

~ARABAH, TORRENT VALLEY OF (39)

- Look! I am raising up against you, O house of Israel, is the utterance of Yehowah the God of the armies, a nation, and they must oppress you people from the entering in of Hamath down to the torrent valley of the **Arabah**. (**Amos 6:14**)
- The prophet warns the kingdoms of Judah and Israel that the land will be oppressed by a foreign power all the way from Hamath down to the torrent valley of the **Arabah** or **Desert Plain**.
- He it was that restored the boundary of Israel from the entering in of Hamath clear to the sea of the **Arabah**, according to the word of Yehowah the God of Israel who spoke by means of his servant Jonah the son of Amittai, the prophet that was from Gath-hepher. (**2 Kings 14:25**)
- While the term **Arabah** is applied to the entire Rift Valley region from the Sea of Galilee on down to the Red Sea, here it has particular application to the area from South of the Dead Sea down to the Gulf of `Aqaba. Thus, while the expression **torrent valley of the Arabah** might have reference to a wadi such as the torrent valley of Zered, which empties into the South end of the Dead Sea, **the sea of the Arabah**.
- And the **Arabah** and the Jordan and the border, from Chinnereth to the sea of the **Arabah**, the Salt Sea, at the base of the slopes of Pisgah toward the sunrising. (**Deuteronomy 3:17**)
- It is notable that the expression used by Amos is the exact equivalent of the Arabic name applied to the region running from the South end of the Dead Sea to the Gulf of `Aqaba, namely Wadi el-`**Arabah**. Amos prophecy indicated a complete overrunning of the entire land once controlled by Judah and Israel, from North to South. During the following century this prophecy saw fulfillment in the invasions of Assyrian kings, including Tiglath-pileser III, Shalmaneser V, Sargon II, and Sennacherib.