

### ~ZEPHANIAH 3 (100)

(Zeph-a-ni'ah) [Yehowah Has Concealed or Treasured Up]

- A leading priest during the last decade of the kingdom of Judah, son of Maaseiah. **Zephaniah** was twice sent by Zedekiah to Jeremiah, first to inquire of Yehowah about Judah's future and later to request him to pray on their behalf.
- The word that occurred to Jeremiah from Yehowah, when King Zedekiah sent to him Pashhur the son of Malchiah and **Zephaniah** the son of Maaseiah, the priest, saying; (**Jeremiah 21:1**)
- Please inquire in our behalf of Yehowah, because Nebuchadrezzar the king of Babylon is making war against us. Perhaps Yehowah will do with us according to all his wonderful works, so that he will withdraw from us. (**Jeremiah 21:2**)
- And Jeremiah proceeded to say to them; This is what you will say to Zedekiah. (**Jeremiah 21:3**)
- And King Zedekiah proceeded to send Jehucal the son of Shelemiah and **Zephaniah** the son of Maaseiah the priest to Jeremiah the prophet, saying; Pray, please, in our behalf to Yehowah our God. (**Jeremiah 37:3**)
- From a false prophet in Babylon, **Zephaniah** received a letter urging him to rebuke Jeremiah, but instead of complying, **Zephaniah** read the letter to Jeremiah, who then wrote Yehowah's reply.
- And to Shemaiah of Nehelam you will say. (**Jeremiah 29:24**)
- This is what Yehowah of armies, the God of Israel, has said; For the reason that you yourself have sent in your name letters to all the people who are in Jerusalem, and to **Zephaniah** the son of Maaseiah, the priest, and to all the priests, saying; (**Jeremiah 29:25**)
- Yehowah himself has made you priest instead of Jehoiada the priest, in order to become the grand overseer of the house of Yehowah toward any man maddened and behaving like a prophet, and you must put him into the stocks and into the pillory. (**Jeremiah 29:26**)

- Now, then, why have you not rebuked Jeremiah of Anathoth, who is behaving as a prophet to you people? (**Jeremiah 29:27**)
- For that is why he has sent to us at Babylon, saying; It is long drawn out! Build houses and inhabit them, and plant gardens and eat their fruitage. (**Jeremiah 29:28**)
- And **Zephaniah** the priest proceeded to read this letter in the ears of Jeremiah the prophet. (**Jeremiah 29:29**)
- Then the word of Yehowah occurred to Jeremiah, saying; (**Jeremiah 29:30**)
- Send to all the exiled people, saying; This is what Yehowah has said concerning Shemaiah of Nehelam; For the reason that Shemaiah has prophesied to you people, but I myself did not send him, and he tried to make you trust in falsehood. (**Jeremiah 29:31**)
- Therefore this is what Yehowah has said; Here I am turning my attention upon Shemaiah of Nehelam and upon his offspring. He will not come to have a man dwelling in the midst of this people, and he will not look upon the good that I am doing for my people, is the utterance of Yehowah, for he has spoken outright revolt against Yehowah. (**Jeremiah 29:32**)
- Following the fall of Jerusalem, **Zephaniah**, then second priest under Seraiah, was taken to Nebuchadnezzar at Riblah and killed.
- Furthermore, the chief of the bodyguard took Seraiah the chief priest and **Zephaniah** the second priest and the three doorkeepers. (**Jeremiah 52:24**)
- So these Nebuzaradan the chief of the bodyguard took and conducted them to the king of Babylon at Riblah. (**Jeremiah 52:26**)
- And these the king of Babylon proceeded to strike down and to put them to death in Riblah in the land of Hamath. Thus Judah went into exile from off its soil. (**Jeremiah 52:27**)
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- **And Nebuzaradan the chief of the bodyguard then took them and conducted them to the king of Babylon at Riblah. (2 Kings 25:20)**
- **And the king of Babylon proceeded to strike them down and put them to death at Riblah in the land of Hamath. Thus Judah went into exile from off its soil. (2 Kings 25:21)**