

~DIBLAH (60)
(Dib'lah)

- **A site mentioned at;**
- **And I will stretch out my hand against them and make the land a desolate waste, even a desolation worse than the wilderness toward **Diblah**, in all their dwelling places. And they will have to know that I am Yehowah. (**Ezekiel 6:14**)**
- **When recording Yehowah's prophecy of the desolation to come upon the land of Israel as recompense for its idolatrous worship.**
- **Any ancient location by this name is unknown, and most modern scholars, therefore, hold that **Diblah** is a copyists error for **Riblah**, the initial Hebrew letter for R being easily mistaken for the Hebrew letter for D. If this is the case, it may be identified with the Biblical **Riblah** whose ruins are near to modern **Ribleh**, at the Orontes River, in the land of Hamath.**
- **And Pharaoh Nechoh got to put him in bonds at **Riblah** in the land of Hamath, to keep him from reigning in Jerusalem, and then imposed a fine upon the land of a hundred silver talents and a gold talent. (**2 Kings 23:33**)**
- **And the wilderness toward **Diblah**, **Riblah**, could have reference to the gravelly unbroken plain of the Syrian Desert that lies to the South and Southeast of **Riblah**. Some translators, however, render Ezekiel's words to read from the wilderness to **Riblah**. **RS****
- **According to such rendering, the meaning might be that Yehowah's judgment would extend from the wilderness, the Promised Lands traditional southern boundary.**
- **And I will fix your boundary from the Red Sea to the sea of the Philistines and from the wilderness to the River, because I shall give into your hand the inhabitants of the land, and you will certainly drive them out from before yourself. (**Exodus 23:31**)**
- **To the region of Hamath, represented by **Riblah**, far to the north.**
- **And Solomon proceeded to carry on at that time the festival, and**

all Israel with him, a great congregation from the entering in of Hamath down to the torrent valley of Egypt, before Yehowah our God seven days and another seven days, fourteen days. (1 Kings 8:65)

- **Ezekiel's use of such a phrase would then be the equivalent of the better known from Dan down to Beer-sheba.**
- **Consequently all the sons of Israel went out and the assembly congregated themselves as one man, from Dan down to Beer-sheba along with the land of Gilead, to Yehowah at Mizpah. (Judges 20:1)**

See Also RIBLAH 2