

## ~ADUMMIM (84)

(A-dum'mim) [from a root meaning red, possibly, Red Rocks]

- The ascent of **Adummim** is a steep pass about 12 kilometers (7.5 miles) East-Northeast of Jerusalem and midway between the cities of Jericho and Jerusalem. It leads up from the low Jordan Valley to the mountainous region of Judah. From ancient times till the present the road between the two cities has gone through this pass. It is mentioned in the Bible record, however, only as a boundary mark between the territories of Judah and Benjamin.
- And the boundary went up to Debir at the low plain of Achor and turning northward to Gilgal, which is in front of the ascent of **Adummim**, which is south of the torrent valley, and the boundary passed over to the waters of En-shemesh, and its termination proved to be En-rogel. (**Joshua 15:7**)
- And it was marked out northward and went out to En-shemesh and went out to Geliloth, which is in front of the ascent of **Adummim**, and it went down to the stone of Bohan the son of Reuben. (**Joshua 18:17**)
- In **Arabic** the pass is called **Tal`at ed-Damm**, meaning, **Ascent of Blood**, and in **Hebrew** **Ma`ale Adummim**, meaning, **Ascent of Adummim**.
- While some ancient writers have ascribed the names origin to the spilling of blood by robbers and highwaymen, the more likely explanation is the reddish color of the soil due to exposed patches of ocher.
- The route was always a dangerous one because of the desolateness of the region and the prevalence of thievery, and from early times a fort was maintained there to protect travelers. Because of this, the site has been suggested as the scene of the attack on the traveler on his way down to Jericho, as mentioned in Jesus illustration of the neighborly Samaritan.
- In reply Jesus said; A certain man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho and fell among robbers, who both stripped him and inflicted blows, and went off, leaving him half-dead. (**Luke 10:30**)

- Now, by coincidence, a certain priest was going down over that road, but, when he saw him, he went by on the opposite side. (Luke 10:31)
- Likewise, a Levite also, when he got down to the place and saw him, went by on the opposite side. (Luke 10:32)
- But a certain Samaritan traveling the road came upon him and, at seeing him, he was moved with pity. (Luke 10:33)
- So he approached him and bound up his wounds, pouring oil and wine upon them. Then he mounted him upon his own beast and brought him to an inn and took care of him. (Luke 10:34)
- And the next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said; Take care of him, and whatever you spend besides this, I will repay you when I come back here. (Luke 10:35)
- Who of these three seems to you to have made himself neighbor to the man that fell among the robbers? (Luke 10:36)
- He said; The one that acted mercifully toward him. Jesus then said to him; Go your way and be doing the same yourself. (Luke 10:37)
- The torrent valley mentioned at;
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- In relation to which the ascent of **Adummim** lay to the South, is evidently the Wadi el Qilt, which runs fairly parallel to the road and passes just to the South of Jericho on its way to the Jordan River.