

~ARIEL 2 (32)

(Ar'i-el) [Altar Hearth of God, or, Lion of God]

- One of the nine head one's especially used by Ezra in obtaining qualified ministers for the house of our God. This was in the spring of **468 B.C.E**, when about 1,500 Israelite males under Ezra were about to depart from the river Ahava for Jerusalem.
- And I proceeded to collect them at the river that comes to Ahava, and we kept encamped there three days, that I might scrutinize the people and the priests, but none of the sons of Levi did I find there. (**Ezra 8:15**)
- Accordingly I sent for Eliezer, **Ariel**, Shemaiah and Elnathan and Jarib and Elnathan and Nathan and Zechariah and Meshullam, head ones, and for Joiarib and Elnathan, instructors. (**Ezra 8:16**)
- Then I gave them a command concerning Iddo the head one in the place Casiphia, and I put in their mouth words to speak to Iddo and his brothers the Nethinim in the place Casiphia, to bring to us ministers for the house of our God. (**Ezra 8:17**)
- Finally we pulled away from the river Ahava on the twelfth day of the first month to go to Jerusalem, and the very hand of our God proved to be over us, so that he delivered us out of the palm of the enemy and the ambush by the way. (**Ezra 8:31**)