

~HOBAB (37)
(Ho'bah)

- **A site north of Damascus to which Abraham pursued the defeated armies under Chedorlaomer.**
- **After that a man who had escaped came and told Abram the Hebrew. He was then tabernacling among the big trees of Mamre the Amorite, the brother of Eshcol and brother of Aner, and they were confederates of Abram. ([Genesis 14:13](#))**
- **Thus Abram got to hear that his brother had been taken captive. With that he mustered his trained men, three hundred and eighteen slaves born in his household, and went in pursuit up to Dan. ([Genesis 14:14](#))**
- **And by night he resorted to dividing his forces, he and his slaves, against them, and thus he defeated them and kept in pursuit of them up to **Hobab**, which is north of Damascus. ([Genesis 14:15](#))**
- **And he proceeded to recover all the goods, and he recovered also Lot his brother and his goods and also the women and the people. ([Genesis 14:16](#))**
- **Then the king of Sodom went out to meet him after he returned from defeating Chedorlaomer and the kings that were with him, to the Low Plain of Shaveh, that is, the kings Low Plain. ([Genesis 14:17](#))**
- **The Biblical location is associated by certain scholars with Hoba, a spring on the road between Palmyra and Damascus, where at least the ancient name appears to be preserved. **Hoba**, like other large springs near the desert, once may have had a village standing nearby.**