

## ~GITTITE (102)

(Git'tite) [Of, or belonging to, Gath]

- A term often applied to an inhabitant or native of the Philistine city of **Gath**.
- This is the land yet remaining, all the regions of the Philistines and all the Geshurites (**Joshua 13:2**)
- From the branch of the Nile that is in front of Egypt and up to the border of Ekron to the north, it used to be reckoned as belonging to the Canaanites, five axis lords of the Philistines, the Gazites and the Ashdodites, the Ashkelonites, the **Gittites** and the Ekronites, and the Avvim. (**Joshua 13:3**)
- Giant Goliath was a **Gittite**.
- And war arose once again with the Philistines at Gob, and Elhanan the son of Jaare-oregim the Bethlehemite got to strike down Goliath the **Gittite**, the shaft of whose spear was like the beam of loom workers. (**2 Samuel 21:19**)
- And there came to be war again with the Philistines, and Elhanan the son of Jair got to strike down Lahmi the brother of Goliath the **Gittite**, the shaft of whose spear was like the beam of loom workers. (**1 Chronicles 20:5**)
- **Gittites**, including Ittai, called a foreigner and an exile from his home, faithfully stuck with David during his flight at the time of Absalom's rebellion.
- In time an informer came to David, saying; The heart of the men of Israel has come to be behind Absalom. (**2 Samuel 15:13**)
- And all his servants were crossing at his side, and all the Cherethites and all the Pelethites and all the **Gittites**, six hundred men that had followed him from Gath, were crossing before the king's face. (**2 Samuel 15:18**)
- Then the king said to Ittai the **Gittite**; Why should you yourself also go with us? Go back and dwell with the king, for you are a foreigner and, besides, you are an exile from your place. (**2**

### **Samuel 15:19)**

- Yesterday was when you came and today shall I make you wander with us, to go when I am going wherever I am going? Go back and take your brothers back with you, and may Yehowah exercise toward you loving-kindness and trustworthiness! (2 Samuel 15:20)
- But Ittai answered the king and said; As Yehowah is living and as my lord the king is living, in the place where my lord the king may come to be, whether for death or for life, there is where your servant will come to be! (2 Samuel 15:21)
- At that David said to Ittai; Go and cross over. So Ittai the **Gittite** crossed over, and also all his men and all the little ones that were with him. (2 Samuel 15:22)
- Further, David sent one third of the people under the hand of Joab and one third under the hand of Abishai the son of Zeruiah, Joab's brother, and one third under the hand of Ittai the **Gittite**. Then the king said to the people; I myself also shall without fail go out with you. (2 Samuel 18:2)

**See Also GATH**

**See Also ITTAI 1**

- The term **Gittite**, however, is also applied to Obed-edom, in whose home the ark of the covenant temporarily rested.
- And David was not willing to remove the ark of Yehowah to him at the City of David. So David had it carried aside to the house of Obed-edom the **Gittite**. (2 Samuel 6:10)
- And the ark of Yehowah kept dwelling at the house of Obed-edom the **Gittite** three months, and Yehowah kept blessing Obed-edom and all his household. (2 Samuel 6:11)
- And David did not remove the Ark to himself at the City of David, but he carried it aside to the house of Obed-edom the **Gittite**. (1 Chronicles 13:13)
- Some scholars believe he similarly was from Philistine Gath. It seems more likely, however, that Obed-edom was a Levite and may

have been called a **Gittite** because he came from the Levite city of Gath-rimmon.

- And for the families of the sons of Kohath, the Levites who were left over of the sons of Kohath, there came to be by their lot cities out of the tribe of Ephraim. (**Joshua 21:20**)
- And from the tribe of Dan, Elteke and its pasture ground, Gibbethon and its pasture ground. (**Joshua 21:23**)
- Aijalon and its pasture ground, Gath-rimmon and its pasture ground, four cities. (**Joshua 21:24**)

**See Also OBED-EDOM 1**