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(Ha-na'ni) [possibly a shortened form of Hananiah]

- The seer, or visionary, who rebuked King Asa of Judah for making an alliance with the king of Syria instead of relying upon Yehowah, and who was put in the house of the stocks because the king took offense at what he said.
- In the thirty-sixth year of the reign of Asa, Baasha the king of Israel came up against Judah and began to build Ramah, so as not to allow anyone to go out or come in to Asa the king of Judah. (2 Chronicles 16:1)
- As a now brought out silver and gold from the treasures of Yehowah's house and the king's house and sent to Ben-hadad the king of Syria, who was dwelling at Damascus, saying; (2 Chronicles 16:2)
- There is a covenant between me and you and between my father and your father. Here I do send you silver and gold. Go, break your covenant with Baasha the king of Israel, that he may withdraw from me. (2 Chronicles 16:3)
- And at that time Hanani the seer came to Asa the king of Judah and then said to him; Because you leaned upon the king of Syria and did not lean upon Yehowah your God, for that reason the military force of the king of Syria has escaped out of your hand. (2 Chronicles 16:7)
- Did not the Ethiopians and the Libyans themselves happen to be a very great military force in multitude, in chariots and in horsemen, and because of your leaning upon Yehowah did he not give them into your hand? (2 Chronicles 16:8)
- For, as regards Yehowah, his eyes are roving about through all the earth to show his strength in behalf of those whose heart is complete toward him. You have acted foolishly respecting this, for from now on there will exist wars against you. (2 Chronicles 16:9)
- However, Asa became offended at the seer and put him in the house of the stocks, because he was in a rage at him over this.

And Asa began to crush some others of the people at that same time. (2 Chronicles 16:10)

- Hanani apparently was the father of Jehu, the prophet who rebuked Baasha the king of Israel and Jehoshaphat the king of Judah.
- The word of Yehowah now came to Jehu the son of Hanani against Baasha, saying; (1 Kings 16:1)
- Inasmuch as I raised you up out of the dust that I might constitute you leader over my people Israel, but you went walking in the way of Jeroboam and so caused my people Israel to sin by offending me with their sins. (1 Kings 16:2)
- Here I am making a clean sweep after Baasha and after his house, and I shall certainly constitute his house like the house of Jeroboam the son of Nebat. (1 Kings 16:3)
- Anyone of Baasha that is dying in the city the dogs will eat, and anyone of his that is dying in the field the fowls of the heavens will eat. (1 Kings 16:4)
- And also by means of Jehu the son of Hanani the prophet, Yehowah's word itself had come against Baasha and his house, both because of all the badness that he committed in the eyes of Yehowah by offending him with the work of his hands, that it might become like the house of Jeroboam, and because he struck him down. (1 Kings 16:7)
- Jehu the son of Hanani the visionary now went out before him and said to King Jehoshaphat; Is it to the wicked that help is to be given, and is it for those hating Yehowah that you should have love? And for this there is indignation against you from the person of Yehowah. (2 Chronicles 19:2)
- Nevertheless, there are good things that have been found with you, because you have cleared out the sacred poles from the land and you have prepared your heart to search for the true God. (2 Chronicles 19:3)
- As for the rest of the affairs of Jehoshaphat, the first and the last, there they are written among the words of Jehu the son of Hanani, which were inserted in the Book of the Kings of Israel. (2 Chronicles 20:34)