

THE JECONIAH CONTROVERSY AND THE ZERUBBABEL SON OF SHEALTIEL MESSIANIC PROPHECIES!

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The premise of this article:

It is necessary to find the correct link between King Josiah and Zerubbabel son of Shealtiel in order for anyone to be able to recognize the legitimate true Messiah of Israel, whose lineage must be traced back to Jesse, King David, King Solomon, and then Zerubbabel, son of Shealtiel, **WHOM THE PROPHETS HAGGAI AND ZECHARIAH PROPHECY AS CHOSEN BY YEHOVAH TO PRODUCE THE KING MESSIAH and that the mysterious very first-born son of King Josiah, JOCHANAN (YOCHANAN), may be the ONLY POSSIBLE LINK!!!** There is a controversy between Jews and Christians because a man named “Jeconiah” is listed in the lineage of Yehoshua as the SON of Josiah in Matthew 1:11, but King Jeconiah/Jehoiachin, who was a grandson of Josiah, was cursed by God to never have a son reigning on the Throne of David again! The Jews, therefore, say that Yehoshua’s lineage is not valid to be that of the Messiah. However, the Jews also have a problem because the Zerubbabel listed in King Josiah’s lineage is NOT a son of Shealtiel, but a son of his brother Pedaiah (I Chronicles 3:15-20). There are further complications with Yehoshua’s lineage as it descends further in Matthew 1:12-16 to a Zerubbabel with different descendants than are listed in this I Chronicles 3 passage. Since the prophecies in Haggai and Zechariah that point to Zerubbabel son of Shealtiel being chosen by Yehovah to produce the Messiah have not been recognized by Jews or Christians that I have heard, this has not been an issue that either group saw as necessary to resolve. But the prophecies are clear as I will show! So, who is THIS Jeconiah??? Also, who is THIS Zerubbabel??? The Ezekiel 17 allegorical prophecy of the Messiah will give us clues we haven’t seen before too! So, in order to find the necessary true link between King Josiah and Zerubbabel son of Shealtiel, we need to examine carefully **KING JOSIAH’S FOUR SONS AND HIS GRANDSON JECONIAH:**

KING JOSIAH:

I Chronicles 3:15 lists **KING JOSIAH OF JUDAH’S FOUR SONS, SPECIFICALLY MENTIONING THEIR BIRTH ORDER (which is not commonly done in the lineage lists...)**

[1 Chronicles 3:15-24 KJV] "15 **AND THE SONS OF JOSIAH [WERE], THE FIRSTBORN JOHANAN, THE SECOND JEHOIAKIM, THE THIRD ZEDEKIAH, THE FOURTH SHALLUM.** 16 And the sons of Jehoiakim: Jeconiah his son, Zedekiah his son. 17 And the sons of Jeconiah; Assir, Salathiel (MY NOTE: Shealtiel in JPS version) his son, 18 Malchiram also, and Pedaiah, and Shenazar, Jecamiah, Hoshama, and Nedabiah. 19 And the sons of Pedaiah [were], Zerubbabel, and Shimei: and the sons of Zerubbabel; Meshullam, and Hananiah, and Shelomith their sister: 20 And Hashubah, and Ohel, and Berechiah, and Hasadiah, Jushabhesed, five. 21 And the sons of Hananiah; Pelatiah, and Jesaiah: the sons of Rephaiah, the sons of Arnan, the sons of Obadiah, the sons of Shechaniah. 22 And the sons of Shechaniah; Shemaiah: and the sons of Shemaiah; Hattush, and Igeal, and Bariah, and Neariah, and Shaphat, six. 23 And the sons of Neariah; Elieonai, and Hezekiah, and Azrikam, three. 24 And the sons of

Elioenai [were], Hodaiah, and Eliashib, and Pelaiah, and Akkub, and Johanan, and Dalaiah, and Anani, seven."

King Josiah died in battle and was buried in Jerusalem (II Kings 23:28-30). Since his FOURTH SON, Shallum (Jehoahaz) was the first king after him, all of his sons were obviously born BEFORE the Babylonian exile and were adults at that time.

So, we will look at each of the sons (and one grandson) of Josiah in the order that they became King over Judah (all that was left of Israel), as the kingdom of Israel had previously fallen to the Assyrians.

Its important to note that the prophecies in Jeremiah concerning these kings are not always in chronological order. The stories of these kings are documented in II Kings.

Josiah's fourth son, FIRST KING AFTER JOSIAH:

Hebrew birth name – Shallum

Renamed - Throne Name: JEHOAHAZ

Chosen by the people of Judah to be King

Evil king

Prophecy of his exile to Egypt by Pharaoh Neco, never to return, and his death there – Jeremiah 22:1-12

Exile fulfilled – II Kings 23:28-34

Died in Egypt

Josiah's second son, SECOND KING AFTER JOSIAH:

Hebrew birth name – Eliakim

Renamed by Pharaoh – Neco of Egypt – Throne Name: JEHOIAKIM

Chosen to be king by Pharaoh – Neco of Egypt, replacing King Jehoahaz/Shallum

Read II Kings 23:34 – 24:6

Evil King

Prophecy that he would not have a decent burial but the burial of an ass, dropped out and left lying outside the gates of Jerusalem, - his corpse exposed to the heat by day and the cold by night - Jeremiah 22:13-23 (see particularly vs. 18-19) and Jeremiah 36:30. He died outside the gates of Jerusalem as prophesied and did not go to Babylon.

In his days, King Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon made Jehoiakim his vassal

His son that succeeds him – Jehoiachin

BUT God had prophesied (cursed) through Jeremiah Jehoiakim saying that none of his descendants would be acceptable to rule on the throne of David (Jeremiah 36:27-32) so his son (Jehoiachin/Coniah/Jeconiah) that succeeded him may not have been accepted by God in the first place (see below)! Yehovah later curses his son Jeconiah with the same curse!

Jehoiakim's son, Josiah's GRANDSON (not son), THIRD KING AFTER JOSIAH:

Hebrew Birth Name: JEHOIACHIN possibly (II Kings 24:6)

God calls him – Throne Name: CONIAH (Jeremiah 22:24, 28, Jeremiah 37:1)

Throne Name recorded as JECONIAH (I Chronicles 3:16-17 Jeremiah 24:1)

Chosen to be king: by succession to his father Jehoiakim, but possibly not acceptable to God

Read II Kings 24:6-17

Evil King

ONLY REIGNS FOR THREE MONTHS

GOD ALSO PROPHESES (CURSES) KING CONIAH, SON OF JEHOIAKIM, (JECONIAH/JEHOIACHIN) SAYING THAT NO SEED OF HIS WOULD SIT ON THE THRONE OF DAVID AND TO RULE AGAIN ("OD" IN HEBREW) IN JUDAH - JEREMIAH 22:24-30. As stated above, he may never have been acceptable to God because he was a son of Jehoiakim, who had the same prophecy (curse) in Jeremiah 36:27-32. However, this is the king that Yehovah appears to be speaking of allegorically in Ezekiel 17:1-4/11-12 that first gets carried off to Babylon. (Remember his father Jehoiakim had already died outside the gates of Jerusalem a disgraceful death as prophesied, so he cannot be the king referred to). In the first verses of this allegory, Yehovah calls Jehoiachin "the topmost of the Cedar (The Cedar represents Josiah, I believe), who was dwelling in Lebanon". We see in Jeremiah 22:20-30 in the prophetic curse on Jehoiachin that he was "dwelling in Lebanon," "nestled among the cedars" before his exile to Babylon.

Deported to Babylon with his mother by King Nebuchadnezzar. King Jehoiachin/Jeconiah was deported to Babylon to die there, with his mother, his officers, his courtiers **AND ALL THE NOTABLES OF THE LAND in the largest deportation of almost everyone in Judah except the very poorest (Jeremiah 22:20-30/II Kings 24:5-16).**

Succeeded by his uncle, third son of Josiah (Mattaniah/Zedekiah)

II Kings 25:27-30 and Jeremiah 52:31-34: Shown favor by a later King of Babylon (Evil-Merodach) after 37 years of exile and released from prison, given regular food allotments until his death in Babylon.

(THIS JECONIAH HAS MANY SONS ACCORDING TO I CHRONICLES 3:17, OF WHICH ONE IS NAMED SHEALTIEL. SHEALTIEL MAY BE THE FIRST, or possibly the second son. HOWEVER, ONE OF HIS SONS IS NAMED PEDIAIAH. THIS PEDIAIAH HAS TWO SONS: ZERUBBABEL AND SHIMEI. HOWEVER, THIS GRANDSON OF THIS JECONIAH CANNOT BE THE ZERUBBABEL THAT LEADS THE EXILES BACK TO JUDAH FROM BABYLON, BECAUSE THAT ONE IS A SON OF SHEALTIEL AS THE SCRIPTURES STATE OVER AND OVER. THIS ONE IS ZERUBBABEL, SON OF PEDIAIAH, SON OF JECONIAH.

[I Chronicles 3:17-19 KJV] And THE SONS OF JECONIAH; Assir, Salathiel his son, 18 Malchiram also, and PEDIAIAH, and Shenazar, Jecamiah, Hoshama, and Nedabiah. 19 And THE SONS OF PEDIAIAH [WERE], ZERUBBABEL, and Shimei;

(MY NOTE: "Assir" in the JPS VERSION is translated as "captive," referring to Jeconiah's status as a captive in Babylon, rather than as the proper name of one of his sons. Also, SALATHIEL SHOULD BE PRONOUNCED SHEALTIEL FROM THE HEBREW TEXT. HOWEVER, NONE OF THAT CHANGES THE FACT THAT PEDIAIAH IS THE FATHER OF THIS ZERUBBABEL).

BUT, ZERUBBABEL THE SON OF SHEALTIEL IS THE ONE WHO LEADS THE EXILES BACK TO JUDAH AS THE GOVERNOR OF JUDAH AS CONFIRMED IN EZRA 3:2, 3:8, and 5:2 AS WELL AS NEHEMIAH 12:1 AND, MOST IMPORTANTLY, BY YEHOVAH HIMSELF THROUGH HAGGAI, THE PROPHET, IN HAGGAI 1:1, 1:12, 1:14, 2:2, 2:23. SO, YEHOVAH CONFIRMS THAT ZERUBBABEL THE SON OF SHEALTIEL IS THE GOVERNOR OF JUDAH! (FROM MY RESEARH OF THE BOOK OF EZRA, ZERUBBABEL SON OF SHEALTIEL IS CALLED "SHESHBAZZAR" BY KING CYRUS IN EZRA 1:8 -11, CALLING HIM "A PRINCE OF JUDAH"

[HANASIY LIYHUDAH] AND EVEN GIVES HIM THE TEMPLE VESSELS TO TAKE BACK TO JUDAH! WE DO NOT KNOW WHO SHEALTIEL'S FATHER IS FROM SCRIPTURE, BUT, AS WE WILL SEE, "THE PRINCES" OF JUDAH AND "ALL THE NOTABLES" OF JUDAH WERE EXILED TO BABYLON (II KINGS 24:15, EZEKIEL 17:12). THAT MEANS THAT THE FIRSTBORN SON OF JOSIAH, JOCHANAN, WHO HAD NEVER BEFORE BEEN MADE KING, COULD POSSIBLY BE THE FATHER OF SHEALTIEL WHO MAY HAVE HAD A SON NAMED ZERUBBABEL, A PRINCE THAT CYRUS CHOOSES TO BE THE NEW GOVERNOR OF JUDAH! (EZRA 5:14-16 STATES THAT THIS "SHESHBAZZAR" WAS MADE GOVERNOR OF JUDAH BY KING CYRUS WHO WAS TO REBUILD THE TEMPLE AND IN HAGGAI 1:1 YEHOVAH STATES THAT ZERUBBABEL SON OF SHEALTIEL WAS THE GOVERNOR OF JUDAH WHO WAS TO BUILD THE TEMPLE! SO, THEY ARE ONE AND THE SAME. See corroborating scriptures below:

[Haggai 1:1-15 KJV] 1 In the second year of Darius the king, in the sixth month, in the first day of the month, came the word of the LORD by Haggai the prophet unto ZERUBBABEL THE SON OF SHEALTIEL, GOVERNOR OF JUDAH, and to Joshua the son of Josedech, the high priest, saying, 2 Thus speaketh the LORD of hosts, saying, This people say, The time is not come, the time that the LORD'S house should be built. 3 Then came the word of the LORD by Haggai the prophet, saying, 4 [Is it] time for you, O ye, to dwell in your cieled houses, and this house [lie] waste? 5 Now therefore thus saith the LORD of hosts; Consider your ways. 6 Ye have sown much, and bring in little; ye eat, but ye have not enough; ye drink, but ye are not filled with drink; ye clothe you, but there is none warm; and he that earneth wages earneth wages [to put it] into a bag with holes. 7 Thus saith the LORD of hosts; Consider your ways. 8 Go up to the mountain, and bring wood, and build the house; and I will take pleasure in it, and I will be glorified, saith the LORD. 9 Ye looked for much, and, lo, [it came] to little; and when ye brought [it] home, I did blow upon it. Why? saith the LORD of hosts. Because of mine house that [is] waste, and ye run every man unto his own house. 10 Therefore the heaven over you is stayed from dew, and the earth is stayed [from] her fruit. 11 And I called for a drought upon the land, and upon the mountains, and upon the corn, and upon the new wine, and upon the oil, and upon [that] which the ground bringeth forth, and upon men, and upon cattle, and upon all the labour of the hands. 12 THEN ZERUBBABEL THE SON OF SHEALTIEL, and Joshua the son of Josedech, the high priest, with all the remnant of the people, obeyed the voice of the LORD their God, and the words of Haggai the prophet, as the LORD their God had sent him, and the people did fear before the LORD. 13 Then spake Haggai the LORD'S messenger in the LORD'S message unto the people, saying, I [am] with you, saith the LORD. 14 And the LORD stirred up the spirit of ZERUBBABEL THE SON OF SHEALTIEL, GOVERNOR OF JUDAH, and the spirit of Joshua the son of Josedech, the high priest, and the spirit of all the remnant of the people; and they came and did work in the house of the LORD of hosts, their God, 15 In the four and twentieth day of the sixth month, in the second year of Darius the king.

[Haggai 2:1-23 KJV] 1 In the seventh [month], in the one and twentieth [day] of the month, came the word of the LORD by the prophet Haggai, saying, 2 Speak now to Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel, governor of Judah, and to Joshua the son of Josedech, the high priest, and to the residue of the people, saying, 3 Who [is] left among you that saw this house in her first glory? and how do ye see it now? [is it] not in your eyes in comparison of it as nothing? 4 Yet now be strong, O Zerubbabel, saith the LORD; and be strong, O Joshua, son of Josedech, the high priest; and be strong, all ye people of the land, saith the LORD, and work: for I [am] with you, saith the LORD of hosts: 5 [According to] the word that I covenanted with you when ye came out of Egypt, so my spirit remaineth among you: fear ye not. 6 FOR THUS SAITH THE LORD OF HOSTS; YET ONCE, IT [IS] A LITTLE WHILE, AND I WILL SHAKE THE HEAVENS, AND THE EARTH, AND THE SEA, AND THE DRY [LAND]; 7 AND I WILL SHAKE ALL NATIONS, AND THE DESIRE OF ALL NATIONS SHALL COME: AND I WILL FILL THIS HOUSE WITH GLORY, SAITH THE LORD OF HOSTS. 8 THE SILVER [IS] MINE, AND THE GOLD [IS] MINE, SAITH THE LORD OF HOSTS. 9 THE GLORY OF THIS LATTER HOUSE SHALL BE GREATER THAN OF THE FORMER, SAITH THE LORD OF HOSTS: AND IN THIS PLACE WILL I GIVE PEACE, SAITH THE LORD OF HOSTS. 10 In the four and twentieth [day] of the ninth [month], in the second year of Darius, came the word of the LORD by Haggai the prophet, saying, 11 Thus saith the LORD of hosts; Ask now the priests [concerning] the law, saying, 12 If one bear holy flesh in the skirt of his garment, and with his skirt do touch bread, or pottage, or wine, or oil, or any meat, shall it be holy? And the priests answered and said, No. 13 Then said Haggai, If [one that is] unclean by a dead body touch any of these, shall it be unclean? And the priests answered and said, It shall be unclean. 14 Then answered Haggai, and said, So [is] this people, and so [is] this nation before me, saith the LORD; and so [is] every work of their hands; and that which they offer there [is] unclean. 15 And now, I pray you, consider from this day and upward, from before a stone was laid upon a stone in the temple of the LORD: 16 Since those [days] were, when [one] came to an heap of twenty [measures], there were [but] ten: when [one] came to the pressfat for to draw out fifty [vessels] out of the press, there were [but] twenty. 17 I smote you with blasting and with mildew and with hail in all the labours of your hands; yet ye [turned] not to me, saith the LORD. 18 Consider now from this day and upward, from the four and twentieth day of the ninth [month, even] from the day that the foundation of the LORD'S temple was laid, consider [it]. 19 Is the seed yet in the barn? yea, as yet the vine, and the fig tree, and the pomegranate, and the olive tree, hath not brought forth: from this day will I bless [you]. 20 And again the word of the LORD came unto Haggai in the four and twentieth [day] of the month, saying, 21 SPEAK TO ZERUBBABEL, GOVERNOR OF JUDAH, SAYING, I WILL SHAKE THE HEAVENS AND THE EARTH; 22 AND I WILL OVERTHROW THE THRONE OF KINGDOMS, AND I WILL DESTROY THE STRENGTH OF THE KINGDOMS OF THE HEATHEN; AND I WILL OVERTHROW THE CHARIOTS, AND THOSE THAT RIDE IN THEM; AND THE HORSES AND THEIR RIDERS SHALL COME DOWN, EVERY ONE BY THE SWORD OF HIS BROTHER. 23 IN THAT DAY, SAITH THE LORD OF HOSTS, WILL I TAKE THEE, O ZERUBBABEL, MY SERVANT, THE SON OF SHEALTIEL, SAITH THE LORD, AND WILL MAKE THEE AS A SIGNET: FOR I HAVE CHOSEN THEE, SAITH THE LORD OF HOSTS.

(“IN THAT DAY” IS CODE LANGUAGE FOR THE MESSIANIC KINGDOM AGE! SEE ISAIAH 11:1-10 AS JUST ONE OF PROBABLY HUNDREDS OF EXAMPLES)

ALTHOUGH, MOST SCHOLARS BELIEVE HE IS, THERE IS NO MISTAKING, IN MY OPINION, THAT THE GRANDSON OF THIS CURSED KING JECONIAH (ZERUBBABEL, SON OF PEDAHIAH, SON OF JECONIAH) AS SPOKEN OF IN THE I CHRONICLES 3:15-20 PASSAGE, IS **NOT** THE ZERUBBABEL SON OF SHEALTIEL SPOKEN OF BY YEHOVAH THAT HE HIMSELF CHOSE TO PRODUCE THE FUTURE MESSIAH (HAGGAI 2:23)!!! Note that Yehovah states that He CHOOSES Zerubbabel son of Shealtiel to be a SIGNET ("CHOTAM" – SEAL/SIGNET RING) which is the same verbiage He used in AN OATH concerning King Jeconiah TO CURSE HIM:

[Jeremiah 22:24 KJV] 24 [AS] I LIVE, SAITH THE LORD, though Coniah the son of Jehoiakim king of Judah were THE SIGNET ("CHOTAM" - SEAL/SIGNET RING) UPON MY RIGHT HAND, yet would I pluck thee thence;

UNLESS YEHOVAH COMPLETELY CHANGED HIS MIND, AFTER SWEARING AN OATH TO CURSE HIM, it does not seem to me that He would take one of Jeconiah's grandsons to become HIS SIGNET (CHOTAM – SEAL/SIGNET RING), A SIGN OF KINGLY AUTHORITY!

SO, THEN, WHO IS THE TRUE ZERUBBABEL, SON OF SHEALTIEL??? (I will address that soon in this article!)

BY THE WAY, FINDING THE ANSWER TO THIS IS JUST AS IMPORTANT TO EVERY JEW AS TO ALL BELIEVERS IN YEHOSHUA IN ORDER TO RECOGNIZE THE LEGITIMATE MESSIAH DESCENDED FROM KING DAVID!!!

Josiah's third son, FOURTH KING AFTER JOSIAH:

Hebrew Birth Name: Mattaniah

Renamed by King of Babylon (Nebuchadnezzar) – Throne Name: **ZEDEKIAH**

Chosen to be king: By King of Babylon, replacing Jehoiachin/Jeconiah

Evil King

Called one of the "seed royal" (evidently because he was a son of King Josiah) by God (Ezekiel 17:13)

Read II Kings 24:17-19 and II Kings 25:1-7, Jeremiah 37:1-10, Jeremiah 39:1-10, Jeremiah 52:1-30.

Ezekiel 17:5-10 (starts speaking of the seed that King of Babylon sets up after King Jehoiachin to be his king over a lowly, humble kingdom of Judah until the 70 years are over). Although he was warned over and over not to rebel by the Prophet Jeremiah, King Zedekiah did rebel against the King of Babylon (Ezekiel 17:11-21). **Yehovah makes it clear in THIS EXPLANATION OF THE ALLEGORY that he will be cut off from the kingship of Israel.** (Yehovah starts speaking in allegorical language again starting in Ezekiel 17:22-24 as he states that after King Zedekiah is removed, then He Himself will set up the next KING OF ISRAEL...)The Jews 70 year exile to Babylon was Yehovah's plan (Jeremiah 24:5-7), so Yehovah punished Zedekiah severely for breaking his covenant with the King of Babylon (Jeremiah 24:8-10):

Jerusalem's walls were breached, The Temple vessels taken to Babylon, Zedekiah was captured and tried by King of Babylon, all of his sons were slaughtered before his face, his eyes were put out, he was chained in bronze fetters and taken to Babylon.

JOSIAH'S FIRSTBORN SON – NEVER MADE KING!!!

Hebrew Birth Name: **JOCHANAN**

NO THRONE NAME

Never mentioned by name in scripture again after being described in I Chronicles 3:15 as King Josiah's firstborn son...

(My note: None of the other sons of Josiah were mentioned by name until the time that they were made kings of Judah either. That means that Jochanan not being mentioned does not mean that he was not still alive.)

Jochanan, then, could have been deported to Babylon with his nephew King Jehoiachin/Jeconiah, who was deported to Babylon to die there, with his mother, his officers, his courtiers **AND ALL THE NOTABLES OF THE LAND** in the largest deportation of almost everyone in Judah except the very poorest (Jeremiah 22:20-30/II Kings 24:5-16). Also, **ALL THE PRINCES** of Judah were taken to Babylon (Jeremiah 24:10, Jeremiah 27:20, Jeremiah 29:2, II Kings 24:14, Ezekiel 17:12). **There is no reason to assume that Jochanan was not still alive, AS HIS BROTHER MATTANIAH WAS STILL ALIVE, and was left, set up as king of Judah, and renamed Zedekiah by the King of Babylon.**

It seems that the second, third, and fourth sons of Josiah, then, were all made kings just before the time of the exile to Babylon. They were all evil kings. King Jehoahaz (Shallum) was deported to Egypt and died there according to the Word of Yehovah, and no offspring of his are mentioned. The prophecy about him said he was never to return. **Both King Jehoiakim (Eliakim) and his son Jehoiachin (Coniah/Jeconiah) were cursed by Yehovah to never have any offspring sitting on the throne of David.** Jehoiakim died outside the gates of Jerusalem as prophesied and did not even go to Babylon. King Jehoiachin/Jeconiah was deported to Babylon (to die there), with his mother, his officers, his courtiers and **ALL THE NOTABLES OF THE LAND (AND PRINCES)** in the largest deportation of every one in Judah except the very poorest (Jeremiah 22:20-30/II Kings 24:5-16, Ezekiel 17:12). **King Zedekiah (Mattaniah) had no male offspring left because all of his sons were slaughtered before his eyes. We will see below that Yehovah disqualifies him as King in Ezekiel 17. THAT MEANS THREE OF THE FOUR SONS OF JOSIAH ARE ELIMINATED FROM BEING QUALIFIED OR ABLE TO HAVE DESCENDANTS TO CARRY ON THE KINGLY LINE OF JOSIAH, WHEN YEHOVAH BRINGS BACK THE EXILES OF JUDAH FROM BABYLON...**

(THIS LEAVES ONLY THE FIRSTBORN, JOCHANAN...)

THE PROPHECY OF EZEKIEL 17 IS EXTREMELY MPORTANT AS A MESSIANIC PROPHECY I BELIEVE THAT I HAVE NEVER HEARD ANYONE MENTION!!! WE NEED TO NOTE THAT KING ZEDEKIAH IS SHOWN TO BE VERY DISPLEASING TO YEHOVAH IN EZEKIEL 17:1-21 BY LOOKING TO EGYPT FOR HELP INSTEAD OF SUBMITTING TO THE KING OF BABYLON, AS HE OBVIOUSLY HAD AGREED TO DO. REMEMBER, THE KING OF BABYLON HAD SET ZEDEKIAH UP AS KING OF JUDAH WHEN HE TOOK HIS NEPHEW, KING JEHOIACHIN/CONIAH, TO BABYLON! IT WAS YEHOVAH'S PLAN FOR THE KING OF JUDAH WITH ALL THOSE LEFT IN JUDAH (AND EVEN THE JUDITES THAT WERE DEPORTED TO BABYLON) TO BE SUBMISSIVE TO THE KING OF BABYLON FOR THEIR SEVENTY YEARS OF PUNISHMENT/EXILE. JEREMIAH, THE PROPHET, WARNED KING ZEDEKIAH OVER AND OVER TO DO THIS, BUT HE DID NOT OBEY:

[2 Kings 24:17-20 KJV] 17 **AND THE KING OF BABYLON MADE MATTANIAH HIS FATHER'S BROTHER KING IN HIS STEAD, AND CHANGED HIS NAME TO ZEDEKIAH.** 18 Zedekiah [was] twenty and one years old when he began to reign, and he reigned eleven years in Jerusalem. And his mother's name [was] Hamutal, the daughter of Jeremiah of Libnah. 19 And he did [that which was] evil in the sight of the LORD, according to all that Jehoiakim had done. 20 For through the anger of the LORD it came to pass in Jerusalem and Judah, until he had cast them out from his presence, that **ZEDEKIAH REBELLED AGAINST THE KING OF BABYLON.**

[Jeremiah 37:1-10 KJV] 1 **And KING ZEDEKIAH THE SON OF JOSIAH reigned instead of Coniah the son of Jehoiakim, whom Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon made king in the land of Judah.** 2 But neither he, nor his servants, nor the people of the land, did hearken unto the words of the LORD, which he spake by the prophet Jeremiah. 3 And Zedekiah the king sent Jehucal the son of Shelemiah and Zephaniah the son of Maaseiah the priest to the prophet Jeremiah, saying, Pray now unto the LORD our God for us. 4 Now Jeremiah came in and went out among the people: for they had not put him into prison. 5 Then Pharaoh's army was come forth out of Egypt: and when the Chaldeans that besieged Jerusalem heard tidings of them, they departed from Jerusalem. 6 **Then came the word of the LORD unto the prophet Jeremiah, saying,** 7 **Thus saith the LORD, the God of Israel; Thus shall ye say to the king of Judah, that sent you unto me to enquire of me; BEHOLD, PHARAOH'S ARMY, WHICH IS COME FORTH TO HELP YOU, SHALL RETURN TO EGYPT INTO THEIR OWN LAND.** 8 And the Chaldeans shall come again, and fight against this city, and take it, and burn it with fire. 9 Thus saith the LORD; Deceive not yourselves, saying, The Chaldeans shall surely depart from us: for they shall not depart. 10 For though ye had smitten the whole army of the Chaldeans that fight against you, and there remained [but] wounded men among them, [yet] should they rise up every man in his tent, and burn this city with fire.

YEHOVAH SHOWS ALL OF THIS BY AN ALLEGORY IN VERSES 1-10, AND THEN EXPLAINS THE ALLEGORY IN VERSES 11-21 TO BE ABOUT KING ZEDEKIAH, ONE OF THE ROYAL SEED (THE THIRD SON OF JOSIAH), WHO WAS THE VERY LAST KING BEFORE THE BABYLONIAN EXILE, WHO FLOUTS THE COVENANT HE MADE WITH THE KING OF BABYLON by SENDING TO PHARAOH OF EGYPT FOR HELP AGAINST BABYLON:

[Ezekiel 17:11-21 KJV] 11 Moreover the word of the LORD came unto me, saying, 12 **Say now to the rebellious house,** Know ye not what these [things mean]? tell [them], **Behold, THE KING OF BABYLON IS COME TO JERUSALEM, and hath taken the king thereof** [MY NOTE: THIS FIRST KING SPOKEN OF IS

KING JEHOIACHIN/CONIAH], and the princes thereof (MY NOTE: THE FIRST BORN SON OF JOSIAH, JOCHANAN, COULD HAVE BEEN ONE OF THESE PRINCES), and led them with him to Babylon; 13 AND HATH TAKEN OF THE KING'S SEED [MY NOTE: THIS HAS TO MEAN KING JOSIAH'S SEED, AS ZEDEKIAH WAS HIS 3RD SON AND UNCLE TO KING JEHOIACHIN], and MADE A COVENANT WITH HIM, AND HATH TAKEN AN OATH OF HIM: he hath also taken the mighty of the land: 14 THAT THE KINGDOM MIGHT BE BASE, THAT IT MIGHT NOT LIFT ITSELF UP, [BUT] THAT BY KEEPING OF HIS COVENANT IT MIGHT STAND. 15 BUT HE REBELLED AGAINST HIM IN SENDING HIS AMBASSADORS INTO EGYPT, THAT THEY MIGHT GIVE HIM HORSES AND MUCH PEOPLE. SHALL HE PROSPER? SHALL HE ESCAPE THAT DOETH SUCH [THINGS]? OR SHALL HE BREAK THE COVENANT, AND BE DELIVERED? 16 [As] I live, saith the Lord GOD, surely in the place [where] the king [dwelleth] that made him king, whose oath he despised, and whose covenant he brake, [even] with him in the midst of Babylon he shall die. 17 Neither shall Pharaoh with [his] mighty army and great company make for him in the war, by casting up mounts, and building forts, to cut off many persons: 18 Seeing he despised the oath by breaking the covenant, when, lo, he had given his hand, and hath done all these [things], he shall not escape. 19 Therefore thus saith the Lord GOD; [As] I live, surely mine oath that he hath despised, and my covenant that he hath broken, even it will I recompense upon his own head. 20 And I will spread my net upon him, and he shall be taken in my snare, and I will bring him to Babylon, and will plead with him there for his trespass that he hath trespassed against me. 21 And all his fugitives with all his bands shall fall by the sword, and they that remain shall be scattered toward all winds: and ye shall know that I the LORD have spoken [it].

I believe that the next verses in Ezekiel 17:22-24 below VERY POSSIBLY shows us IN ANOTHER ALLEGORY that Yehovah will take JOCHANAN, the last remaining "SEED ROYAL" OF JOSIAH (who is "The High Cedar") TO REPLACE KING ZEDEKIAH and produce from him IN THE FUTURE A GOOD KING ("A GOODLY CEDAR"), THE MESSIAH, with lineage back to King David and Jesse!!! JOCHANAN WAS THE FIRSTBORN SON OF JOSIAH THAT NEVER WAS MADE KING, WHOSE RIGHT AS THE FIRST OF THE "SEED ROYAL" IT SHOULD HAVE BEEN FROM THE BEGINNING,

BUT HE OBVIOUSLY WAS DENIED!:

[Ezekiel 17:22-24 KJV] "22 Thus saith the Lord GOD; I will also take of THE HIGHEST BRANCH of THE HIGH CEDAR (l'kachtiv any MITSAMERET haerez haramah), and will set [it]; I WILL CROP OFF FROM THE TOP OF HIS YOUNG TWIGS A TENDER ONE (v'natativ m'rosh yon'kotayv rach echtoph), and will plant [it] upon an high mountain and eminent: 23 IN THE MOUNTAIN OF THE HEIGHT OF ISRAEL WILL I PLANT IT: and IT SHALL BRING FORTH BOUGHS, AND BEAR FRUIT, and BE A GOODLY CEDAR: AND UNDER IT SHALL DWELL ALL FOWL OF EVERY WING; IN THE SHADOW OF THE BRANCHES THEREOF SHALL THEY DWELL. 24 And all the trees of the field shall know that I the LORD have brought down the high tree, HAVE EXALTED THE LOW TREE, have dried up the green tree, and

HAVE MADE THE DRY TREE TO FLOURISH: I the LORD have spoken and HAVE DONE [IT]."

“MITSAMERET,” translated as “highest branch” in verse 17, IS STRONGS H6788:

Abbreviations

† צִמְרָת **noun feminine TREE-TOP** (possibly from *woolly*, feathery, appearance);

— ‘צ construct, of cedar (in figurative) Ezekiel 17:3, 22, so suffix צִמְרָתוֹ Ezekiel 31:3, 10; of tall trees in general, צִמְרָתָם Ezekiel 31:14.

(Brown-Driver-Briggs Hebrew and English Lexicon, Unabridged, accessed 12/11/2024, emphasis added)

כֹּה אָמַר אֲדֹנָי יְהוָה וְלִקְחֹתִי אֶנִּי מִצִּמְרֵת הָאֶרֶץ הָרְמָה וְנָתַתִּי מִרְאֵשׁ יִנְקוּתָיו רֵךְ
אֶקְטֹף וְשִׁתְלֹתִי אֶנִּי עַל הָרֶגֶבָה וְתִלּוּלִי:

It seems to me that Yehovah is bringing down the high tree (King Zedekiah, 3rd son of Josiah) and drying up the green tree (Zedekiah’s descendants will not flourish).

WHO IS LEFT OF JOSIAH’S ROYAL SEED FOR YEHOVAH TO CHOOSE???

WHO HAS BEEN “A LOW TREE” – NEVER MADE KING???

WHO HAS BEEN “A DRY TREE” ??? In other words, WHO OF KING JOSIAH’S SONS HAVE WE NOT HEARD OF HAVING ANY DESCENDANTS...YET... ? (YEHOVAH STATES THAT HE WILL MAKE THIS DRY TREE’S DESCENDANTS TO FLOURISH AFTER ZEDEKIAH IS BROUGHT DOWN AND DEPOSED!!!)

It seems clear to me that Yehovah is taking a fresh twig from the very TREETOP of the High Cedar (JOSIAH) to REPLACE ZEDEKIAH to exalt and ULTIMATELY bring forth “The Man who is called THE BRANCH” (Zechariah 6:12), to be the Messiah/King over Israel in the Messianic Kingdom and not using one of the twigs (SONS) that have already been exalted (MADE KINGS) and failed miserably, being evil...in this allegory, King Zedekiah.

NOW THAT I BELIEVE KING ZEDEKIAH IS ELIMINATED FROM BEING THE SON OF JOSIAH TO CARRY ON THE KINGLY LINE LEADING TO THE MESSIAH, LET US CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING:

It is interesting that the name JECONIAH (Yeho-coniah) is actually a good one – I believe it means “YEHOVAH WILL ESTABLISH.” The first Jeconiah/Yeconiah (Jehoiachin) was brought down, BUT COULD IT BE THAT YEHOVAH GIVES JOCHANAN, THE FIRST BORN OF JOSIAH, A SECOND NAME, AS THE OTHER SONS OF JOSIAH WERE GIVEN, A THRONE NAME, “YECONIAH” BECAUSE HE WILL ESTABLISH HIM??? This is just a possibility. However, I do believe it is very possible that the Zerubbabel son of Shealtiel in Shem Tov Hebrew Matthew 1:12-13 is descended from the firstborn son of Josiah, JOCHANAN, who may be renamed “Jeconiah” by Yehovah. THAT IS BECAUSE HEBREW MATTHEW SHEM TOV 1:11 STATES THAT “JOSIAH BEGOT JECONIAH WITH HIS BROTHERS...,” IMPLYING THAT THIS “JECONIAH” IS THE FIRST BORN OF THE FOUR SONS OF JOSIAH!! THIS PASSAGE MAKES IT CLEAR THAT THIS MAN IS A SON OF JOSIAH, BECAUSE “HIS BROTHERS” ARE MENTIONED AS WELL. In fact, the Greek manuscripts of the Gospel of Matthew also use Strong’s Concordance #G80 (adelphos) and describes it as “Noun – Accusative, PLURAL, Masculine” so the KJV translates it as “brethren.”

HE IS NOT CALLED A GRANDSON OF JOSIAH!

IN OTHER WORDS, HE IS NOT JECONIAH/JEHOIACHIN/CONIAH, THE SON OF JEHOIAKIM/ELIAKIM/SON OF JOSIAH” THIS IS CORROBORATED BY THE FACT THAT THE FATHER OF JECONIAH, JEHOIAKIM, HAS ONLY ONE OTHER SON MENTIONED IN I CHRONICLES 3:16, AND STATES HIS NAME AS ZEDEKIAH. SO, EVEN IF FOR SOME REASON THERE WAS A SKIP IN THE GENERATIONS, MATTHEW 1:11 WOULD HAD TO HAVE STATED: “JOSIAH BEGOT JECONIAH WITH HIS BROTHER”!!!

(There is another possibility... IT COULD BE A SCRIBAL ERROR. The Greek manuscripts of the Gospel of Matthew that were translated into English in the King James Version evidently had a scribal error in Matthew 27:9 that translates as “Jeremy” instead of “Zechariah” when referring to the prophecy in Zechariah 11:12-13. However, the Hebrew Matthew Shem Tov manuscripts that have been found correctly have “Zechariah”... So, it is POSSIBLE that “Jeconiah” instead of “Jochanan” in Matthew 1:11 is simply a scribal error, in the Greek manuscripts as well as in the Hebrew Matthew Shem Tov manuscripts found up to this point.)

Jochanan (Yochanan) is a wonderful name, as we will explore later in this article, but remember all of his three brothers were given throne names that Yehovah even uses. Yehovah Himself calls Josiah's 3rd son, whose birth name was Mattaniah, King Zedekiah, in ALMOST all the scriptures, even though he was given that name by the King of Babylon when he set him up as king!!! So, it is not out of the realm of possibility that Jochanan was given the name Jeconiah...by someone...even Yehovah Elohim.

It is interesting that the word “yonek” – a sucking baby, or in this allegorical prophecy of Ezekiel 17, a twig, from “The Cedar,” who I believe must be referring to good King Josiah (from “yon’kotayv” – from “his sucklings” – meaning his children). It states that Yehovah will take a “RACH,” רַךְ - **TENDER ONE** – seems to mean a fresh and unused one to me...

This also is spoken of in Isaiah 53:1-2 referring to the Messiah, the Arm of Yehovah, who will grow up before Him “as a sucking baby” - “caYONEK” - and like a root, “shoresh,” **out of arid (dry) ground.**

THIS IS NOT THE ONLY TIME THE MESSIAH IS REFERRED TO AS “A BRANCH”!!! Could it also point to Isaiah 11:1-10 about the Messiah:

[Isaiah 11:1-10 KJV] "1 And there shall come forth a rod out of the stem of Jesse, and a Branch (“NETSER” – A SPECIAL KIND OF BRANCH) shall grow out of his roots: 2 And the spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the LORD; 3 And shall make him of quick understanding in the fear of the LORD: and he shall not judge after the sight of his eyes, neither reprove after the hearing of his ears: 4 But with righteousness shall he judge the poor, and reprove with equity for the meek of the earth: and he shall smite the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips shall he slay the wicked. 5 And righteousness shall be the girdle of his loins, and faithfulness the girdle of his reins. 6 The wolf also shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the kid; and the calf and the young lion and the fatling together; and a little child shall lead them. 7 And the cow and the bear shall feed; their young ones shall lie down together: and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. 8 And the sucking child shall play on the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put his hand on the cockatrice' den. 9 They shall not hurt nor destroy in all my holy mountain: for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the LORD, as the waters cover the sea. 10 And IN THAT DAY there shall be a root of Jesse, which shall stand for an ensign of the people; to it shall the Gentiles seek: and his rest shall be glorious."

Even to Zerubbabel's (the son of Shealtiel's) partner in bringing the captives back to Judah, Joshua the son of Josedech, the High Priest, Yehovah gives the following prophecy through Zechariah. In it, YEHOVAH EQUATES “THE BRANCH” WITH THE “THE HEADSTONE/THE STONE OF DISTINCTION” “WITH THE SEVEN EYES OF YEHOVAH” THAT ZERUBBABEL WILL PRODUCE!!!:

[Zechariah 3:8-10 KJV] 8 Hear now, O JOSHUA THE HIGH PRIEST, thou, and thy fellows that sit before thee: for they [are] men wondered at: for, behold, I will bring forth MY SERVANT THE BRANCH. 9 FOR BEHOLD THE STONE THAT I HAVE LAID BEFORE JOSHUA; UPON ONE STONE [SHALL BE]

SEVEN EYES: BEHOLD, I WILL ENGRAVE THE GRAVING THEREOF, SAITH THE LORD OF HOSTS, and I will remove the iniquity of that land in one day. 10 IN THAT DAY, saith the LORD of hosts, shall ye call every man his neighbour under the vine and under the fig tree.

[Zechariah 4:6-10 KJV] 6 Then he answered and spake unto me, saying, This [is] the word of the LORD unto Zerubbabel, saying, Not by might, nor by power, but by my spirit, saith the LORD of hosts. 7 Who [art] thou, O great mountain? **BEFORE ZERUBBABEL [THOU SHALT BECOME] A PLAIN: and HE SHALL BRING FORTH THE HEADSTONE** (MY NOTE: HEBREW IS “HAEVEN HAROSHAH” – THE HEAD STONE) [thereof with] shoutings, [crying], Grace, grace unto it. 8 Moreover the word of the LORD came unto me, saying, 9 THE HANDS OF ZERUBBABEL HAVE LAID THE FOUNDATION OF THIS HOUSE; HIS HANDS SHALL ALSO FINISH IT; AND THOU SHALT KNOW THAT THE LORD OF HOSTS HATH SENT ME UNTO YOU. 10 For who hath despised the day of small things? for they shall rejoice, and shall see the plummet [MY NOTE: HEBREW IS “HAEVEN HAB'DIYL” – THE STONE OF DISTINCTION] IN THE HAND OF ZERUBBABEL [WITH] THOSE SEVEN; THEY [ARE] THE EYES OF THE LORD, WHICH RUN TO AND FRO THROUGH THE WHOLE EARTH.

(Daniel chapter 2, especially verses 35 and 45, describes A STONE, CUT OF A MOUNTAIN WITHOUT HANDS, that will smite all the kingdoms of the earth and will become a great mountain and fill the whole earth! The God of Heaven will set up a Kingdom that will stand forever! THIS STONE HAS TO BE THE MESSIAH!)

[Zechariah 6:9-15 KJV] 9 And the word of the LORD came unto me, saying, 10 Take of [them of] the captivity, [even] of Heldai, of Tobijah, and of Jedaiah, which are come from Babylon, and come thou the same day, and go into the house of Josiah the son of Zephaniah; 11 Then take silver and gold, and make crowns, and set [them] upon the head of JOSHUA THE SON OF JOSEDECH, THE HIGH PRIEST; 12 AND SPEAK UNTO HIM, SAYING, THUS SPEAKETH THE LORD OF HOSTS, SAYING, **BEHOLD THE MAN WHOSE NAME [IS] THE BRANCH; AND HE SHALL GROW UP OUT OF HIS PLACE, AND HE SHALL BUILD THE TEMPLE OF THE LORD: 13 EVEN HE SHALL BUILD THE TEMPLE OF THE LORD; AND HE SHALL BEAR THE GLORY, AND SHALL SIT AND RULE UPON HIS THRONE; AND HE SHALL BE A PRIEST UPON HIS THRONE: AND THE COUNSEL OF PEACE SHALL BE BETWEEN THEM BOTH.** 14 And the crowns shall be to Helem, and to Tobijah, and to Jedaiah, and to Hen the son of Zephaniah, for a memorial in the temple of the LORD. 15 AND THEY [THAT ARE] FAR OFF SHALL COME AND BUILD IN THE TEMPLE OF THE LORD, AND YE SHALL KNOW THAT THE LORD OF HOSTS HATH SENT ME UNTO YOU. And [this] shall come to pass, if ye will diligently obey the voice of the LORD your God.

(Although Zechariah never distinguishes that the Zerubbabel in his prophecies is “the Son of Shealtiel”, we know that is who he is referring to based on Ezra 5:1-2. The Prophets Zechariah and Haggai are the post-exilic prophets that prophesy to Zerubbabel son of Shealtiel and Joshua son of Josedech, as they were leading the building of the 2nd Temple and encourage them to continue, even when their adversaries are doing everything possible to make them stop for good)

***Interestingly, the above passages make it clear that 1) Zerubbabel’s hands not only will start and build the 2nd Temple, but Zerubbabel’s hands will finish it. The Headstone, The Anointed Stone of

Distinction that He produces, will finish the temple in the Messianic Kingdom, because 2) The Man who is called The Branch, who we know to be The Messiah, will build the Temple of Yehovah!!!!

[Ezra 5:1-2 KJV] 1 Then THE PROPHETS, HAGGAI THE PROPHET, AND ZECHARIAH THE SON OF IDDO, prophesied unto the Jews that [were] in Judah and Jerusalem in the name of the God of Israel, [even] unto them. 2 Then rose up ZERUBBABEL THE SON OF SHEALTIEL, AND JESHUA THE SON OF JOZADAK, AND BEGAN TO BUILD THE HOUSE OF GOD WHICH [IS] AT JERUSALEM: AND WITH THEM [WERE] THE PROPHETS OF GOD HELPING THEM.

IF MY THEORY IS TRUE, THEN KING JOSIAH'S FIRSTBORN SON JOCHANAN, THE ONLY FRESH, TENDER ("RACH") TWIG AND UNUSED AS A KING, (possibly renamed throne name Jeconiah by Yehovah or the King of Babylon) WOULD HAVE A SON NAMED SHEALTIEL, WHO HAD A SON NAMED ZERUBBABEL (Shem Tov Hebrew Matthew 1:11-13) WHO WAS NAMED SHESHBAZZAR, CALLED "THE PRINCE OF JUDAH" BY EZRA, and whom King Cyrus makes the first "GOVERNOR" of Judah after the 70 year Babylonian exile, giving him all the temple vessels that had been taken to Babylon to deposit in a rebuilt Temple in Jerusalem after he builds it (Ezra 1:8, Ezra 5:14-16)! **THIS WOULD BE THE START OF THE EZEKIEL 17 PROPHECY TO CHANGE THE KINGSHIP TO THE FIRSTBORN SON OF JOSIAH, THE LOW AND DRY TREE:**

[Ezekiel 17:24 KJV] 24 And all the trees of the field shall know that I the LORD have brought down the high tree, HAVE EXALTED THE LOW TREE, have dried up the green tree, and HAVE MADE THE DRY TREE TO FLOURISH: I the LORD have spoken and have done [it]!!!

SO, THIS PROPHECY IN EZEKIEL 17:22-24 I NOW BELIEVE IS ANOTHER CONFIRMATION OF WHY THE MESSIAH WHO WILL BUILD THE TEMPLE, EVEN IN THE END TIME, IS REFERRED TO AS "THE BRANCH"!!!!

Without a doubt, I believe that The Messiah has to come through the lineage of Zerubbabel Son of Shealtiel according to the many, many prophecies!!! To reiterate, this is because we know that "The Man whose name is The Branch ("Tsemach" - a particular kind of branch called The Netser in Isaiah 11:1-10) will build the Messianic Kingdom Temple, which means he is The Messiah (Zechariah 6:12), but Yehovah tells us that the hands of Zerubbabel have started this House and his hands shall also finish it (Zechariah 4:6-10)! I speak of this in detail in chapters 3, 4, and 5 of my book, *The Holy Arm of the Lord*, available free as a pdf on www.TheHolyArmoftheLord.com :

Chapter 3	<u>THE BRANCH OF YEHOVAH</u>
Chapter 4	<u>THE STONE</u> CUT OUT OF THE WHOLE MOUNTAIN WITHOUT HANDS
Chapter 5	<u>THE STONE</u> WITH THE SEVEN EYES OF YEHOVAH CREATED SOLELY BY THE HOLY SPIRIT IN THE HAND OF <u>ZERUBBABEL</u> IS A TESTING STONE FOR BOTH HOUSES OF ISRAEL THAT THE LEADERS REJECTED

Some of the prophecies addressed in these chapters are:

Zechariah 3:8-10

Daniel 2:34-35, 44-45

Zechariah 4:6-10

Zechariah 6:12

Isaiah 11:1-5

Psalms 118:22-23

Isaiah 28:16

Isaiah 8:9-18

Haggai 2:1-9

Haggai 2:20-23

ONE OF THE MOST REVEALING PROPHECIES IS THE FOLLOWING THAT HAS NEVER HAPPENED YET, SO IT ABSOLUTELY HAS TO BE A FUTURE PROPHECY OF THE DAY OF YEHOVAH, WHICH BEGINS THE MESSIANIC KINGDOM!

[Haggai 2:20-23 KJV] "20 And again the word of the LORD came unto Haggai in the four and twentieth [day] of the month, saying, 21 Speak to ZERUBBABEL, GOVERNOR OF JUDAH, saying, I WILL SHAKE THE HEAVENS AND THE EARTH; 22 AND I WILL OVERTHROW THE THRONE OF KINGDOMS, AND I WILL DESTROY THE STRENGTH OF THE KINGDOMS OF THE HEATHEN; and I will overthrow the chariots, and those that ride in them; and the horses and their riders shall come down, every one by the sword of his brother. 23 IN THAT DAY, SAITH THE LORD OF HOSTS, WILL I TAKE THEE, O ZERUBBABEL, MY SERVANT, THE SON OF SHEALTIEL, SAITH THE LORD, AND WILL MAKE THEE AS A SIGNET ("CHOTAM" – A SEAL/SEAL RING – INDICATING, I BELIEVE, THAT HE WILL GIVE HIM KINGLY AUTHORITY): FOR I HAVE CHOSEN THEE, SAITH THE LORD OF HOSTS."

My conclusion in these chapters on page 53 after reading Haggai 2:20-23 is this:

"THIS IS A PERFECT EXAMPLE, I BELIEVE, OF A PROPHECY THAT IS TO BE FULFILLED IN STAGES!!! Obviously, the entire prophecy of Haggai shows that Yehovah expected Zerubbabel, the son of Shealtiel, the governor of Judah, and Joshua, the son of Josedech, the High Priest, to build the second temple at that time of history and they did. However, Yehovah, in speaking of the shaking of all the nations, the overthrow of all the heathen kingdoms, and the glory of a temple that will be greater than Solomon's temple, spoke of things that absolutely did not happen at that time and will only happen in "The Day of Yehovah!!!" In the same way, I believe when Yehovah tells His Servant Zerubbabel son of Shealtiel in this prophecy that He will make him a "signet" because he had chosen him, HE WAS NOT SPEAKING OF ZERUBBABEL HIMSELF, BUT HE WAS PROPHECYING OF "THE

HEADSTONE WITH THE SEVEN EYES ENGRAVED BY YEHOVAH HIMSELF, WHICH ARE THE SEVEN SPIRITS OF YEHOVAH, RANGING OVER THE ENTIRE EARTH, CUT OUT OF A MOUNTAIN WITHOUT HANDS, LAID IN ZION, THAT ONE OF ZERUBBABEL'S LINEAGE WOULD PRODUCE IN THE FUTURE, NOT BY ANY HUMAN MIGHT OR POWER, BUT BY THE SPIRIT OF YEHOVAH" - THE MESSIAH OF ISRAEL THAT WILL DESTROY ALL OTHER KINGDOMS!!!"

We know that this chosen Zerubbabel is called "the son of (a) Shealtiel" according to all the scriptures that refer to him (Ezra 3:2, 8, Ezra 5:2, Nehemiah 12:1, Haggai 1:1, 12, 14, Haggai 2:2, 23). **HE IS NOT CALLED ZERUBBABEL SON OF PEDAIHAH** as the Zerubbabel mentioned in the I Chronicles 3:19 is. This passage lists Pedaiah as the son of Jeconiah. "Zerubbabel, the son of Shealtiel" must NOT be the same Zerubbabel that is spoken of in I Chronicles 3:15 -24 passage, who has many children – Meshullam, Hananiah, Shelomith their sister, Hashubah, Ohel, Berechiah, Hasadiah, and Jushabhesed – five. According to Hebrew Matthew Shem Tov 1:13, Zerubbabel son of Shealtiel is a direct son of one of the sons of Josiah, not a grandson. He is in Yehoshua's lineage and his son is listed as "Abihud." **IN FACT, NONE OF THE DESCENDANTS LISTED FOR THIS ZERUBBABEL SON OF SHEALTIEL IN HEBREW MATTHEW SHEM TOV COINCIDE WITH ANY OF THE NAMES IN THE I CHRONICLES 3:15-24 PASSAGE!** Zerubbabel son of Shealtiel is spoken of extensively in Ezra, **BUT DROPS OUT OF BIBLICAL HISTORY IN THE TANACH AFTER EZRA CHAPTER 6** when the Second Temple is documented to have been completed and the people celebrate the Passover and the Feast of Unleavened Bread again for the first time! There is no further mention of him except in the genealogical lists of the exiles that had come up from Babylon with him and Joshua, son of Josedech, the High Priest. Ezra 7 begins with "After these events," and starts speaking of Ezra the priest scribe being commissioned by the King Artaxerxes to go to Judah.

SO, WHAT HAPPENED TO ZERUBBABEL SON OF SHEALTIEL AND HIS

DESCENDANTS??? According to the Matthew Shem Tov used by Professor George Howard in *THE HEBREW GOSPEL OF MATTHEW* these are Zerubbabel's descendants:

Zerubbabel begot
Abihud, who begot
Eliakim, who begot
Azor, who begot
Zadok, who begot
Achim, who begot
Elihud, who begot
Eleazar, who begot
Mattan, who begot
Jacob (Ya'acov), who begot
Joseph (Yoseph), who was the husband (?) of
Mary (Mireyam), the mother of Jesus (Yehoshua/Yeshua)

(See Chapter Eight and Nine of *THE HOLY ARM OF THE LORD* referenced earlier for proof that there are Hebrew manuscripts which state that the Joseph in this lineage was the FATHER of Mary/Miriam [YOSEPH AVI MIREYAM], NOT Joseph the husband of Miriam.)

This would make Yehoshua, the Righteous Branch of David (Jeremiah 23:5-6), a blood descendant of Zerubbabel son of Shealtiel, of Jochanan/Jeconiah – the Goodly Cedar, of Josiah – the High Cedar, of King Solomon, of King David, of the stock of Jesse.

COULD THEY HAVE ENDED UP IN NAZARETH... ???

I THINK SO... the Messiah is also called “The Netser” (ISAIAH 11:1-10) (see Chapter Nine of my book *THE HOLY ARM OF THE LORD* for my research on that term.)

Now to further look at the name “Jeconiah”:

JECONIAH is described in Strong’s Concordance and Thayer’s Greek Lexicon (accessed www.blueletterbible.org 12/6/2024, emphasis added) as the following:

Lexicon :: Strong's G2423 -
iechonias

Strong's
Red Letter

Ἰεχονίας

Transliteration *iechonias* (Key)

Pronunciation ee-ekh-on-ee'-as

LISTEN

Part of Speech proper masculine noun

Root Word (Etymology)

Of Hebrew origin יְכֹנְיָהּ (H3204)

Greek Inflections of Ἰεχονίας

Strong's Info

Strong's Definitions

Ἰεχονίας *iechonías*, ee-ekh-on-ee'-as; of Hebrew origin (H3204); Jechonias (i.e. Jekonjah), an Israelite:—Jechonias.

KJV Translation Count — Total: 2x

The KJV translates Strong's G2423 in the following manner: Jechonias (2x).

Outline of Biblical Usage

Thayer's Greek Lexicon

STRONGS G2423:

Ἰεχονίας, -ου, ὁ, (יהויכין) Jehoiakin, i. e. whom Jehovah appointed; Sept. Ἰωαχὴν [(?) see B. D. American edition under the word, Jehoiachin]), Jechoniah, king of Judah, carried off into exile by Nebuchadnezzar [circa] B. C. 600 after a reign of three months, 2 Kings 24:8-17; 2 Chronicles 36:9; Jeremiah 52:31. He is mentioned in Matthew 1:11f. But he was not, as is there stated, the son of Josiah, but of Jehoiakim; nor did he have 'brethren,' but his father had them. Accordingly, in the Evangelist's genealogy the names יהויקים and יהויכין have been confounded; [cf. B. D. as above, and references there].

THAYER'S GREEK LEXICON, Electronic Database.

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24:8; 24:9; 24:10; 24:11; 24:12; 24:13; 24:14; 24:15; 24:16; 24:17

2 Chronicles

36:9

Jeremiah

52:31

Matthew

1:11

I see many problems with the Thayer's Greek Lexicon description of this name as used in the Genealogy of Yehoshua/Jesus. Thayer's states that the name used in Matthew 1:11 should have been Jehoiakim, Jeconiah/Jehoiachin's father. Some of the problems with this that I note are:

1. Jehoiakim died outside the gates of Jerusalem a disgraceful death as prophesied by Yehovah (Jeremiah 36:27-32)
2. Jehoikim was the first one denied by God to have any acceptable offspring to sit on the Throne of David (Jeremiah 36:27-32). Jeconiah/Jehoiachin was later (Jeremiah 22:20-30). (Do not be confused by the numbering of the chapters. This evidently is an example where the scrolls were not sewn together in chronological order, as happened in other places as well, scholars have pointed out.)
3. Jehoiakim did not have a son named Shealtiel as Matthew 1:12 states. (Jeconiah did have a son named Shealtiel; however, a Zerubbabel was not born from that son but from another son named Pedaiah (I Chronicles 3:17-19).
4. Jehoiakim would not be a fresh, tender, highest twig (Son) of Josiah that Yehovah would pick to replace Zedekiah as the Ezekiel 17 prophecy indicates will bring forth A BRANCH that will be exalted to be the Messiah. By the time Zedekiah was rejected by God, Jehoiakim had already died outside the gates of Jerusalem!!! (Ezekiel 17:22-24/Zechariah 3:12/Zechariah 6:12).

HOWEVER, THE STANCE OF A PRESTIGIOUS SOURCE SUCH AS THAT OF THAYER'S GREEK LEXICON THAT THE NAMES COULD BE CONFUSED VALIDATES THE POSSIBILITY OF MY THEORY THAT THE NAME MIGHT SHOULD ACTUALLY BE JOCHANAN, THE MYSTERIOUS FIRST-BORN SON OF JOSIAH ONLY MENTIONED IN I CHRONICLES 3:15!!!

In summary, I believe all of this means that this TRUE Zerubbabel son of Shealtiel, spoken of in Ezra, Nehemiah, Haggai, Zechariah, and the Hebrew Matthew Shem Tov 1:12-13 is NOT ZERUBBABEL SON OF PEDAHIAH of I Chronicles 3:15-19 who was descended from the Coniah/Jeconiah /Jehoiachin, son of Jehoiakim, who was cursed by Yehovah in Jeremiah 22:24-30 to not have any of his offspring to sit on the Throne of David! INSTEAD, I BELIEVE THAT ZERUBBABEL SON OF SHEALTIEL MAY BE A DESCENDANT OF JOCHANAN, THE TOPMOST TENDER TWIG OF THE HIGH CEDAR JOSIAH -JOSIAH'S FIRSTBORN SON - WHO IS PROPHESED TO BECOME A GOODLY CEDAR WITH FLOURISHING SHADY BRANCHES, TAKEN FROM A LOWLY AND DRY STATE TO BE EXALTED IN EZEKIEL 17:22-24!!! I believe it is very possible that the Zerubbabel son of Shealtiel in Shem Tov Hebrew Matthew 1:12-13 is descended from the firstborn son of Josiah, JOCHANAN, who may be renamed "Jeconiah" by Yehovah, AND WHO MUST HAVE THEN HAD A SON NAMED SHEALTIEL. That is because Hebrew Matthew Shem Tov 1:11 states that "JOSIAH BEGOT JECONIAH WITH HIS BROTHERS...", IMPLYING THAT THIS JECONIAH IS HIS FIRST BORN SON (JOCHANAN – 1ST CHRONICLES 3:15)!!! Zerubbabel son of Shealtiel is The Chosen Servant of Yehovah, that will bring forth The Headstone with the Seven Eyes of Yehovah, also called The Branch, The King Messiah, who will SMITE ALL THE HEATHEN KINGDOMS and rule all of Israel and the entire world on the Throne of David during the Messianic Kingdom as prophesied in Haggai 2:20-23/Daniel 2:31-35,44-45!!!

EXPLORATION OF THE NAME JOCHANAN (YOCHANAN):

There are a few more clues that point to Jochanan possibly being the name of the son of Josiah from whom the Messiah is descended

The name is Yochanan in Hebrew, which is an abbreviation of the name Yehochanan (Yeho – Chanan). The name basically means "YEHOVAH HATH BEEN GRACIOUS" (Strong's Hebrew #3110) (accessed www.blueletterbible.org, 12/6/2024, emphasis added):

יֹחָנָן — YOCHANAN.

Gesenius' Hebrew-Chaldee lexicon states this about the name Yochanan:

יְהוֹחָנָן (“whom Jehovah bestowed”), pr. n. *Johanan*, see יְהוֹחָנָן. This name in its contracted form was borne by—(1) two of David’s officers, 1Ch. 12:4, 12.—(2) a son of King Josiah, 1Ch. 3:15, all.

Strong’s states that the root word etymology of this is a form of יְהוֹחָנָן (H3076) – YEHOCHANAN.

יְהוֹחָנָן — YEHOCHANAN

Strong’s states that the root word etymology is from יְהוָה (H3068) YEHOVAH and חָנָן (H2603) CHANAN.

יְהוֹחָנָן m. (“whom Jehovah gave”), [*Jehohanan, Johanan*], pr. n. of one of Jehoshaphat’s captains, 2 Ch. 17:15; 23:1; also of others. Hence the Greek *Iōannās* and *Iōánnēs*.

So, that takes us to further explore the word “Chanan”:

STRONGS H2603: [Abbreviations](#)

† חָנָן **verb shew favour, be gracious** (Late Hebrew *id.*, Aramaic חָנָן *Nfo*; Arabic حَنَّ *yearn towards, long for, be merciful, compassionate, favourable, inclined towards...*)

חָנַן fut. יִחַן and like regular verbs יִחַנּוּ Am. 5:15; the former with suffix יִחַנֵּנִי Ps. 67:2; 123:2; יִחַנֵּנִי Isa. 27:11; but with suffix 2 pers. יִחַנֶּךָ for יִחַנֵּךָ Gen. 43:29; Is. 30:19; inf. absol. חָנּוּ Isa. loc. cit., constr. with suff. חָנֵּנִיכֶם Isa. 30:18, with חָנֵּנִי Ps. 102:14.

(1) *to be inclined towards* (compare the kindred חָנָה), hence *to be favourably inclined, to favour some one, to be gracious to, to pity*. (Arab. حن to feel desire, or commiseration towards any one; followed by الى, على.) Followed by an acc., Exod. 33:19; Lam. 4:16; Pro. 14:31. חָנֵּנִי, חָנֵּנִי (once חָנֵּנִי Ps. 9:14), have mercy on me, on us; Ps. 4:2; 6:3; 31:10.

(2) *to give some one anything graciously*, followed by two acc. of pers. and thing, Genesis 33:5; Ps. 119:29; Jud. 21:22; acc. of pers., Pro. 19:17; absol. Ps. 37:21, 26. As to Job 19:17, see חָנָה No. 2.

NIPHAL **נִחַן** (of the form נִחַר from the root אָרַר, נָחַם from the root נָחַם; see Lehrgeb. p. 371), *to be compassionated, to be an object of pity*, Jer. 22:23; pass. of Poel No. 2.

PIEL, *to make acceptable* (compare חָן, חֵן), Pro. 26:25.

POEL—(1) i. q. Kal No. 2, Prov. 14:21.

(2) *to compassionate, to lament for*, Ps. 102:15.

HOPHAL, *to receive favour, to be favoured*, i. q. חָן מִצָּא מִלֵּב, Gnade finden, Pro. 21:10; Isa. 26:10.

HITHPAEL, *to intreat for mercy*, followed by לְ of pers., Est. 4:8; Job 19:16, אֶל 1 Ki. 8:33, 47; Job 8:5; Ps. 30:9, and לְפָנַי 1 Ki. 8:59; 9:3; 2 Chr. 6:24.

Derivatives (besides those immediately following), חָן, חֵן, חָנָה, חָנוּן, חֲנִינָה, חֲנִינִי, חֲנִינִי, and the pr. n. יְחֻחֲנָן, חֲנִינִיאל, חֲנִינִי [and חֲנִינִי, חֲנִינִי].

SO, THE NAME “YEHOCHANAN” SEEMS TO DENOTE THAT YEHOVAH HAS GIVEN GRACE, FAVOR, AND EVEN PITY.

How could this point us to the Messiah???

As we pointed out earlier, THE MESSIAH is presented in Zechariah as THE HEAD STONE, A STONE OF DISTINCTION, WITH THE SEVEN EYES (SPIRITS?) OF YEHOVAH THAT RANGE OVER THE WHOLE EARTH, THAT IS PRODUCED BY ZERUBBABEL. **WHAT IS INTERESTING AND HAS ALWAYS BEEN ANOTHER MYSTERY TO ME, IS THAT THE PROPHECY GOES ON TO SAY THAT PEOPLE WILL BE REJOICING AND CRYING “GRACE, GRACE” TO IT (HIM)!!! WHY??**

[Zechariah 4:6-10 KJV] 6 Then he answered and spake unto me, saying, This [is] the word of the LORD unto Zerubbabel, saying, Not by might, nor by power, but by my spirit, saith the LORD of hosts. 7 **WHO [ART] THOU, O GREAT MOUNTAIN? BEFORE ZERUBBABEL [THOU SHALT BECOME] A PLAIN: AND HE SHALL BRING FORTH THE HEADSTONE [THEREOF WITH] SHOUTINGS, [CRYING], GRACE, GRACE UNTO IT.** 8 Moreover the word of the LORD came unto me, saying, 9 The hands of Zerubbabel have laid the foundation of this house; his hands shall also finish it; and thou shalt know that the LORD of hosts hath sent me unto you. 10 For who hath despised the day of small things? **FOR THEY SHALL REJOICE, AND SHALL SEE THE PLUMMET (REMEMBER, THE HEBREW WORDS ARE “HAEVEN HAB’B’DIYL” – STONE OF DISTINCTION) IN THE HAND OF ZERUBBABEL [WITH] THOSE SEVEN; THEY [ARE] THE EYES OF THE LORD, WHICH RUN TO AND FRO THROUGH THE WHOLE EARTH.**

What I have discovered is that the word “GRACE” in this passage is actually the Hebrew word “CHEN” (Strong’s H2580) which is from the Root Word “CHANAN”(Strong’s H2603)!!!

חֵן — CHEN

חֵן with suff. חֵנִי m. (from the root חָנַן).

(1) *grace, favour, good-will*.—(a) מָצָא חֵן בְּעֵינַי to find favour in the eyes of some one, to be acceptable to him, Gen. 6:8; 19:19; 32:6; 33:8, אִם־נָא מָצָאתִי חֵן בְּעֵינֶיךָ “if now thou art favourable to me,” Gen. 30:27; 47:29; 50:4. In the same sense נָתַן חֵן פִּי בְּעֵינַי Est. 2:15, 17.—(b) נָתַן חֵן לְכָל־אֶתְּחִיל חֵן הָעַם הַזֶּה בְּעֵינַי מִצְרִיִּם “and I will give this people favour with the Egyptians.” Ex. 11:3; 12:36; Gen. 39:21; Ecc. 9:11.

(2) *grace, i. q. gracefulness, beauty*, Prov. 22:11; 31:30. Prov. 5:19, יַעֲלֶתָ חֵן “the beautiful wild roe.” Psa. 45:3 [?]; Eccl. 10:12. אֶבֶן חֵן “a beautiful (i. e. a precious) stone,” Pro. 17:8.

(3) *supplication, prayer*, Zec. 12:10. See the verb in Hithpael.

(4) [*Hen*], pr. n. m. Zec. 6:14; but comp. ver. 10.

We also are told that Jehovah will pour out a **spirit of GRACE (CHEN)**, favor or pity, **on a remnant of His people** when the Messiah is seen coming on the clouds of heaven (Daniel 7:9-14):

[Zechariah 12:10 KJV] 10 And I will pour upon the house of David, and upon the inhabitants of Jerusalem, **THE SPIRIT OF GRACE (CHEN) AND OF SUPPLICATIONS (TACHANINIYM)**: and they shall look upon me whom they have pierced, and **THEY SHALL MOURN FOR HIM**, as one mourneth for [his] only [son], and shall be in bitterness for him, as one that is in bitterness for [his] firstborn.

“TACHANINIYM” IS FROM THE SAME ROOT, **CHANAN**, AND IMPLIES THERE WILL BE THOSE FROM ALL THE FAMILIES OF ISRAEL (I BELIEVE THIS MUST BE **THE ONE-THIRD REMNANT THAT HAVE SURVIVED JACOB’S TROUBLE AND THE HORRIBLE WAR UPON ISRAEL AND JERUSALEM** – Zechariah 13:1-9 and possibly Isaiah 59:20, Jeremiah 30:1-11) **PRAYING/SUPPLICATING TO YEHOVAH WHEN THEY SEE THE ONE “WHOM THEY HAVE PIERCED”**...

AND YEHOVAH STATES THAT HE WILL GIVE THIS REMNANT GRACE/FAVOR (CHEN)...EVEN AS THEY MOURN IN BITTERNESS FOR HIM...

[Zechariah 12:11-14 KJV] 11 In that day shall there be **A GREAT MOURNING IN JERUSALEM**, as the mourning of hadadrimmon in the valley of Megiddon. 12 **AND THE LAND SHALL MOURN, EVERY FAMILY APART**; the family of the house of David apart, and their wives apart; the family of the house of Nathan apart, and their wives apart; 13 The family of the house of Levi apart, and their wives apart;

the family of Shimei apart, and their wives apart; 14 ALL THE FAMILIES THAT REMAIN, every family apart, and their wives apart.

I BELIEVE THESE TWO SCRIPTURES FROM ZECHARIAH MAY BE SHOWING US TWO DIFFERENT PICTURES OF THE SAME EVENT: IT APPEARS THAT THERE WILL BE REJOICING WHEN THE SURVIVORS IN ISRAEL SEES THE MESSIAH AND THEY ARE SHOUTING “CHEN, CHEN” TO HIM! (BUT, COULD THEY BE CRYING FOR CHEN [GRACE] FROM HIM ???). I WONDER, BECAUSE THERE WILL ALSO BE MANY PEOPLE CRYING/SUPPLICATING AND MOURNING IN BITTERNESS AS WELL!!! YEHOVAH STATES THEY WILL BE GIVEN A SPIRIT OF “CHEN,” (GRACE/FAVOR)! THIS PICTURE MAY BE REMINISCENT OF THE CONCURRENT REJOICING AND MOURNING AS PEOPLE SAW THE 2ND TEMPLE BUILT (EZRA 3:10-13)!!!

Actually, this mourning is confirmed by Yehoshua in Matthew 24 as He describes His return as The Son of Man on the clouds of Heaven (Daniel 7:9-14). **ALL THE FAMILIES OF THE EARTH WILL MOURN WHEN THEY SEE HIM!!!:**

[Matthew 24:27-31 KJV] 27 For as the lightning cometh out of the east, and shineth even unto the west; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be. 28 For wheresoever the carcase is, there will the eagles be gathered together. (MY NOTE: THIS IS A CLUE, I BELIEVE, THAT HIS RETURN WILL BE DIRECTLY AFTER YEHOVAH KILLS THE INVADING ARMIES IN ISRAEL – EZEKIEL 39:1-8, AND 17-20.) 29 Immediately after the tribulation of those days shall the sun be darkened, and the moon shall not give her light, and the stars shall fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens shall be shaken: 30 AND THEN SHALL APPEAR THE SIGN OF THE SON OF MAN IN HEAVEN: AND THEN SHALL ALL THE TRIBES OF THE EARTH MOURN, AND THEY SHALL SEE THE SON OF MAN COMING IN THE CLOUDS OF HEAVEN WITH POWER AND GREAT GLORY. 31 And he shall send his angels with a great sound of a trumpet, and they shall gather together his elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other.

AS A SIDE NOTE, ANOTHER MYSTERY TO ME HAS ALWAYS BEEN WHY “JOHN THE BAPTIST,” WHICH IS ACTUALLY “YOCHANAN HAMAT’BIYLA” according to the Hebrew Matthew Shem Tov 3:1, had to be named “Yochanan” or “Yehochanan” according to the Angel Gabriel’s instruction from Yehovah to his father Zacharias in Luke 1:13. WHY??? It is never explained why he needed to have this name, but his father and mother agreed to it. In fact, Zacharias had been struck dumb for not believing the Archangel and was not given back his speech until he wrote in the presence of all his family and friends, “His name is JOHN /YOCHANAN/YEHOCHANAN.” Luke 1 details the function of Yochanan which appears to come from Malachi 3:1 as Yehovah’s Messenger to clear the way before Him...and Yehoshua actually states that Yochanan Hamat’biyla (John the Baptist/Immerser) came as a first fulfillment of this prophecy that will be finally fulfilled by Elijah right before the End Time (Matthew 11:1, Matthew 17:1-13) (It is beyond the scope of this article to explore this question fully.)

Another **VERY INTERESTING** scripture is from the Apostle John’s account in John 1:14 concerning YEHOSHUA being **FULL OF GRACE and TRUTH**. The word used for GRACE in the Greek manuscript can be traced back to be the Hebrew Word “CHEN” here and in verse 17!!!

[John 1:14, 16-17 KJV] 14 And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) FULL OF GRACE (CHEN) and truth. ... 16 And of his

fulness have all we received, and **GRACE(CHEN) FOR GRACE (CHEN)**. 17 For the law was given by Moses, [but] **[MY NOTE: THE WORD “BUT” IS NOT IN THE GREEK TEXT]** **GRACE (CHEN)** and truth came by Jesus Christ.

COULD ALL OF THIS POINT TO YEHOSHUA AS THE MESSIAH, THE HEADSTONE, TO WHOM PEOPLE WILL BE SHOUTING “CHEN!!! CHEN!!!

IS IT POSSIBLY A CLUE THAT THE TOPMOST “TWIG” OF KING JOSIAH, NAMED YCHANAN/ YEHO-CHANAN, “YEHOVAH HAS BEEN GRACIOUS,” JOSIAH’S MYSTERIOUS FIRST BORN SON THAT HAS BEEN HIDDEN FROM HISTORY, COULD BE THE ONE WHO BRINGS FORTH THE KING MESSIAH???

LET US ALL CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR THE TRUTH OF THIS MATTER TO BE COMPLETELY REVEALED!!!

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