~MADMEN (24)

(Mad'men) [possibly from a root meaning, manure]

- Seemingly a place in Moab foretold to suffer calamity by sword.
- No more is there any praise of Moab. In Heshbon they have thought out against her a calamity. Come, men, and let us cut her off from being a nation. You, too, O Madmen, should keep silent. After you there walks a sword. (Jeremiah 48:2)
- You, too, O Madmen, should keep silent, translates the Hebrew phrase *gam-madh-men' tid-dom'mi*. Many scholars believe that the initial meters in *madh-men'*, Madmen, was inadvertently repeated from the previous word, *gam*.
- Without the initial *m*, the consonants of Madmen correspond to those of Dimon, and therefore, Madmen is often considered to be the same as Dimon, possibly, Dimna, about 10 kilometers [6 miles] North of Karak. However, perhaps Madmen does not designate an actual location, since the renderings of the Greek Septuagint, Syriac Peshitta, and Latin Vulgate suggest that the ancient Hebrew text read, Yes, you Moab shall be utterly brought to silence.