **Chronicles 28:6**)
- Further, Zichri, a mighty man of Ephraim, killed Maaseiah the son of the king and Azrikam the leader of the household and Elkanah the one next to the king. (2 **Chronicles 28:7**)
- 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)**