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(Lib'nah) [from a root meaning white, or, possibly, storax tree]

- A royal Canaanite city taken by Joshua before the conquest of Lachish.
- Then Joshua and all Israel with him passed on from Makkedah to Libnah and warred against Libnah. (Joshua 10:29)
- Accordingly Yehowah gave it also and its king into Israel's hand, and they went striking it and every soul that was in it with the edge of the sword. They did not let a survivor remain in it. So they did to its king just as they had done to the king of Jericho. (Joshua 10:30)
- Next Joshua and all Israel with him passed on from Libnah to Lachish and went camping against it and warring upon it. (Joshua 10:31)
- Accordingly Yehowah gave Lachish into Israel's hand so that they captured it on the second day, and they went striking it and every soul that was in it with the edge of the sword, according to all that they had done to Libnah. (Joshua 10:32)
- And he got to capture it and its king and all its towns, and they went striking them with the edge of the sword and devoting every soul that was in it to destruction. He did not let a survivor remain. Just as he had done to Hebron, so he did to Debir and its king, and just as he had done to Libnah and its king. (Joshua 10:39)
- The king of Libnah, one. The king of Adullam, one. (Joshua 12:15)
- Libnah was one of the cities in the territory of Judah given to the sons of Aaron.
- And the cities at the extremity of the tribe of the sons of Judah toward the boundary of Edom in the south came to be Kabzeel and Eder and Jagur. (Joshua 15:21)
- Libnah and Ether and Ashan. (Joshua 15:42)

- And to the sons of Aaron the priest they gave the city of refuge for the manslayer, namely, Hebron, and its pasture ground, also **Libnah** and its pasture ground. (**Joshua 21:13**)
- 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**)
- Centuries later King Josiah's father-in-law lived there.
- Twenty-three years old was Jehoahaz when he began to reign, and for three months he reigned in Jerusalem. And his mother's name was Hamutal the daughter of Jeremiah from **Libnah**. (**2 Kings 23:31**)
- Twenty-one years old was Zedekiah when he began to reign, and for eleven years he reigned in Jerusalem. And his mother's name was Hamutal the daughter of Jeremiah from **Libnah**. (**2 Kings 24:18**)
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- At the time of the Edomite revolt in the **Tenth Century B.C.E**, **Libnah** also rebelled against Judean King Jehoram.
- But Edom kept up its revolt from under the hand of Judah down to this day. It was then that **Libnah** began to revolt at that time. (**2 Kings 8:22**)
- But Edom kept up its revolt from under the hand of Judah down to this day. It was then that **Libnah** began to revolt at the same time from under his hand, because he had left Yehowah the God of his forefathers. (**2 Chronicles 21:10**)
- In **732 B.C.E**, Assyrian King Sennacherib's army moved from Lachish to **Libnah**. He had sent a military detachment from Lachish to threaten Jerusalem.
- While at **Libnah**, the Assyrians received reports that Tirhakah the king of Ethiopia intended to fight them. Therefore, Sennacherib, to

encourage Jerusalem's surrender, sent messengers a second time with intimidating letters to Hezekiah the king of Judah.

- **Subsequently Yehowah's angel slew 185,000 of the Assyrian host, apparently still encamped near Libnah.**
- **After that Rabshakeh returned and found the king of Assyria fighting against **Libnah**, for he had heard that he had pulled away from Lachish. (**2 Kings 19:8**)**
- **He heard it said respecting Tirhakah the king of Ethiopia; Here he has come out to fight against you. Therefore he sent messengers again to Hezekiah, saying; (**2 Kings 19:9**)**
- **This is what you men should say to Hezekiah the king of Judah, Do not let your God in whom you are trusting deceive you, saying; Jerusalem will not be given into the hand of the king of Assyria. (**2 Kings 19:10**)**
- **Look! You yourself have heard what the kings of Assyria did to all the lands by devoting them to destruction, and will you yourself be delivered? (**2 Kings 19:11**)**
- **Have the gods of the nations that my forefathers brought to ruin delivered them, even Gozan and Haran and Rezeph and the sons of Eden that were in Tel-assar? (**2 Kings 19:12**)**
- **Where is he, the king of Hamath and the king of Arpad and the king of the cities of Sepharvaim, Hena and Ivvah? (**2 Kings 19:13**)**
- **Then Hezekiah took the letters out of the hand of the messengers and read them, after which Hezekiah went up to the house of Yehowah and spread it out before Yehowah. (**2 Kings 19:14**)**
- **And Hezekiah began to pray before Yehowah and say; O Yehowah the God of Israel, sitting upon the cherubs, you alone are the true God of all the kingdoms of the earth. You yourself have made the heavens and the earth. (**2 Kings 19:15**)**
- **Incline your ear, O Yehowah, and hear. Open your eyes, O Yehowah, and see, and hear the words of Sennacherib that he has sent to taunt the living God. (**2 Kings 19:16**)**

- **It is a fact, O Yehowah, the kings of Assyria have devastated the nations and their land. (2 Kings 19:17)**
- **And they have consigned their gods to the fire, because they were no gods, but the workmanship of man's hands, wood and stone, so that they destroyed them. (2 Kings 19:18)**
- **And now, O Yehowah our God, save us, please, out of his hand, that all the kingdoms of the earth may know that you, O Yehowah, are God alone. (2 Kings 19:19)**
- **And Isaiah the son of Amoz proceeded to send to Hezekiah, saying; This is what Yehowah the God of Israel has said; The prayer that you have made to me concerning Sennacherib the king of Assyria I have heard. (2 Kings 19:20)**
- **This is the word that Yehowah has spoken against him; The virgin daughter of Zion has despised you, she has held you in derision. Behind you the daughter of Jerusalem has wagged her head. (2 Kings 19:21)**
- **Whom have you taunted and spoken of abusively? And against whom have you lifted up your voice and do you raise your eyes on high? It is against the Holy One of Israel! (2 Kings 19:22)**
- **By means of your messengers you have taunted Yehowah and you say; With the multitude of my war chariots I myself, I shall certainly ascend the height of mountainous regions, the remotest parts of Lebanon, and I shall cut down its lofty cedars, its choice juniper trees. And I will enter its final lodging place, the forest of its orchard. (2 Kings 19:23)**
- **I myself shall certainly dig and drink strange waters, and I shall dry up with the soles of my feet all the Nile canals of Egypt. (2 Kings 19:24)**
- **Have you not heard? From remote times it is what I will do. From bygone days I have even formed it. Now I will bring it in. And you will serve to make fortified cities desolate as piles of ruins. (2 Kings 19:25)**
- **And their inhabitants will be feeble-handed, they will simply be terrified and will be ashamed. They must become as vegetation of the field and green tender grass, grass of the roofs, when**

there is a scorching before the east wind. (2 Kings 19:26)

- And your sitting quiet and your going out and your coming in I well know, and your exciting yourself against me. (2 Kings 19:27)
- Because your exciting yourself against me and your roaring have come up into my ears. And I shall certainly put my hook in your nose and my bridle between your lips, and I shall indeed lead you back by the way by which you have come. (2 Kings 19:28)
- And this will be the sign for you. There will be an eating this year of the growth from spilled kernels, and in the second year grain that shoots up of itself, but in the third year sow seed, you people, and reap and plant vineyards and eat their fruitage. (2 Kings 19:29)
- And those who escape of the house of Judah, those who are left, will certainly take root downward and produce fruitage upward. (2 Kings 19:30)
- For out of Jerusalem a remnant will go forth, and those who escape from Mount Zion. The very zeal of Yehowah of armies will do this. (2 Kings 19:31)
- That is why this is what Yehowah has said concerning the king of Assyria. He will not come into this city nor will he shoot an arrow there nor confront it with a shield nor cast up a siege rampart against it. (2 Kings 19:32)
- By the way by which he proceeded to come, he will return, and into this city he will not come, is the utterance of Yehowah. (2 Kings 19:33)
- And I shall certainly defend this city to save it for my own sake and for the sake of David my servant. (2 Kings 19:34)
- And it came about on that night that the angel of Yehowah proceeded to go out and strike down a hundred and eighty-five thousand in the camp of the Assyrians. When people rose up early in the morning, why, there all of them were dead carcasses. (2 Kings 19:35)
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- **Tell es-Safi** has been suggested as a possible identification of ancient **Libnah**. However, since the weight of evidence points to identifying **Tell es-Safi** with Gath, contemporary scholars tend to identify Libnah with **Tell Bornat**, **Tel Burena**, about 8 kilometers (5 miles) North-Northeast of Lachish