

~MEPHIBOSHETH 1 (101)
(Me-phib'o-sheth)

- **One of King Saul's two sons by Rizpah the daughter of Aiah.**
- **Consequently the king took the two sons of Rizpah the daughter of Aiah whom she bore to Saul, Armoni and **Mephibosheth**, and the five sons of Michal the daughter of Saul whom she bore to Adriel the son of Barzillai the Meholathite. (2 Samuel 21:8)**
- **He was among the seven descendants of Saul that David gave to the Gibeonites to atone for Saul's attempt to annihilate them. The Gibeonites exposed **Mephibosheth** and the six other members of Saul's household on the mountain before Yehowah, after putting them to death in the first days of harvest, at the start of the barley harvest.**
- **Hence Yehowah said to Moses; Take all the head ones of the people and expose them to Yehowah toward the sun, that the burning anger of Yehowah may turn back from Israel. (Numbers 25:4)**
- **However, Rizpah acted to keep the fowls and wild beasts away from them, and David later had their bones gathered and buried with those of Saul and Jonathan in the burial place of Kish.**
- **Now there came to be a famine in the days of David for three years, year after year, and David proceeded to consult the face of Yehowah. Then Yehowah said; Upon Saul and upon his house there is bloodguilt, because he put the Gibeonites to death. (2 Samuel 21:1)**
- **And David went on to say to the Gibeonites; What shall I do to you, and with what shall I make atonement, that you may certainly bless the inheritance of Yehowah? (2 Samuel 21:3)**
- **So the Gibeonites said to him; It is not a matter of silver or gold for us in connection with Saul and his household, neither is it ours to put a man to death in Israel. At that he said; Whatever you are saying I shall do for you. (2 Samuel 21:4)**
- **At this they said to the king; The man that exterminated us and that schemed to annihilate us from subsisting in any of the**

territory of Israel. (2 Samuel 21:5)

- Let there be given to us seven men of his sons, and we must expose them to Yehowah in Gibeah of Saul, the chosen one of Yehowah. Accordingly the king said; I myself shall give them. (2 Samuel 21:6)
- However, the king felt compassion upon **Mephibosheth** the son of Jonathan the son of Saul on account of the oath of Yehowah that was between them, between David and Jonathan the son of Saul. (2 Samuel 21:7)
- Consequently the king took the two sons of Rizpah the daughter of Aiah whom she bore to Saul, Armoni and **Mephibosheth**, and the five sons of Michal the daughter of Saul whom she bore to Adriel the son of Barzillai the Meholathite. (2 Samuel 21:8)
- Then he gave them into the hand of the Gibeonites and they proceeded to expose them on the mountain before Yehowah, so that the seven of them fell together, and they themselves were put to death in the first days of harvest, at the start of the barley harvest. (2 Samuel 21:9)
- However, Rizpah the daughter of Aiah took sackcloth and spread it for herself upon the rock from the start of harvest until water poured down upon them from the heavens, and she did not allow the fowls of the heavens to rest upon them by day nor the wild beasts of the field by night. (2 Samuel 21:10)
- At length it was reported to David what Rizpah the daughter of Aiah, Saul's concubine, had done. (2 Samuel 21:11)
- So David went and took the bones of Saul and the bones of Jonathan his son from the landowners of Jabesh-gilead, who had stolen them from the public square of Beth-shan, where the Philistines had hanged them on the day that the Philistines struck down Saul on Gilboa. (2 Samuel 21:12)
- And he proceeded to bring up from there the bones of Saul and the bones of Jonathan his son, furthermore, they gathered the bones of the men being exposed. (2 Samuel 21:13)
- Then they buried the bones of Saul and of Jonathan his son in the land of Benjamin in Zela in the burial place of Kish his father,

that they might do everything that the king had commanded. So God let himself be entreated for the land after this. (2 Samuel 21:14)

- **And the Philistines came to have war again with Israel. Accordingly David and his servants with him went down and fought the Philistines, and David grew tired. (2 Samuel 21:15)**