

~AKRABBIM (29)
(A-krab'bim) [Scorpions]

- **An upward slope or ascent on the Southeast frontier of Judah that constituted a boundary division when Canaan was apportioned to Israel.**
- **And your boundary must change direction from the south of the ascent of **Akrabbim** and cross over to Zin, and its termination must prove to be on the south of Kadesh-barnea, and it must go out to Hazar-addar and pass over to Azmon. (**Numbers 34:4**)**
- **And the territory of the Amorites was from the ascent of **Akrabbim**, from Sela upward. (**Judges 1:36**)**
- **It was situated about 29 kilometers (18 miles) Southwest of the southern end of the Dead Sea and near the Wilderness of Zin. The area has been identified with present-day **Naqb es-Safa**, **Ma`ale `Aqrabbim**, where the road from Beer-sheba to the Arabah descends abruptly into the **Wadi Murra**, **Nahal Zin**.**
- **The name may have been derived from the abundance of scorpions in this desert country or perhaps from the way the road repeatedly curves back on itself like the tail of a scorpion. It was evidently an ancient route used to go down to Edom and South to `Aqaba on the Gulf of `Aqaba.**