

~**BETHLEHEMITE (29)**

**(Beth'le-hem-ite) [Of, or belonging to Bethlehem]**

- An inhabitant of **Bethlehem**. In three of its four occurrences in the Bible, **Bethlehemite** is applied to Jesse, David's father.
- Eventually Yehowah said to Samuel; For how long will you be mourning for Saul, while I, on the other hand, have rejected him from ruling as king over Israel? Fill your horn with oil and go. I shall send you to Jesse the **Bethlehemite**, because I have provided among his sons a king for myself. (**1 Samuel 16:1**)
- And one of the attendants proceeded to answer and say; Look! I have seen how a son of Jesse the **Bethlehemite** is skilled at playing, and he is a valiant, mighty man and a man of war and an intelligent speaker and a well-formed man, and Yehowah is with him. (**1 Samuel 16:18**)
- Saul now said to him; Whose son are you, boy? To which David said; The son of your servant Jesse the **Bethlehemite**. (**1 Samuel 17:58**)
- And war arose once again with the Philistines at Gob, and Elhanan the son of Jaare-oregim the **Bethlehemite** got to strike down Goliath the Gittite, the shaft of whose spear was like the beam of loom workers. (**2 Samuel 21:19**)