

~**MASSA (75)**  
**(Mas'sa)**

- **A descendant of Abraham through Ishmael.**
- **And this is the history of Ishmael the son of Abraham whom Hagar the Egyptian the maidservant of Sarah bore to Abraham. (Genesis 25:12)**
- **Now these are the names of the sons of Ishmael, by their names, according to their family origins, Ishmael's firstborn Nebaioth and Kedar and Adbeel and Mibsam (Genesis 25:13)**
- **And Mishma and Dumah and **Massa**. (Genesis 25:14)**
- **These are their family origins, Ishmael's firstborn Nebaioth and Kedar and Adbeel and Mibsam. (1 Chronicles 1:29)**
- **Mishma and Dumah, **Massa**, Hadad and Tema. (1 Chronicles 1:30)**
- ****Massa's** offspring probably settled somewhere in North Arabia. In the annals of Tiglath-pileser III, Mas'a, may be the Biblical Massa. It is mentioned along with Tema and other locations in North Arabia.**
- **[Ancient Near Eastern Texts, edited by J. Pritchard, 1974, p. 283] **Massa** has been linked with the *Ma-sa-noi* located by Greek geographer Ptolemy **Second Century C.E.** as Northeast of Dumah, the Dumat al-Ghandal area in North Arabia.**
- **The **Hebrew** word *mas-sa* ' is also found at;**
- **The words of Agur the son of Jakeh, **the weighty message**. The utterance of the able-bodied man to Ithiel, to Ithiel and Ucal. (Proverbs 30:1)**
- **With the definite article *ha* and at;**
- **The words of Lemuel the king, **the weighty message** that his mother gave to him in correction. (Proverbs 31:1)**

- Without an article. This has given rise to the renderings Agur son of Jakeh, of **Massa** and Lemuel king of **Massa**. AT, JB, Ro, RS or their alternate readings
- However, Agur and Lemuel evidently were Israelites, and therefore, *mas-sa* ' is appropriately translated, **oracle**, **AS**, **declaration** **Yg**, and **weighty message**. NW
- Every saying of God is refined. He is a shield to those taking refuge in him. (**Proverbs 30:5**)
- That I may not become satisfied and I actually deny you and say; Who is Yehowah? And that I may not come to poverty and I actually steal and assail the name of my God. (**Proverbs 30:9**)
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- The sayings of Yehowah are pure sayings, as silver refined in a smelting furnace of earth, clarified seven times. (**Psalms 12:6**)
- What, then, is the superiority of the Jew, or what is the benefit of the circumcision? (**Romans 3:1**)
- A great deal in every way. First of all, because they were entrusted with the sacred pronouncements of God. (**Romans 3:2**)