

~BIRZAITH (44)
(Bir'za-ith)

- **A name in the genealogy of Asher of the family of Malchiel.**
- **The sons of Asher were Imnah and Ishvah and Ishvi and Beriah, and Serah was their sister. (1 Chronicles 7:30)**
- **And the sons of Beriah were Heber and Malchiel, who was the father of Birzaith. (1 Chronicles 7:31)**
- **Because Birzaith is the only name of those listed in;**
- **The sons of Asher were Imnah and Ishvah and Ishvi and Beriah, and Serah was their sister. (1 Chronicles 7:30)**
- **And the sons of Beriah were Heber and Malchiel, who was the father of Birzaith. (1 Chronicles 7:31)**
- **That is not found in the parallel genealogical record of;**
- **And the sons of Asher were Imnah and Ishvah and Ishvi and Beriah, and there was Serah their sister. And the sons of Beriah were Heber and Malchiel. (Genesis 46:17)**
- **Some consider Birzaith to refer to a site around which the descendants of Malchiel settled, or they think it was an area in which Malchiel was a chief inhabitant, even as Shobal is spoken of as the father of Kiriath-jearim and Salma as the father of Bethlehem.**
- **Salma the father of Bethlehem, Hareph the father of Beth-gader. (1 Chronicles 2:51)**
- **And Shobal the father of Kiriath-jearim came to have sons, Haroeh, half of the Menuhoth. (1 Chronicles 2:52)**
- **Supposing Birzaith to have been the name of a place, some would identify it with Birzeit, about 21 kilometers (13 miles) North-Northwest of Jerusalem, but, despite the similarity of the names, Birzeit's location near the southern border of Ephraim, instead of in the territory of Asher, does not lend support to such an identification.**

