

### ~HANANIAH 5 (37)

(Han-a-ni'ah) [meaning Yehowah Has Shown Favor, Yehowah Has Been Gracious]

- Son of Azzur, a false prophet from the Benjamite city of Gibeon who opposed Yehowah's prophet Jeremiah. During the reign of King Zedekiah of Judah, while Jeremiah encouraged the people to bring their necks under the yoke of the king of Babylon and thus keep living
- Even to Zedekiah the king of Judah I spoke according to all these words, saying; Bring your necks under the yoke of the king of Babylon and serve him and his people and keep on living. (Jeremiah 27:12)
- Why should you yourself and your people die by the sword, by the famine and by the pestilence according to what Yehowah has spoken to the nation that does not serve the king of Babylon? (Jeremiah 27:13)
- And do not listen to the words of the prophets that are saying to you men, you will not serve the king of Babylon, because falsehood is what they are prophesying to you. (Jeremiah 27:14)
- **Hananiah** prophesied that Babylon's power would be broken within two years, that the Jewish exiles there would be released, and that all the confiscated utensils of the temple would be returned.
- To illustrate his point, **Hananiah** removed the wooden yoke from off Jeremiah's neck and broke it. Yehowah then commanded Jeremiah to inform **Hananiah** that the yoke bar of wood was to be replaced by an iron yoke and that **Hananiah's** death would occur within that year. True to the prophecy, the false prophet died in that year. (Jeremiah Chapter 28)