

~MIDIAN 3 (171)

(Mid'i-an)[Midianites, Mid'i-an-ites, Of, or belonging to, Midian]

- The territory occupied by the **Midianites** was known as **Midian** or the land of **Midian**.
- So they rose up out of **Midian** and came into Paran and took men with them from Paran and came into Egypt to Pharaoh the king of Egypt, who then gave him a house. Also, bread he assigned to him, and land he gave him. (**1 Kings 11:18**)
- Under what is hurtful I saw the tents of Cushan. The tent cloths of the land of **Midian** began to be agitated. (**Habakkuk 3:7**)
- It is generally agreed that the descendants of **Midian** established themselves mainly in the Northwest part of Arabia just East of the Gulf of `Aqaba.
- But the extent of their landholdings is uncertain and must have varied in the course of their history. During Moses lifetime many Midianites were apparently living near Moabite territory and in the vicinity of the region controlled by Amorite King Sihon.
- And Moab proceeded to say to the older men of **Midian**; Now this congregation will lick up all our surroundings like the bull licking up the green growth of the field. And Balak the son of Zippor was king of Moab at that particular time. (**Numbers 22:4**)
- And they killed the kings of **Midian** along with the others slain, namely, Evi and Rekem and Zur and Hur and Reba, the five kings of **Midian**, and they killed Balaam the son of Beor with the sword. (**Numbers 31:8**)
- But the sons of Israel carried off the women of **Midian** and their little ones captive, and all their domestic animals and all their livestock and all their means of maintenance they plundered. (**Numbers 31:9**)
- And all their cities in which they had settled and all their walled camps they burned with fire. (**Numbers 31:10**)
- And they went taking all the spoil and all the booty in the way of

human's and domestic animals. (**Numbers 31:11**)

- And they came bringing to Moses and Eleazar the priest and to the assembly of the sons of Israel the captives and the booty and the spoil, to the camp, to the desert plains of Moab, which are by the Jordan at Jericho. (**Numbers 31:12**)
- And all the cities of the tableland and all the royal realm of Sihon the king of the Amorites, who reigned in Heshbon, and whom Moses struck, together with the chieftains of **Midian**, Evi and Rekem and Zur and Hur and Reba, the dukes of Sihon, who were dwelling in the land. (**Joshua 13:21**)
- Moses himself spent about 40 years in the land of **Midian**. There he married Zipporah, one of the seven daughters of Jethro the priest of **Midian**. By her he had two sons, Gershom and Eliezer.
- Moses work as a shepherd for his father-in-law took him to the mountainous area around Horeb, suggesting that he resided in the vicinity of the Gulf of `Aqaba. However, whether the region around Horeb was then a part of **the land of Midian** cannot be determined.
- Subsequently Pharaoh got to hear of this thing, and he attempted to kill Moses, but Moses ran away from Pharaoh that he might dwell in the land of **Midian**, and he took a seat by a well. (**Exodus 2:15**)
- Now the priest of **Midian** had seven daughters, and as usual they came and drew water and filled the gutters to water their fathers flock. (**Exodus 2:16**)
- And as usual the shepherds came and drove them away. At this Moses got up and helped the women out and watered their flock. (**Exodus 2:17**)
- So when they came home to Reuel their father he exclaimed; How is it you have come home so quickly today? (**Exodus 2:18**)
- To this they said; A certain Egyptian delivered us out of the hand of the shepherds and, besides, he actually drew water for us that he might water the flock. (**Exodus 2:19**)
- Then he said to his daughters; But where is he? Why is it that you have left the man behind? Call him, that he may eat bread.

(Exodus 2:20)

- After that Moses showed willingness to dwell with the man, and he gave Zipporah his daughter to Moses. **(Exodus 2:21)**
- Later she bore a son and he called his name Gershom, because, he said; An alien resident I have come to be in a foreign land. **(Exodus 2:22)**
- And Moses became a shepherd of the flock of Jethro, the priest of **Midian**, whose son-in-law he was. While he was driving the flock to the west side of the wilderness, he came at length to the mountain of the true God, to Horeb. **(Exodus 3:1)**
- Accordingly Moses went and returned to Jethro his father-in-law and said to him; I want to go, please, and return to my brothers who are in Egypt that I may see whether they are still alive. So Jethro said to Moses; Go in peace. **(Exodus 4:18)**
- After that Yehowah said to Moses in **Midian**; Go, return to Egypt, because all the men who were hunting for your soul are dead. **(Exodus 4:19)**
- Then Moses took his wife and his sons and made them ride on an ass, and he proceeded to return to the land of Egypt. Moreover, Moses took the rod of the true God in his hand. **(Exodus 4:20)**
- Now Jethro the priest of **Midian**, Moses father-in-law, got to hear about all that God had done for Moses and for Israel his people, how Yehowah had brought Israel out of Egypt. **(Exodus 18:1)**
- So Jethro, Moses father-in-law, took Zipporah, Moses wife, after the sending of her away. **(Exodus 18:2)**
- And her two sons, the name of one of whom was Gershom, because, he said; an alien resident I have come to be in a foreign land. **(Exodus 18:3)**
- And the name of the other was Eliezer, because, to quote him, the God of my father is my helper in that he delivered me from Pharaoh's sword. **(Exodus 18:4)**
- At this speech Moses took to flight and became an alien resident in the land of **Midian**, where he became the father of two sons.

(Acts of Apostles 7:29)

- And when forty years were fulfilled, there appeared to him in the wilderness of Mount Sinai an angel in the fiery flame of a thornbush. **(Acts of Apostles 7:30)**
- It seems that at a later time Edom was at least in part referred to as **Midian**.
- And Yehowah began to raise up a resister to Solomon, namely, Hadad the Edomite of the offspring of the king. He was in Edom. **(1 Kings 11:14)**
- And it came about when David struck down Edom, when Joab the chief of the army came up to bury those slain, that he tried to strike down every male in Edom. **(1 Kings 11:15)**
- For it was six months that Joab and all Israel dwelt there until he had cut off every male in Edom. **(1 Kings 11:16)**
- And Hadad went running away, he and some Edomite men of the servants of his father with him, to come into Egypt, while Hadad was a young boy. **(1 Kings 11:17)**
- So they rose up out of **Midian** and came into Paran and took men with them from Paran and came into Egypt to Pharaoh the king of Egypt, who then gave him a house. Also, bread he assigned to him, and land he gave him. **(1 Kings 11:18)**

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