

~ELIAKIM 1 (130)

(E-li'a-kim) [My God Raises Up]

- Son of Hilkiah, chief administrator of the affairs of the house of Hezekiah the king of Judah at the time the Assyrian king Sennacherib invaded Judah in **732 B.C.E.**
- While Shebna was still over the house, the prophet Isaiah foretold that he would be ripped from this position and be replaced by **Eliakim**, whom Yehowah calls my servant. The transfer was to be made by clothing **Eliakim** with Shebna's official robe and sash.
- Also, the key of the house of David was to be placed upon **Eliakim's** shoulder, suggesting that he would be entrusted with the oversight of the king's chambers and the authority to decide who might be accepted into the service of the king.
- This is what the Sovereign Lord, Yehowah of armies, has said; Go, enter in to this steward, to Shebna, who is over the house. (**Isaiah 22:15**)
- What is there of interest to you here, and who is there of interest to you here, that you have hewed out for yourself here a burial place? On a height he is hewing out his burial place, in a crag he is cutting out a residence for himself. (**Isaiah 22:16**)
- Look! Yehowah is hurling you down with violent hurling, O able-bodied man, and grasping you forcibly. (**Isaiah 22:17**)
- Without fail he will wrap you up tightly, like a ball for a wide land. There you will die, and there the chariots of your glory will be the dishonor of the house of your master. (**Isaiah 22:18**)
- And I will push you away from your position, and from your official standing one will tear you down. (**Isaiah 22:19**)
- And it must occur in that day that I will call my servant, namely, **Eliakim** the son of Hilkiah. (**Isaiah 22:20**)
- And I will clothe him with your robe, and your sash I shall firmly bind about him, and your dominion I shall give into his hand, and he must become a father to the inhabitant of Jerusalem and to

the house of Judah. (**Isaiah 22:21**)

- And I will put the key of the house of David upon his shoulder, and he must open without anyone's shutting, and he must shut without anyone's opening. (**Isaiah 22:22**)
- And I will drive him in as a peg in a lasting place, and he must become as a throne of glory to the house of his father. (**Isaiah 22:23**)
- And they must hang upon him all the glory of the house of his father, the descendants and the offshoots, all the vessels of the small sort, the vessels of the bowl sort as well as all the vessels of the large jars. (**Isaiah 22:24**)
- Acting in this official capacity, **Eliakim**, Shebna the secretary, and Joah, apparently the recorder, came out to speak with Rabshakeh, who had come to Jerusalem with a heavy military force to demand the surrender of the city.
- Then, with garments ripped apart, the three of them reported the words of Sennacherib's spokesmen to King Hezekiah, who, in turn, proceeded to send **Eliakim**, Shebna, and the older men of the priests to Isaiah to make inquiry of Yehowah.
- At this **Eliakim** and Shebna and Joah said to Rabshakeh: Speak, please, to your servants in the Syrian language, for we are listening, and do not speak to us in the Jews language in the ears of the people that are on the wall. (**Isaiah 36:11**)
- But **Eliakim** the son of Hilkiah, who was over the household, and Shebna the secretary and Joah the son of Asaph the recorder came to Hezekiah with their garments ripped apart, and told him the words of Rabshakeh. (**Isaiah 36:22**)
- And it came about that as soon as King Hezekiah heard, he immediately ripped his garments apart and covered himself with sackcloth and came into the house of Yehowah. (**Isaiah 37:1**)
- Further, he sent **Eliakim**, who was over the household, and Shebna the secretary and the older men of the priests covered with sackcloth to Isaiah the son of Amoz the prophet. (**Isaiah 37:2**)

- **And the king of Assyria proceeded to send Tartan and Rabсарis and Rabshakeh from Lachish to King Hezekiah with a heavy military force to Jerusalem, that they might go up and come to Jerusalem. So they went up and came and stood still by the conduit of the upper pool, which is at the highway of the laundryman's field. (2 Kings 18:17)**
- **And they began to call out to the king, but there came out to them Eliakim the son of Hilkiah, who was over the household, and Shebna the secretary and Joah the son of Asaph the recorder. (2 Kings 18:18)**
- **At this Eliakim the son of Hilkiah and Shebna and Joah said to Rabshakeh; Speak with your servants, please, in the Syrian language, for we can listen, and do not speak with us in the Jews language in the ears of the people that are on the wall. (2 Kings 18:26)**
- **And the people kept silent and did not answer him a word, for the commandment of the king was, saying; You must not answer him. (2 Kings 18:36)**
- **But Eliakim the son of Hilkiah, who was over the household, and Shebna the secretary and Joah the son of Asaph the recorder came to Hezekiah with their garments ripped apart and told him the words of Rabshakeh. (2 Kings 18:37)**
- **And it came about that as soon as King Hezekiah heard, he immediately ripped his garments apart and covered himself with sackcloth and came into the house of Yehowah. (2 Kings 19:1)**
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