

## Women of Tanach 2: Chuldah

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### To read

1. Kings II 22

### The basic story

2. Rashi to Kings II 22:8

It was hidden beneath a pile of stones, buried there when Achaz burned the Torah.

3. R' David Altschuler, Metzudat David to Kings II 22:8

The kohanim feared that Achaz would send forth his hand against the Torah, written by Moses from G-d, that had been located beside the Ark. They took it and buried it, and after his death they searched for it and did not find it...

The sages have said that when they found the scroll, it was rolled to the portion of rebuke (Deuteronomy 28).

4. Talmud, Megilah 14b

She was called "rodent" because she said, "Say to the man," instead of, "Say to the king."

### The secret of her success

5. Midrash, Psikta Rabti 26

Jeremiah prophesied in the markets, Tzefaniah in the synagogues, and Chuldah with the women.

6. Talmud, Megilah 14b

How could Josiah abandon Jeremiah and send for her? In the yeshiva of Rabbi Shilah they explained: Because women are merciful. Rabbi Yochanan said: Jeremiah was away, bringing back the ten tribes...

7. Talmud, Sanhedrin 89a

One style enters into many prophets, but no two prophets express prophecy with the same style.

### The righteousness of Chuldah

8. Tosefta, Bava Batra 1:11

The graves of the house of David and the grave of Chuldah were in Jerusalem...

9. Midrash, Song of Songs Rabbah 2:4

'Behold, He stands behind our wall (Song of Songs 2:9)' – This is the western wall of the Temple. Why? Because G-d swore that it would never be destroyed, and that the Gate of the Kohen and the Gate of Chuldah would never be destroyed, until G-d would renew them.