

~HOBAB (134)

(Ho'bab) [possibly, Cherished]

- **Moses brother-in-law, son of Reuel or Jethro and a Midianite, of the tribe of Kenites.**
- **Then Moses said to **Hobab** the son of Reuel the Midianite, the father-in-Law of Moses; We are pulling away for the place about which Yehowah said; I shall give it to you. Do come with us, and we shall certainly do good to you, because Yehowah has spoken good concerning Israel. (**Numbers 10:29**)**
- **And Moses became a shepherd of the flock of Jethro, the priest of Midian, whose son-in-law he was. While he was driving the flock to the west side of the wilderness, he came at length to the mountain of the true God, to Horeb. (**Exodus 3:1**)**
- **And the sons of the Kenite, whose son-in-law Moses was, came up out of the city of palm trees with the sons of Judah to the wilderness of Judah, which is to the south of Arad. Then they went and took up dwelling with the people. (**Judges 1:16**)**
- **When the time came for the Israelites to move from the region of Mount Sinai toward the Promised Land, Moses requested that **Hobab** accompany them to serve as eyes, or as a scout, for the nation because of his familiarity with the area.**
- **Although **Hobab** declined at first, apparently he did accompany the Israelites, for his descendants, the Kenites, took up dwelling in the Wilderness of Judah to the South of Arad and are mentioned as still living in that area in the time of Saul and David.**
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- **But he said to him; I shall not go along, but I shall go to my own country and to my relatives. (**Numbers 10:30**)**
- **At this he said; Please, do not leave us, because, for the reason**

that you well know where we may encamp in the wilderness, you must serve as eyes for us. (**Numbers 10:31**)

- And it must occur that in case you should come with us, yes, it must occur that with what goodness Yehowah will do good with us, we, in turn, will do good to you. (**Numbers 10:32**)
- And the sons of the Kenite, whose son-in-law Moses was, came up out of the city of palm trees with the sons of Judah to the wilderness of Judah, which is to the south of Arad. Then they went and took up dwelling with the people. (**Judges 1:16**)
- Meanwhile Saul said to the Kenites; Go, depart, go down from the midst of the Amalekites, that I may not sweep you away with them. As for you, you exercised loving-kindness with all the sons of Israel at the time of their coming up out of Egypt. So the Kenites departed from the midst of Amalek. (**1 Samuel 15:6**)
- Then Achish said; Where did you men make a raid today? To this David said; Upon the south of Judah and upon the south of the Jerahmeelites and upon the south of the Kenites. (**1 Samuel 27:10**)
- When David came to Ziklag he proceeded to send some of the spoil to the older men of Judah, his friends, saying; Here is a gift blessing for you from the spoil of Yehowah's enemies. (**1 Samuel 30:26**)
- And to those in Racal, and to those in the cities of the Jerahmeelites, and to those in the cities of the Kenites. (**1 Samuel 30:29**)
- The **Masoretic** text of,
- Incidentally Heber the Kenite had separated from the Kenites, the sons of **Hobab**, whose son-in-law Moses was, and he had his tent pitched near the big tree in Zaanannim, which is at Kedesh. (**Judges 4:11**)
- However, identifies **Hobab** as the father-in-Law of Moses. **NW, Yg, Ro, Da, JP, Mo, AT**
- So the one name, **Hobab**, may designate two separate individuals, namely, Moses father-in-law as well as his brother-in-law.

That this is not out of the question is seen by the fact that more than one name is assigned to Moses father-in-law.

- **Now the priest of Midian had seven daughters, and as usual they came and drew water and filled the gutters to water their fathers flock. ([Exodus 2:16](#))**
- **And as usual the shepherds came and drove them away. At this Moses got up and helped the women out and watered their flock. ([Exodus 2:17](#))**
- **So when they came home to Reuel their father he exclaimed; How is it you have come home so quickly today? ([Exodus 2:18](#))**
- **To this they said; A certain Egyptian delivered us out of the hand of the shepherds and, besides, he actually drew water for us that he might water the flock. ([Exodus 2:19](#))**
- **Then he said to his daughters; But where is he? Why is it that you have left the man behind? Call him, that he may eat bread. ([Exodus 2:20](#))**
- **After that Moses showed willingness to dwell with the man, and he gave Zipporah his daughter to Moses. ([Exodus 2:21](#))**
- **Later she bore a son and he called his name Gershom, because, he said; An alien resident I have come to be in a foreign land. ([Exodus 2:22](#))**
- **And Moses became a shepherd of the flock of Jethro, the priest of Midian, whose son-in-law he was. While he was driving the flock to the west side of the wilderness, he came at length to the mountain of the true God, to Horeb. ([Exodus 3:1](#))**
- **On the other hand, if **Hobab** was indeed only the name of the son of Reuel and hence was the name of only the brother-in-Law of Moses, then the reference to Hobab as being Moses father-in-law must mean that Hobab was viewed as the representative of his father Reuel, who was, in that case, likely then dead.**

See Also JETHRO
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