

~JEDIDIAH (56)

(Jed-i-di'ah) [Beloved of Yah]

- **The name given by Yehowah's prophet Nathan to the second child of David and Bath-sheba.**
- **And David began to comfort Bath-sheba his wife. Further, he came in to her and lay down with her. In time she bore a son, and his name came to be called Solomon. And Yehowah himself did love him. (2 Samuel 12:24)**
- **So he sent by means of Nathan the prophet and called his name **Jedidiah**, for the sake of Yehowah. (2 Samuel 12:25)**
- **The name reflected Yehowah's love and acceptance of the newborn infant, in contrast with His rejection of their earlier adulterine child, which died soon after birth.**
- **David now said to Nathan; I have sinned against Yehowah. At this Nathan said to David; Yehowah, in turn, does let your sin pass by. You will not die. (2 Samuel 12:13)**
- **Notwithstanding this, because you have unquestionably treated Yehowah with disrespect by this thing, also the son himself, just born to you, will positively die. (2 Samuel 12:14)**
- **Then Nathan went to his own house. And Yehowah proceeded to deal a blow to the child that the wife of Uriah had borne to David so that it took sick. (2 Samuel 12:15)**
- **And David began to seek the true God in behalf of the boy, and David went on a strict fast and came in and spent the night and lay down on the earth. (2 Samuel 12:16)**
- **So the older men of his house stood up over him to raise him up from the earth, but he did not consent and did not take bread in company with them. (2 Samuel 12:17)**
- **And it came about on the seventh day that the child gradually died. And the servants of David were afraid to tell him that the child had died, for they said; Look! While the child continued alive we did speak to him, and he did not listen to our voice, so**

how can we say to him, The child has died? Then he will certainly do something bad. (**2 Samuel 12:18**)

- When David got to see that his servants were whispering together, David began to discern that the child had died. So David said to his servants; Has the child died? To this they said, He has died. (**2 Samuel 12:19**)
- In usage the name **Jedidiah** did not, however, supersede the name Solomon.

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