

~JEHUDI (65)

(Je-hu'di) [A Jew, Of, or belonging to, Judah]

- An officer of King Jehoiakim sent by the princes of Judah to bring to them Baruch with Jeremiah's scroll. When **Jehudi** later read the same roll to Jehoiakim, the king cut it up and burned it, piece by piece, until the whole scroll was destroyed.
- Then all the princes sent out to Baruch **Jehudi** the son of Nethaniah the son of Shelemiah the son of Cushi, saying; The roll from which you read aloud in the ears of the people, take it in your hand and come. Accordingly Baruch the son of Neriah took the roll in his hand and came in to them. (**Jeremiah 36:14**)
- So the king sent **Jehudi** out to get the roll. Accordingly he got it out of the dining room of Elishama the secretary. And Jehudi began to read it aloud in the ears of the king and in the ears of all the princes standing by the king. (**Jeremiah 36:21**)
- And the king was sitting in the winter house, in the ninth month, with a brazier burning before him. (**Jeremiah 36:22**)
- Then it came about that as soon as **Jehudi** had read three or four page-columns, he proceeded to tear it apart with the secretary's knife, pitching it also into the fire that was in the brazier until all the roll ended up in the fire that was in the brazier. (**Jeremiah 36:23**)
- And the word of Yehowah occurred further to Jeremiah after the king had burned up the roll with the words that Baruch had written at the mouth of Jeremiah, saying; (**Jeremiah 36:27**)
- And Jeremiah himself took another roll and then gave it to Baruch the son of Neriah, the secretary, who proceeded to write upon it at the mouth of Jeremiah all the words of the book that Jehoiakim the king of Judah had burned in the fire, and there were added to them many more words like those. (**Jeremiah 36:32**)
- **Jehudi** was a great-grandson of Cushi.
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Nethaniah the son of Shelemiah the son of Cushi, saying; The roll from which you read aloud in the ears of the people, take it in your hand and come. Accordingly Baruch the son of Neriah took the roll in his hand and came in to them. (Jeremiah 36:14)

- **His name and that of his ancestor are thought by some to denote that he was not a Jew by birth, but a proselyte, his great-grandfathers name suggesting that the family was from Cush, or Ethiopia. However, those of the generations in between both have typical Jewish names, Nethaniah his father and Shelemiah his grandfather, and even the name Cushi itself is elsewhere found as a proper name of a natural-born Jew.**
- **The word of Yehowah that occurred to Zephaniah the son of Cushi the son of Gedaliah the son of Amariah the son of Hezekiah in the days of Josiah the son of Amon the king of Judah: (Zephaniah 1:1)**
- **So Jehudi was most likely simply a proper name given at birth and not a name first acquired as a proselyte.**