

~EPHAI (67)

(E'phai) [Flying Creature]

- **A Netophathite.**
- So they came to Gedaliah at Mizpah, even Ishmael the son of Nethaniah and Johanan and Jonathan, the sons of Kareah, and Seraiah the son of Tanhumeth and the sons of **Ephai** the Netophathite and Jezaniah the son of the Maacathite, they and their men. (**Jeremiah 40:8**)
- **Of the tribe of Judah.**
- These became the sons of Caleb. The sons of Hur the firstborn of Ephrathah, Shobal the father of Kiriath-jearim. (**1 Chronicles 2:50**)
- 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**)
- And the families of Kiriath-jearim were the Ithrites and the Puthites and the Shumathites and the Mishraites. It was from these that the Zorathites and the Eshtaolites came out. (**1 Chronicles 2:53**)
- The sons of Salma were Bethlehem and the **Netophathites**, Atroth-beth-joab and half of the Manahathites, the Zorites. (**1 Chronicles 2:54**)
- **Whose sons were among the chiefs of the military forces who were not taken into Babylonian exile in 607 B.C.E. Ephai's sons and other chiefs of the military forces and their men came to Gedaliah at Mizpah and he, in turn, swore to them that it would go well with them.**
- In time all the chiefs of the military forces who were in the field, they and their men, got to hear that the king of Babylon had commissioned Gedaliah the son of Ahikam over the land and that he had commissioned him over the men and women and little children and some of the lowly people of the land, who had not

been taken into exile in Babylon. (**Jeremiah 40:7**)

- So they came to Gedaliah at Mizpah, even Ishmael the son of Nethaniah and Johanan and Jonathan, the sons of Kareah, and Seraiah the son of Tanhumeth and the sons of **Ephai** the Netophathite and Jezaniah the son of the Maacathite, they and their men. (**Jeremiah 40:8**)
- And Gedaliah the son of Ahikam the son of Shaphan proceeded to swear to them and to their men, saying; Do not be afraid of serving the Chaldeans. Continue dwelling in the land and serve the king of Babylon, and it will go well with you. (**Jeremiah 40:9**)
- Apparently Ishmael murdered the sons of **Ephai** when he killed Gedaliah.
- And all the Jews who happened to be with him, that is, with Gedaliah, in Mizpah, and the Chaldeans who were found there, that is, the men of war, Ishmael struck down. (**Jeremiah 41:3**)