

~HAVILAH 2 (37)
(Hav'i-lah) [Region of Sand]

- According to;
- And they took up tabernacling from **Havilah** near Shur, which is in front of Egypt, as far as Assyria. In front of all his brothers he settled down. (**Genesis 25:18**)
- The Ishmaelites were tabernacling from **Havilah** near Shur, which is in front of Egypt, as far as Assyria. This would require that **Havilah**, or at least a portion thereof, extend to or near the Sinai Peninsula, in which the Wilderness of Shur likely is located.
- The text evidently shows that the nomadic Ishmaelites ranged from the Sinai Peninsula clear across northern Arabia and into Mesopotamia. Similarly, when King Saul struck down the Amalekites from **Havilah** as far as Shur, which is in front of Egypt
- After that Saul went striking down Amalek from **Havilah** as far as Shur, which is in front of Egypt. (**1 Samuel 15:7**)
- It would appear that the expression from **Havilah** points to a portion, probably the Northwest corner, of the Arabian Peninsula as representing one limit of the territory in which the Amalekites were centered, while the Wilderness of Shur in the Sinai Peninsula represented the other limit, or as expressed in *The Interpreter's Dictionary of the Bible*, from the desert interior of the North Arabian Nejd to the region North of modern Suez in Egypt. [Edited by G. A. Buttrick, 1962, Vol. 1, p. 101]
- Thus, it would appear that it embraced at least the Northwest portion of the Arabian Peninsula and perhaps a much larger area.

See Also SHUR