

**~MAHER-SHALAL-HASH-BAZ (101)**

**(Ma'her-shal'al-hash-baz) [Hurry, O Spoil! He Has Made Haste to the Plunder, or, Hurrying to the Spoil, He Has Made Haste to the Plunder]**

- The name given to Isaiah's second son at Yehowah's direction.
- Yehowah commanded Isaiah to write these prophetic words on a large tablet and have it attested to by reliable witnesses. Thereafter, he instructed the prophet to give this same expression as a name to his newborn son, declaring that before the child could say; My father! And; My mother! The king of Assyria would subjugate Judah's enemies Damascus and Samaria.
- And Yehowah proceeded to say to me; Take for yourself a large tablet and write upon it with the stylus of mortal man, **Maher-shalal-hash-baz**. (**Isaiah 8:1**)
- And let me have attestation for myself by faithful witnesses, Uriah the priest and Zechariah the son of Jeberechiah. (**Isaiah 8:2**)
- Then I went near to the prophetess, and she came to be pregnant and in time gave birth to a son. Yehowah now said to me; Call his name **Maher-shalal-hash-baz**. (**Isaiah 8:3**)
- For before the boy will know how to call out, My father! And; My mother! One will carry away the resources of Damascus and the spoil of Samaria before the king of Assyria. (**Isaiah 8:4**)
- The prophetic meaning of this name given to Isaiah's second son was fulfilled within the designated time period. During the reign of Israel's King Pekah, the Assyrian monarch Tiglath-pileser III invaded Israel, took many cities, plundered the land, and carried numerous inhabitants into captivity. Thereafter, Pekah was murdered.
- In the days of Pekah the king of Israel, Tiglath-pileser the king of Assyria came in and proceeded to take Ijon and Abel-beth-maacah and Janoah and Kedesh and Hazor and Gilead and Galilee, all the land of Naphtali, and to carry them into exile in Assyria. (**2 Kings 15:29**)
- Finally Hoshea the son of Elah formed a conspiracy against Pekah

the son of Remaliah and struck him and put him to death, and he began to reign in place of him in the twentieth year of Jotham the son of Uzziah. (2 Kings 15:30)

- The king of Assyria also captured Syria's capital city Damascus, took its people into exile, and put Syrian King Rezin to death.
- At that the king of Assyria listened to him and the king of Assyria went up to Damascus and captured it and led its people into exile at Kir, and Rezin he put to death. (2 Kings 16:9)
- In this way both of these kings who had conspired against Judah met their end. Later, in 740 B.C.E, the Assyrians overthrew Samaria, removing the apostate Israelites from that city and from the rest of the domain of the northern kingdom of Israel.
- In the twelfth year of Ahaz the king of Judah, Hoshea the son of Elah became king in Samaria over Israel for nine years. (2 Kings 17:1)
- And he continued to do what was bad in Yehowah's eyes, only not as the kings of Israel that happened to be prior to him. (2 Kings 17:2)
- It was against him that Shalmaneser the king of Assyria came up, and Hoshea came to be his servant and began to pay tribute to him. (2 Kings 17:3)
- However, the king of Assyria got to find conspiracy in Hoshea's case, in that he had sent messengers to So the king of Egypt and did not bring the tribute up to the king of Assyria as in former years. Hence the king of Assyria shut him up and kept him bound in the house of detention. (2 Kings 17:4)
- And the king of Assyria proceeded to come up against all the land and to come up to Samaria and lay siege against it for three years. (2 Kings 17:5)
- In the ninth year of Hoshea, the king of Assyria captured Samaria and then led Israel into exile in Assyria and kept them dwelling in Halah and in Habor at the river Gozan and in the cities of the Medes. (2 Kings 17:6)

- **Thus, this boy born to Isaiah by his wife, whom he terms, the prophetess, proved to be in Israel a truthful and reliable sign and miracle from Yehowah.**
- **Then I went near to the prophetess, and she came to be pregnant and in time gave birth to a son. Yehowah now said to me; Call his name **Mahe-shalal-hash-baz**. (**Isaiah 8:3**)**
- **Look! I and the children whom Yehowah has given me are as signs and as miracles in Israel from Yehowah of armies, who is residing in Mount Zion. (**Isaiah 8:18**)**