

~SHABBETHAI (62)
(Shab'be-thai) [[Born on the] Sabbath]

- **A postexilic Levite. The text at;**
- **However, Jonathan the son of Asahel and Jahzeiah the son of Tikvah themselves stood up against this, and Meshullam and **Shabbethai** the Levites were the ones that helped them. (Ezra 10:15)**
- **However, Jonathan the son of Asahel and Yahzeiah the son of Tikvah themselves stood up against this, and Meshullam and **Shabbethai** the Levites were the ones that helped them.**
- **This verse may be read to mean that **Shabbethai** helped those who opposed Ezra's proposal that those who had taken foreign wives dismiss them.**
- **Or it could mean that he joined in opposing the procedure recommended by the congregation for resolving the matter. Another possible rendering would indicate that he helped those who acted representatively in dealing with the situation on behalf of the people. This latter view would perhaps find support if the **Shabbethai** mentioned here is the same person who is named at;**
- **And Ezra proceeded to open the book before the eyes of all the people, for he happened to be above all the people, and as he opened it all the people stood up. (Nehemiah 8:5)**
- **Then Ezra blessed Yehowah the true God, the great One, at which all the people answered, Amen! Amen! With the lifting up of their hands. They then bowed low and prostrated themselves to Yehowah with their faces to the earth. (Nehemiah 8:6)**
- **And Jeshua and Bani and Sherebiah, Jamin, Akkub, **Shabbethai**, Hodiah, Maaseiah, Kelita, Azariah, Jozabad, Hanan, Pelaiah, even the Levites, were explaining the Law to the people, while the people were in a standing position. (Nehemiah 8:7)**
- **Now the princes of the people had their dwelling in Jerusalem, but as for the rest of the people, they cast lots to bring in one out of every ten to dwell in Jerusalem the holy city, and the nine**

- other parts in the other cities. (**Nehemiah 11:1**)
- Moreover, the people blessed all the men who volunteered to dwell in Jerusalem. (**Nehemiah 11:2**)
 - And of the Levites, Shemaiah the son of Hasshub the son of Azrikam the son of Hashabiah the son of Bunni. (**Nehemiah 11:15**)
 - And **Shabbethai** and Jozabad, of the heads of the Levites, over the outside business of the house of the true God. (**Nehemiah 11:16**)
 - As assisting Ezra at the public reading of the Law and who lived in Jerusalem after the wall was rebuilt.