

## **~GESHUR 1 (114)** **(Gesh'ur)**

- **An Aramaean kingdom bordering on the Argob region of Bashan, East of the Jordan River. Its northerly neighbor was Maacath. Although Israel's early conquests extended as far as **Geshur**, the region itself was not taken.**
- **Jair the son of Manasseh took all the region of Argob as far as the boundary of the **Geshurites** and the Maacathites, and he proceeded to call those villages of Bashan by his own name, Havvoth-jair, to this day. (**Deuteronomy 3:14**)**
- **Now these are the kings of the land whom the sons of Israel defeated and whose land they then took possession of on the side of the Jordan toward the rising of the sun, from the torrent valley of Arnon up to Mount Hermon and all the Arabah toward the sunrise. (**Joshua 12:1**)**
- **And the territory of Og the king of Bashan, of what was left over of the Rephaim, who dwelt in Ashtaroth and Edrei. (**Joshua 12:4**)**
- **And who ruled in Mount Hermon and in Salecah and in all Bashan, as far as the boundary of the **Geshurites** and the Maacathites, and half of Gilead, to the territory of Sihon the king of Heshbon. (**Joshua 12:5**)**
- **And the sons of Israel did not dispossess the **Geshurites** and the Maacathites, but **Geshur** and Maacath keep dwelling in the midst of Israel down to this day. (**Joshua 13:13**)**
- **It was to **Geshur**, the realm of his maternal grandfather Talmai, that Absalom fled after murdering his half brother Amnon. There he continued in banishment for three years, until he was brought back to Jerusalem by Joab.**
- **Meantime, sons were born to David in Hebron, and his firstborn came to be Amnon by Ahinoam the Jezreelitess. (**2 Samuel 3:2**)**
- **And his second was Chileab by Abigail the wife of Nabal the Carmelite, and the third was Absalom the son of Maacah the daughter of Talmai the king of **Geshur**. (**2 Samuel 3:3**)**

- **Then Absalom commanded his attendants, saying; See, please, that just as soon as Amnon's heart is in a merry mood with wine, and I shall certainly say to you, Strike down Amnon! you must then put him to death. Do not be afraid. Have not I myself commanded you? Be strong and prove yourselves to be valiant men. (2 Samuel 13:28)**
- **And Absalom's attendants proceeded to do to Amnon just as Absalom had commanded, and all the other sons of the king began to rise up and mount each one his mule and take to flight. (2 Samuel 13:29)**
- **And it came about that, while they were on the way, the report itself came to David, saying; Absalom has struck down all the sons of the king, and not one of them has been left over. (2 Samuel 13:30)**
- **At this the king got up and ripped his clothes apart and lay upon the earth, and all his servants were standing by with their garments ripped apart. (2 Samuel 13:31)**
- **However, Jehonadab the son of Shimeah, David's brother, answered and said; Do not let my lord think that it is all the young men the sons of the king that they have put to death, for it is Amnon alone that has died, because at the order of Absalom it has occurred as something appointed from the day that he humiliated Tamar his sister. (2 Samuel 13:32)**
- **And now do not let my lord the king take to his heart the word, saying; All the king's sons themselves have died, but it is Amnon alone that has died. (2 Samuel 13:33)**
- **Meantime, Absalom went running away. Later the young man, the watchman, raised his eyes and saw, and, look! There were many people coming from the road behind him by the mountainside. (2 Samuel 13:34)**
- **At this Jehonadab said to the king; Look! The king's sons themselves have come in. In accord with the word of your servant so it has taken place. (2 Samuel 13:35)**
- **And it came about that, as soon as he finished speaking, here the king's sons themselves came in, and they began to raise their**

voice and weep, and even the king and all his servants wept with a very great weeping. (2 Samuel 13:36)

- As for Absalom, he ran off that he might go to Talmai the son of Ammihud the king of **Geshur**. And David continued to mourn over his son all the days. (2 Samuel 13:37)
- As for Absalom, he ran off and made his way to **Geshur**, and he came to be there three years. (2 Samuel 13:38)
- With that Joab rose up and went to **Geshur** and brought Absalom to Jerusalem. (2 Samuel 14:23)
- For your servant made a solemn vow when I was dwelling in **Geshur** in Syria, saying; If Yehowah will without fail bring me back to Jerusalem, I must also render service to Yehowah. (2 Samuel 15:8)
- At a later period **Geshur** and Syria annexed many Israelite cities East of the Jordan.
- Later **Geshur** and Syria took Havvoth-jair from them, with Kenath and its dependent towns, sixty cities. All these were the sons of Machir the father of Gilead. (1 Chronicles 2:23)