

### ~JEHIZKIAH (45)

(Je-hiz-ki'ah) [meaning, May Yehowah Strengthen Me, Yehowah Has Strengthened Me]

- A leading Ephraimite who opposed Israel's making captives of their brothers from the southern kingdom when the Israelites under King Pekah defeated Judah, and who also gave material assistance to the captives. **Jehizkiah** was the son of Shallum.
- 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)
- 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)
- 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 ones 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)

