

## ~ARPAD (54) (Ar'pad)

- A royal city of North Syria always associated in the Bible with the city of Hamath. **Arpad** has been identified with **Tell Erfad**, **Tell Rif`at** about 30 kilometers (19 miles) North-Northwest of Aleppo. Situated on the road leading South to Hamath and Damascus, it came under frequent attack from the Assyrians and was eventually conquered by Tiglath-pileser III and later by Sargon II.
- Thus Sargon's son, Sennacherib, when threatening Jerusalem in **732 B.C.E**, had his spokesman Rabshakeh refer to the fate of Arpad as an evidence of the inability of the gods of the nations to resist Assyria's mighty power.
- Where are the gods of Hamath and **Arpad**? Where are the gods of Sepharvaim, Hena and Ivvah? Have they delivered Samaria out of my hand? (**2 Kings 18:34**)
- Have the gods of the nations that my forefathers brought to ruin delivered them, even Gozan and Haran and Rezeph and the sons of Eden that were in Tel-assar? (**2 Kings 19:12**)
- Where is he, the king of Hamath and the king of **Arpad** and the king of the cities of Sepharvaim, Hena and Ivvah? (**2 Kings 19:13**)
- Where are the gods of Hamath and **Arpad**? Where are the gods of Sepharvaim? And have they delivered Samaria out of my hand? (**Isaiah 36:19**)
- Have the gods of the nations that my forefathers brought to ruin delivered them, even Gozan and Haran and Rezeph and the sons of Eden that were in Tel-assar? (**Isaiah 37:12**)
- Where is the king of Hamath and the king of **Arpad** and the king of the city of Sepharvaim, of Hena and of Ivvah? (**Isaiah 37:13**)
- The prophet Isaiah had earlier foretold such boasting.
- Is not Calno just like Carchemish? Is not Hamath just like **Arpad**? Is not Samaria just like Damascus? (**Isaiah 10:9**)

- **Later Jeremiah prophesied that Hamath and Arpad would become ashamed and disintegrate before a bad report, evidently concerning the conquests of Babylonian King Nebuchadnezzar.**
- **For Damascus: Hamath and Arpad have become ashamed, for it is a bad report that they have heard. They have disintegrated. In the sea there is anxious care, it is not able to keep undisturbed. (Jeremiah 49:23)**