

~ABI-EZER 1 (66)

(Abi-e'zer) [My Father Is a Helper]

- One of **the sons of Gilead** the grandson of Manasseh, Joseph's firstborn. A comparison of the accounts at;
- The sons of Joseph by their families were Manasseh and Ephraim. (**Numbers 26:28**)
- The sons of Manasseh were. Of Machir the family of the Machirites. And Machir became father to Gilead. Of Gilead the family of the Gileadites. (**Numbers 26:29**)
- These were the sons of Gilead. Of Iezer the family of the Iezerites. Of Helek the family of the Helekites. (**Numbers 26:30**)
- And the lot came to be for the tribe of Manasseh, because he was Joseph's firstborn, for Machir the firstborn of Manasseh, the father of Gilead, because he was one who proved to be a man of war, and Gilead and Bashan came to belong to him. (**Joshua 17:1**)
- And there came to be a lot for the sons of Manasseh who were left over according to their families, for the sons of **Abi-ezer** and the sons of Helek and the sons of Asriel and the sons of Shechem and the sons of Hephher and the sons of Shemida. These were the sons of Manasseh the son of Joseph, the males according to their families. (**Joshua 17:2**)
- Shows that he is also called **Iezer**, **Jeezer**, **KJ**, which is a shortened form of **Abi-ezer**, the prefix **Ab**, **father**, being removed.
- **Abi-ezer** was a family head and an ancestor of Judge Gideon.
- Later Yehowah's angel came and sat under the big tree that was in Ophrah, which belonged to Joash the **Abi-ezrite**, while Gideon his son was beating out wheat in the winepress so as to get it quickly out of the sight of Midian. (**Judges 6:11**)
- So Gideon built an altar there to Yehowah, and it continues to be called Yehowah-shalom down to this day. It is yet in Ophrah of the **Abi-ezrites**. (**Judges 6:24**)

- And Yehowah's spirit enveloped Gideon so that he went blowing the horn, and the **Abi-ezrites** got to be called together after him. (**Judges 6:34**)
- Finally he said to them; What now have I done in comparison with you? Are not the gleanings of Ephraim better than the grape gathering of **Abi-ezer**? (**Judges 8:2**)
- It appears that after the division of land among the tribes of Israel, **Abi-ezer's** family either originally or at a later time settled in the area of Ophrah, in the territory of Manasseh West of the Jordan.
- The name is also used to stand for the house of **Abi-ezer** in a collective sense.
- Then he said to Jether his firstborn; Get up, kill them. And the young man did not draw his sword, because he was afraid, for he was yet a young man. (**Judges 8:2**)

See Also ABI-EZRITE