

~JESHUA 4 (251)

(Jesh'u-a) [possibly a shortened form of Jehoshua, meaning, Yehowah Is Salvation]

- A High Priest, called **Joshua** in Haggai and Zechariah, son of Jehozadak and grandson of Seraiah.
- And in the second year of their coming to the house of the true God at Jerusalem, in the second month, Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel and **Jeshua** the son of Jehozadak and the rest of their brothers, the priests and the Levites, and all those who had come out of the captivity to Jerusalem started, and they now put in positions the Levites from twenty years of age upward to act as supervisors over the work of the house of Yehowah. (**Ezra 3:8**)
- These were in the days of Joiakim the son of **Jeshua** the son of Jozadak and in the days of Nehemiah the governor and Ezra the priest, the copyist. (**Nehemiah 12:26**)
- Azariah, in turn, became father to Seraiah. Seraiah, in turn, became father to Jehozadak. (**1 Chronicles 6:14**)
- He was of the house of Eleazar.
- And after these things in the reign of Artaxerxes the king of Persia, Ezra the son of Seraiah the son of Azariah the son of Hilkiah (**Ezra 7:1**)
- The son of Shallum the son of Zadok the son of Ahitub. (**Ezra 7:2**)
- The son of Amariah the son of Azariah the son of Meraioth. (**Ezra 7:3**)
- The son of Zerahiah the son of Uzzi the son of Bukki. (**Ezra 7:4**)
- The son of Abishua the son of Phinehas the son of Eleazar the son of Aaron the chief priest. (**Ezra 7:5**)
- For the genealogy from Eleazar to Seraiah.

- When Nebuchadnezzar destroyed Jerusalem he put to death Seraiah, who was High Priest then, and took Jehozadak captive to Babylon.
- Furthermore, the chief of the bodyguard took Seraiah the chief priest and Zephaniah the second priest and three doorkeepers. ([2 Kings 25:18](#))
- And from the city he took one court official that had a command over the men of war, and five men from those having access to the king that were found in the city, and the secretary of the chief of the army, the one mustering the people of the land, and sixty men of the people of the land that were to be found in the city. ([2 Kings 25:19](#))
- And Nebuzaradan the chief of the bodyguard then took them and conducted them to the king of Babylon at Riblah. ([2 Kings 25:20](#))
- And the king of Babylon proceeded to strike them down and put them to death at Riblah in the land of Hamath. Thus Judah went into exile from off its soil. ([2 Kings 25:21](#))
- Azariah, in turn, became father to Seraiah. Seraiah, in turn, became father to Jehozadak. ([1 Chronicles 6:14](#))
- And Jehozadak it was that went away when Yehowah took Judah and Jerusalem into exile by the hand of Nebuchadnezzar. ([1 Chronicles 6:15](#))
- Those who came in with Zerubbabel, **Jeshua**, Nehemiah, Azariah, Raamiah, Nahamani, Mordecai, Bilshan, Mispereth, Bigvai, Nehum, Baanah. The number of the men of the people of Israel: ([Nehemiah 7:7](#))
- **Jeshua** returned from Babylon in **537 B.C.E.** with Zerubbabel and served as High Priest to the restored Jewish remnant.
- Those who came with Zerubbabel, **Jeshua**, Nehemiah, Seraiah, Reelaiah, Mordecai, Bilshan, Mispar, Bigvai, Rehum, Baanah. The number of the men of the people of Israel. ([Ezra 2:2](#))
- It was then that Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel and **Jeshua** the son of Jehozadak got up and started to rebuild the house of God, which was in Jerusalem, and with them there were God's

prophets giving them aid. ([Ezra 5:2](#))

- In the second year of Darius the king, in the sixth month, on the first day of the month, the word of Yehowah occurred by means of Haggai the prophet to Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel, the governor of Judah, and to Joshua the son of Jehozadak the High Priest, saying; ([Haggai 1:1](#))
- Thus the high-priestly line was preserved by Yehowah, so that Israel had the services of High Priests from the restoration until the coming of the Messiah.
- **Jeshua** took the lead, along with Zerubbabel, in setting up the altar, then in rebuilding the temple, encouraged by the prophets Haggai and Zechariah.
- And **Jeshua** the son of Jehozadak and his brothers the priests and Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel and his brothers proceeded to rise up and build the altar of the God of Israel, to offer up burnt sacrifices upon it, according to what is written in the Law of Moses the man of the true God. ([Ezra 3:2](#))
- And Haggai the prophet and Zechariah the grandson of Iddo the prophet prophesied to the Jews who were in Judah and in Jerusalem, in the name of the God of Israel who was over them. ([Ezra 5:1](#))
- It was then that Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel and **Jeshua** the son of Jehozadak got up and started to rebuild the house of God, which was in Jerusalem, and with them there were God's prophets giving them aid. ([Ezra 5:2](#))
- He stood by Zerubbabel in opposing the adversaries of the temple reconstruction.
- When the adversaries of Judah and Benjamin heard that the sons of the Exile were building a temple to Yehowah the God of Israel. ([Ezra 4:1](#))
- They immediately approached Zerubbabel and the heads of the paternal houses and said to them; Let us build along with you, for, just like you, we search for your God and to him we are sacrificing since the days of Esar-haddon the king of Assyria, who brought us up here. ([Ezra 4:2](#))

- However, Zerubbabel and **Jeshua** and the rest of the heads of the paternal houses of Israel said to them; You have nothing to do with us in building a house to our God, for we ourselves shall together build to Yehowah the God of Israel, just as King Cyrus the king of Persia has commanded us. (**Ezra 4:3**)
- Some of the older ones among the returned Israelites had seen the glory of Solomon's temple and tended to view the rebuilt temple as nothing in comparison.
- Haggai the prophet was sent to speak to Zerubbabel and Joshua, **Jeshua**, telling them that the glory of the later house would become greater than that of the former one. Yehowah would do this by bringing in the desirable things of all the nations.
- In the seventh month, on the twenty-first day of the month, the word of Yehowah occurred by means of Haggai the prophet, saying; (**Haggai 2:1**)
- Say, please, to Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel, the governor of Judah, and to Joshua the son of Jehozadak the High Priest, and to the remaining ones of the people, saying; (**Haggai 2:2**)
- Who is there among you that is remaining over who saw this house in its former glory? And how are you people seeing it now? Is it not, in comparison with that, as nothing in your eyes? (**Haggai 2:3**)
- But now be strong, O Zerubbabel, is the utterance of Yehowah, and be strong, O Joshua the son of Jehozadak the High Priest. And be strong, all you people of the land, is the utterance of Yehowah, and work. For I am with you people, is the utterance of Yehowah of armies (**Haggai 2:4**)
- And I will rock all the nations, and the desirable things of all the nations must come in, and I will fill this house with glory, Yehowah of armies has said. (**Haggai 2:7**)
- Greater will the glory of this later house become than that of the former, Yehowah of armies has said. And in this place I shall give peace, is the utterance of Yehowah of armies. (**Haggai 2:9**)

- The prophet Zechariah was given a vision in which he beheld **Joshua, Jeshua**, the High Priest standing before the angel of Yehowah, and Satan at his right hand to resist him.
- **Joshua** was given a change from befouled garments to robes of state and a clean turban. Then **Joshua** was told of God's servant Sprout.
- And he proceeded to show me Joshua the High Priest standing before the angel of Yehowah, and Satan standing at his right hand in order to resist him. (**Zechariah 3:1**)
- Then the angel of Yehowah said to Satan; Yehowah rebuke you, O Satan, yes, Yehowah rebuke you, he who is choosing Jerusalem! Is this one not a log snatched out of the fire? (**Zechariah 3:2**)
- Now as for Joshua, he happened to be clothed in befouled garments and standing before the angel. (**Zechariah 3:3**)
- Then he answered and said to those standing before him; Remove the befouled garments from upon him. And he went on to say to him; See, I have caused your error to pass away from upon you, and there is a clothing of you with robes of state. (**Zechariah 3:4**)
- At that I said; Let them put a clean turban upon his head. And they proceeded to put the clean turban upon his head and to clothe him with garments, and the angel of Yehowah was standing by. (**Zechariah 3:5**)
- And the angel of Yehowah began to bear witness to Joshua, saying; (**Zechariah 3:6**)
- This is what Yehowah of armies has said; If it is in my ways that you will walk, and if it is my obligation that you will keep, then also it will be you that will judge my house and also keep my courtyards, and I shall certainly give you free access among these who are standing by. (**Zechariah 3:7**)
- Hear, please, O Joshua the High Priest, you and your companions who are sitting before you, for they are men serving as portents, for here I am bringing in my servant Sprout! (**Zechariah 3:8**)

- At another time Yehowah told Zechariah to put a crown on **Joshua's, Jeshua's**, head and to say to him; Here is the man whose name is Sprout. And he himself will build the temple of Yehowah. and he must become a priest upon his throne.
- This prophecy certainly applied to someone future for, under the Law, priesthood and kingship were strictly separate, and High Priest Joshua never ruled as king over Israel.
- And you must take silver and gold and make a grand crown and put it upon the head of Joshua the son of Jehozadak the High Priest. (**Zechariah 6:11**)
- And you must say to him, This is what Yehowah of armies has said; Here is the man whose name is Sprout. And from his own place he will sprout, and he will certainly build the temple of Yehowah. (**Zechariah 6:12**)
- And he himself will build the temple of Yehowah, and he, for his part, will carry the dignity, and he must sit down and rule on his throne, and he must become a priest upon his throne, and the very counsel of peace will prove to be between both of them. (**Zechariah 6:13**)