

~BESOR - TORRENT VALLEY OF (71) **(Be'sor)**

- **A torrent valley mentioned only in connection with David's pursuit of the raiding Amalekites who had captured and burned the city of Ziklag.**
- **And it came about while David and his men were coming to Ziklag on the third day, that the Amalekites made a raid on the south and on Ziklag, and they proceeded to strike Ziklag and burn it with fire. (1 Samuel 30:1)**
- **And David kept up the chase, he and four hundred men, but two hundred men that were too tired to pass over the torrent valley of Besor stood still. (1 Samuel 30:10)**
- **At length David came to the two hundred men who had been too tired to go along with David, and whom they had kept sitting by the torrent valley of Besor, and they came out to meet David and to meet the people that were with him. When David came near to the people he began to ask them how they were. (1 Samuel 30:21)**
- **It is evident that the raiders then headed south toward their home territory in the Negeb, but their precise direction of movement is not stated. Hence, the torrent valley of Besor, the point at which 200 of David's army stopped due to exhaustion, cannot be identified with any certainty. Generally, however, it is considered likely to be connected with the Wadi Ghazze, Nahal Besor, a large wadi to the Southwest of Ziklag that empties into the Mediterranean below Gaza.**
- **David's action, following his victory over the Amalekites, in sharing the spoils with those of his warriors who had remained in the valley guarding the baggage, evidently followed the principle stated earlier by Yehowah at**
- **And you must divide the booty in two between those taking part in the battle who went out on the expedition and all the rest of the assembly. (Numbers 31:27)**
- **After the Israelite victory over Midian. David, thereafter, kept this practice set as a regulation and a judicial decision for Israel.**

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- **However, every bad and good-for-nothing man out of the men that had gone with David answered and kept saying; For the reason that they did not go with us, we will give them none of the spoil that we delivered, except to each one his wife and his sons, and let them lead them and go. (1 Samuel 30:22)**
- **But David said; You must not do that way, my brothers, with what Yehowah has given us, in that he safeguarded us and gave the marauder band that came against us into our hand. (1 Samuel 30:23)**
- **And who will listen to you as to this saying? For as the share of the one that went down into the battle even so will the share of the one that sat by the baggage be. All will have a share together. (1 Samuel 30:24)**
- **And it came about from that day forward that he kept it set as a regulation and a judicial decision for Israel down to this day. (1 Samuel 30:25)**