

**~ABIRAM 2 (26)**

**(A-bi'ram) [Father Is High or Exalted]**

- **The firstborn son of Hiel the Bethelite. At;**
- **Then Joshua had an oath pronounced at that particular time, saying; Cursed may the man be before Yehowah who gets up and does build this city, even Jericho. At the forfeit of his firstborn let him lay the foundation of it, and at the forfeit of his youngest let him put up its doors. (Joshua 6:26)**
- **Joshua's oath is recorded concerning the destroyed city of Jericho, foretelling that whoever should rebuild it would do so at the loss of his firstborn son. **Abiram**'s father, Hiel, ignored this oath and, during the reign of King Ahab, circa 940-920 B.C.E, some five centuries after Joshua's time, he laid Jericho's foundations. Abiram, his son, died, evidently prematurely as a historically recorded fulfillment of the prophecy.**
- **In his days Hiel the Bethelite built Jericho. At the forfeit of **Abiram** his firstborn he laid the foundation of it, and at the forfeit of Segub his youngest he put up its doors, according to Yehowah's word that he spoke by means of Joshua the son of Nun. (1 Kings 16:34)**