

~ODED 1 (60)

(O'ded) [God Has Relieved]

- **Father of the prophet Azariah.**
- **Now for Azariah the son of Oded, the spirit of God came to be upon him. (2 Chronicles 15:1)**
- **And as soon as Asa heard these words and the prophecy of Oded the prophet, he took courage and proceeded to cause the disgusting things to vanish from all the land of Judah and Benjamin and from the cities that he had captured from the mountainous region of Ephraim, and to renew Yehowah's altar that was before the porch of Yehowah. (2 Chronicles 15:8)**
- **Describes Oded himself as being a prophet. As soon as Asa heard these words and the prophecy of Oded the prophet. Some scholars would drop the words, of Oded the prophet, as a copyists error, but this would not explain why the writer says Asa heard these words and the prophecy.**
- **Others would make an addition so as to read; Asa heard these words and the prophecy of Azariah the son of Oded, to agree with the Greek Septuagint [Alexandrine Codex], Syriac Peshitta, and Latin Vulgate [Clementine recension], but this still leaves the above difficulty unexplained.**
- **The third solution is to accept the Masoretic text as it is, with the understanding that Oded himself gave a prophecy that has not been preserved in the record. Asa heeded the words of Azariah.**
- **Consequently he went out before Asa and said to him; Hear me, O Asa and all Judah and Benjamin! Yehowah is with you as long as you prove to be with him, and if you search for him, he will let himself be found by you, but if you leave him he will leave you. (2 Chronicles 15:2)**
- **And many were the days that Israel had been without a true God and without a priest teaching and without Law. (2 Chronicles 15:3)**
- **But when in their distress they returned to Yehowah the God of**

**Israel and looked for him, then he let himself be found by them.
(2 Chronicles 15:4)**

- **And in those times there was no peace for one going out or for one coming in, because there were many disorders among all the inhabitants of the lands. (2 Chronicles 15:5)**
- **And they were crushed to pieces, nation against nation and city against city, because God himself kept them in disorder with every sort of distress. (2 Chronicles 15:6)**
- **And you, be courageous and do not let your hands drop down, because there exists a reward for your activity. (2 Chronicles 15:7)**
- **And those of his father Oded.**