

~PEDAIAH 3 (34)

(Pe-dai'ah) [meaning, Yehowah Has Redeemed]

- Third-named son of King Jehoiachin, or Jeconiah, born during the Babylonian exile. **Pedaiah** became father to postexilic Governor Zerubbabel and was therefore a vital link in the line leading to Jesus.
- And the sons of Jeconiah as prisoner were Shealtiel his son. (**1 Chronicles 3:17**)
- And Malchiram and **Pedaiah** and Shenazzar, Jekamiah, Hoshama and Nedabiah. (**1 Chronicles 3:18**)
- And the sons of **Pedaiah** were Zerubbabel and Shimei, and the sons of Zerubbabel were Meshullam and Hananiah, and Shelomith was their sister. (**1 Chronicles 3:19**)
- Because of some unrecorded circumstance, Zerubbabel is also called the son of **Pedaiah's** brother Shealtiel. Shealtiel may have adopted Zerubbabel if **Pedaiah** died when the boy was young, or, if Shealtiel died before fathering a son, **Pedaiah** may have performed brother-in-law marriage, fathering Zerubbabel in the name of his brother Shealtiel.
- 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**)
- After the deportation to Babylon Jeconiah became father to Shealtiel. Shealtiel became father to Zerubbabel. (**Matthew 1:12**)