

~TIRSHATHA (38) (Tir-sha'tha)

- The Persian title for the governor of a jurisdictional district. In the five times it is used, it is preceded by the Hebrew definite article *ha*, making it in English **the Tirshatha**.
- The officials mentioned in the Bible by the title **Tirshatha** ruled over Judah, one of the Persian provinces. Zerubbabel was evidently the **Tirshatha** mentioned in;
- Consequently the **Tirshatha** said to them that they could not eat from the most holy things until a priest stood up with Urim and Thummim. (**Ezra 2:63**)
- Consequently the **Tirshatha** said to them that they should not eat from the most holy things until the priest with Urim and Thummim stood up. (**Nehemiah 7:65**)
- And there was a part of the heads of the paternal houses that gave to the work. The **Tirshatha** himself gave to the treasure a thousand gold drachmas, fifty bowls, five hundred and thirty priests robes. (**Nehemiah 7:70**)
- Later when Nehemiah became governor he was the **Tirshatha** and is referred to as such at;
- And Nehemiah, that is, the **Tirshatha**, and Ezra the priest, the copyist, and the Levites who were instructing the people proceeded to say to all the people; This very day is holy to Yehowah your God. Do not mourn or weep. For all the people were weeping as they were hearing the words of the law. (**Nehemiah 8:9**)
- Now attesting it by seal there were, Nehemiah the **Tirshatha**, the son of Hacaliah, and Zedekiah. (**Nehemiah 10:1**)