

**~ASHKENAZ 2 (26)**  
**(Ash'ke-naz)**

- Lift up a signal in the land, O men. Blow a horn among the nations. Sanctify against her the nations. Summon against her the kingdoms of Ararat, Minni and **Ashkenaz**. Commission against her a recruiting officer. Make the horses come up like bristly locusts. (**Jeremiah 51:27**)
- Mentions a kingdom of **Ashkenaz** as allying itself with the kingdoms of Ararat and Minni against Babylon at the time of her downfall **539 B.C.E.** Since Ararat is believed to have been located in the region of Lake Van in Armenia, and Minni, referred to as Mannai in Assyrian inscriptions, is considered to have been Southeast of Lake Van, it is likely that the kingdom of **Ashkenaz** lay near these regions, probably somewhat to the North in the area between the Black Sea and the Caspian Sea.
- The name **Ashkenaz** is considered by archaeologists as equivalent to the Assyrian, *Ashguzai*, which term was evidently applied to the ancient Scythians of the Black Sea and Caspian Sea area. Cuneiform tablets record an alliance between this tribe and the Mannai or Minni, in a revolt against Assyria in the **Seventh Century B.C.E.**