~MERIB-BAAL (52)
(Mer'ib-ba'al) [possibly, Contender Against Baal, or, Baal Makes a Legal Defense]

· **Grandson of King Saul, son of Jonathan, and the father of Micah.**

· **As for Ner, he became father to Kish. Kish, in turn, became father to Saul. Saul, in turn, became father to Jonathan and Malchi-shua and Abinadab and Eshbaal. (1 Chronicles 8:33)**

· **And Jonathan's son was Merib-baal. As for Merib-baal, he became father to Micah. (1 Chronicles 8:34)**

· **This is apparently another name for Mephibosheth. Other persons also had two names, such as Eshbaal, also called Ish-bosheth.**

· **As for Abner the son of Ner the chief of the army that had belonged to Saul, he took Ish-bosheth, Saul's son, and proceeded to bring him across to Mahanaim. (2 Samuel 2:8)**

· **As for Ner, he became father to Kish. Kish, in turn, became father to Saul. Saul, in turn, became father to Jonathan and Malchi-shua and Abinadab and Eshbaal. (1 Chronicles 8:33)**

· **The name Merib-baal is found in two somewhat different Hebrew forms, *Meriv' ba'`al* and *Meri-va''al*, at;**

· **And the son of Jonathan was Merib-baal. As for Merib-baal, he became father to Micah. (1 Chronicles 9:40)**

· **The first form is also used at;**

· **And Jonathan's son was Merib-baal. As for Merib-baal, he became father to Micah. (1 Chronicles 8:34)**

· **Indicating similar identity is the fact that Mephibosheth had a boy named Mica and Merib-baal had a son named Micah.**

· **Now Mephibosheth had a young son whose name was Mica, and all those dwelling in the house of Ziba were servants to Mephibosheth. (2 Samuel 9:12)**

- **And the son of Jonathan was Merib-baal. As for Merib-baal, he became father to Micah. (1 Chronicles 9:40)**

- **The forms, Mica and Micah, are due merely to a slight variation in the Hebrew spelling of these names.**