

~ARMONI (62)

(Ar-mo'ni) [Of the Dwelling Tower, Born in the Dwelling Tower]

- **One of two sons born to Saul by his concubine Rizpah. To expiate Saul's bloodguilt, seven of his offspring, including **Armoni**, were given to the Gibeonites, who put them to death and exposed their corpses on the mountain. Rizpah kept watch, not letting fowl or beast molest them, until David had the bones buried.**
- **At this they said to the king; The man that exterminated us and that schemed to annihilate us from subsisting in any of the territory of Israel. (2 Samuel 21:5)**
- **Let there be given to us seven men of his sons, and we must expose them to Yehowah in Gibeah of Saul, the chosen one of Yehowah. Accordingly the king said; I myself shall give them. (2 Samuel 21:6)**
- **However, the king felt compassion upon Mephibosheth the son of Jonathan the son of Saul on account of the oath of Yehowah that was between them, between David and Jonathan the son of Saul. (2 Samuel 21:7)**
- **Consequently the king took the two sons of Rizpah the daughter of Aiah whom she bore to Saul, **Armoni** and Mephibosheth, and the five sons of Michal the daughter of Saul whom she bore to Adriel the son of Barzillai the Meholahite. (2 Samuel 21:8)**
- **Then he gave them into the hand of the Gibeonites and they proceeded to expose them on the mountain before Yehowah, so that the seven of them fell together, and they themselves were put to death in the first days of harvest, at the start of the barley harvest. (2 Samuel 21:9)**
- **However, Rizpah the daughter of Aiah took sackcloth and spread it for herself upon the rock from the start of harvest until water poured down upon them from the heavens, and she did not allow the fowls of the heavens to rest upon them by day nor the wild beasts of the field by night. (2 Samuel 21:10)**
- **At length it was reported to David what Rizpah the daughter of Aiah, Saul's concubine, had done. (2 Samuel 21:11)**

- **So David went and took the bones of Saul and the bones of Jonathan his son from the landowners of Jabesh-gilead, who had stolen them from the public square of Beth-shan, where the Philistines had hanged them on the day that the Philistines struck down Saul on Gilboa. (2 Samuel 21:12)**
- **And he proceeded to bring up from there the bones of Saul and the bones of Jonathan his son, furthermore, they gathered the bones of the men being exposed. (2 Samuel 21:13)**
- **Then they buried the bones of Saul and of Jonathan his son in the land of Benjamin in Zela in the burial place of Kish his father, that they might do everything that the king had commanded. So God let himself be entreated for the land after this. (2 Samuel 21:14)**