

~JERAHMEELITES (86)

(Je-rah'me-el-ites) [Of, or belonging to, Jerahmeel]

- The descendants of Judah through **Jerahmeel** son of Hezron.
- And Tamar his daughter-in-law it was that bore to him Perez and Zerah. All the sons of Judah were five. (**1 Chronicles 2:4**)
- And the sons of Hezron that were born to him were Jerahmeel and Ram and Chelubai. (**1 Chronicles 2:9**)
- And the sons of Jonathan were Peleth and Zaza. These became the sons of **Jerahmeel**. (**1 Chronicles 2:33**)
- And the sons of Caleb the brother of **Jerahmeel** were Mesha his firstborn, who was the father of Ziph, and the sons of Mareshah the father of Hebron. (**1 Chronicles 2:42**)
- And the sons of **Jerahmeel** the firstborn of Hezron were Ram the firstborn and Bunah and Oren and Ozem, Ahijah. (**1 Chronicles 2:25**)
- And **Jerahmeel** came to have another wife, whose name was Atarah. She was the mother of Onam. (**1 Chronicles 2:26**)
- And the sons of Ram the firstborn of Jerahmeel came to be Maaz and Jamin and Eker. (**1 Chronicles 2:27**)
- The **Jerahmeelites** lived in the southern part of Judah, apparently in the same general region as the Amalekites, Geshurites, and Girzites whom David raided while residing among the Philistines as a fugitive from King Saul.
- When returning from such raids, David would ambiguously report that these raids had been made, upon the south of Judah and upon the south of the Jerahmeelites and upon the south of the Kenites.
- Philistine King Achish, therefore, assumed that David had raided Israelites, thus making himself a stench to his countrymen and enhancing his value to Achish.
- And the number of the days that David dwelt in the countryside

of the Philistines came to be a year and four months. (1 Samuel 27:7)

- And David proceeded to go up with his men that they might raid the Geshurites and the Girzites and the Amalekites, for they were inhabiting the land that extended from Telam as far as Shur and down to the land of Egypt. (1 Samuel 27:8)
- And David struck the land, but he preserved neither man nor woman alive, and he took flocks and herds and asses and camels and garments, after which he returned and came to Achish. (1 Samuel 27:9)
- 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)
- As for man and woman, David was not preserving any alive to bring them to Gath, saying; That they may not tell on us, saying; This is the way David did. And this way has been his procedure all the days that he dwelt in the countryside of the Philistines. (1 Samuel 27:11)
- Consequently Achish believed David, saying to himself; He has unquestionably become a stench among his people Israel, and he will have to become my servant to time indefinite. (1 Samuel 27:12)
- In reality, David later shared spoils of war with the older men, in the cities of the **Jerahmeelites**.
- 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)