

~GE-HARASHIM (25)

(Ge-har'a-shim) [Valley of Craftsmen]

- **A valley named for the community of craftsmen living there.**
- **As for Meonothai, he became father to Ophrah. As for Seraiah, he became father to Joab the father of **Ge-harashim**, for craftsmen are what they became. (**1 Chronicles 4:14**)**
- **The community was fathered, or founded, by Joab, though evidently not the Joab of David's time. It was settled by Benjamites after the Babylonian exile.**
- **And the sons of Benjamin were from Geba, Michmash and Aija and Bethel and its dependent towns. (**Nehemiah 11:31**)**
- **Lod and Ono, the valley of the craftsmen. (**Nehemiah 11:35**)**
- **Some geographers tentatively locate it at **Wadi esh-Shellal**, a broad valley located a few miles Southeast of **Tel Aviv-Yafo**, others prefer the identification with **Sarafand el-Kharab** to the Southwest of the former.**