

~MEHETABEL 2 (32)

(Me-het'a-bel) [probably, God Does Good]

- **Ancestor, probably the grandfather, of the Shemaiah hired by Tobiah and Sanballat to try to induce Nehemiah to sin out of fear.**
- **And I myself entered the house of Shemaiah the son of Delaiah the son of **Mehetabel** while he was shut up. And he proceeded to say; Let us meet by appointment at the house of the true God, within the temple, and let us close the doors of the temple, for they are coming in to kill you, even by night they are coming in to kill you. (**Nehemiah 6:10**)**
- **But I said; Should a man like me run away? And who is there like me that could enter into the temple and live? I shall not enter! (**Nehemiah 6:11**)**
- **So I investigated, and here it was not God that had sent him, but he had spoken this prophecy against me as Tobiah and Sanballat themselves had hired him. (**Nehemiah 6:12**)**
- **For this reason he had been hired in order, that I might be afraid and do that way, and I should certainly sin and it should certainly become in their possession a bad reputation, in order, that they might reproach me. (**Nehemiah 6:13**)**
- **Do remember, O my God, Tobiah and Sanballat, according to these deeds of each one, and also Noadiah the prophetess and the rest of the prophets that were continually trying to make me afraid. (**Nehemiah 6:14**)**