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(I'ra) [Full-Grown Ass]

- A Jairite listed among King David's leading officers as, a priest of David.
- And **Ira** the Jairite also became a priest of David. (**2 Samuel 20:26**)
- **Ira** perhaps was a descendant of the Jair mentioned at;
- And Jair the son of Manasseh marched and went capturing their tent villages, and he began to call them Havvoth-jair. (**Numbers 32:41**)
- And therefore, in this case the designation priest may signify chief minister, prince. There is no Biblical evidence that the Jairites were Levites. However, if the reading of the **Syriac Peshitta** is correct, **Ira** may have been a priest from the Levite city of Jattir, Jathir.
- And Benaiah the son of Jehoiada was over the Cherethites and the Pelethites. As for the sons of David, they became priests. (**2 Samuel 8:18**)
- And to the sons of Aaron they gave the cities of refuge, Hebron, and Libnah with its pasture grounds and Jattir and Eshtemoa with its pasture grounds. (**1 Chronicles 6:57**)
- And Benaiah the son of Jehoiada was over the Cherethites and the Pelethites, and the sons of David were the first in position at the side of the king. (**1 Chronicles 18:17**)