

This study handout accompanies Pastor Scott's message,  
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Nehemiah 7:61(b)

Nehemiah would not admit certain people into the community or the priesthood, because they could not show that their father's house or their seed "were of Israel."

בֵּית-אֲבוֹתָם    לְהַגִּיד    יָכְלוּ    וְלֹא  
fathers of them    family of    to show    they could    but not

הֵם    מִיִּשְׂרָאֵל    אִם    וְזֶרְעָם  
they    Israel    from    whether    and descent (seed) of them

Note how this dispels any modern-day concept of matrilineal descent.

Note also the change in the use of the name "Israel" by its application to the Southern Kingdom.

*Strong's Concordance* #3061 *Yehud*

Proper name יְהוּדָ

Definition: The Southern Kingdom, name of one of the twelve tribes  
Aramaic, contracted from a form corresponding to Hebrew *Yehudah*

Examples: Ezra 5:1, Ezra 5:8, Ezra 7:14, Daniel 2:25, Daniel 5:13<sup>2</sup>, Daniel 6:13

7 occurrences

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*Strong's Concordance* #3062 *Yehuda'i / Yehudain\**

Proper name יְהוּדָאִי יְהוּדָאִינָ

Definition: Inhabitant of Judah

10 occurrences

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*Strong's Concordance* #3063 *Yehudah*

Proper name יְהוּדָה

Definition: Probably “praised,” a son of Jacob/Israel, also his offspring,  
the Southern Kingdom, also the name of four Israelites

“Judah” – 818 times, “Judah’s” – 4 times\*\*

Strong's #3063 from Strong's #3034 *yadah*

יָדָה

\* *variant spellings*

\*\* *in KJV. Count varies with translation. e.g. “Judah” 815 times, “Judah’s” 2 times in NASB.*

In the King James Version, the Hebrew word *Yehudith* (יהודית – Strong’s #3066) is translated as “the Jews’ language” in 2 Kings 18:26, and “the Jews’ speech” in 2 Chronicles 32:18.

The translators of the New International Version chose to translate this word as “Hebrew,” because that is the language the people would have spoken.

## 2 KINGS 18:26

וַיֹּאמֶר  
 then-he-said (26)  
 אֵלִיָּקִים בֶּן־חִלְקִיָּהוּ וְשֶׁבְנָה וַיּוֹאֲחַ אֶל־רַב־שָׂקָה  
 field-commander chief-of to and-Joah and-Shebna Hilkiyah son-of Eliakim  
 וַדְּבַר־נָא אֵל־עַבְדֶּיךָ אַרְמִית כִּי שִׁמְעִים אֲנַחְנוּ וְאֵל־  
 but-not we ones-understanding since Aramaic servants-of-you to now! speak!  
 תְּדַבֵּר עִמָּנוּ יְהוּדִית בְּאָזְנֵי הָעָם אֲשֶׁר עַל־הַחֹמָה:  
 the-wall on who the-people in-ears-of Hebrew to-us you-speak

<sup>26</sup>Then Eliakim son of Hilkiyah, and Shebna and Joah said to the field commander, “Please speak to your servants in Aramaic, since we understand it. Don’t speak to us in **Hebrew** in the hearing of the people on the wall.”

## 2 CHRONICLES 32:18

וַיִּקְרְאוּ בְקוֹל־גָּדוֹל יְהוּדִית  
 Hebrew loud with-voice then-they-called (18)  
 עַל־עַם יְרוּשָׁלַם אֲשֶׁר עַל־הַחֹמָה לִירְאָם וְלַבְהַלֵּם  
 and-to-make-afraid-them to-terrify-them the-wall on who Jerusalem people-of to  
 לְקַעַן יִלְכְּדוּ אֶת־הָעִיר:  
 the-city \*\*\* they-could-capture so-that

<sup>18</sup>Then they called out in **Hebrew** to the people of Jerusalem who were on the wall, to terrify them and make them afraid in order to capture the city.

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