

~HORESH (34)

(Ho'resh) [Wooded Place]

- **A site in the Wilderness of Ziph where David hid from Saul. Here also Jonathan acknowledged David as the next king of Israel, and the two men concluded a covenant of mutual support.**
- **And David continued in fear because Saul had gone out to look for his soul while David was in the wilderness of Ziph at **Horesh**. (1 Samuel 23:15)**
- **Jonathan the son of Saul now rose up and went to David at **Horesh**, that he might strengthen his hand in regard to God. (1 Samuel 23:16)**
- **And he went on to say to him; Do not be afraid, for the hand of Saul my father will not find you, and you yourself will be king over Israel, and I myself shall become second to you, and Saul my father also has knowledge to that effect. (1 Samuel 23:17)**
- **Then the two of them concluded a covenant before Yehowah, and David kept dwelling in **Horesh**, and Jonathan himself went to his own home. (1 Samuel 23:18)**
- **Later the men of Ziph went up to Saul at Gibeah, saying; Is not David concealing himself close by us in the places difficult to approach at **Horesh**, on the hill of Hachilah, which is to the right side of Jeshimon? (1 Samuel 23:19)**
- ****Horesh** is tentatively identified with modern-day **Khirbet Khoreisa**, about 9 kilometers (5.5 miles) South-Southeast of Hebron.**