

## ~NAHALIEL (41)

(Na-hal'i-el) [Torrent, or Torrent Valley of God]

- A place where the Israelites encamped not long before their fight with Amorite King Sihon.
- And from Mattanah on to **Nahaliel**, and from Nahaliel on to Bamoth. (**Numbers 21:19**)
- And from Bamoth on to the valley that is in the field of Moab, at the head of Pisgah, and it projects over toward the face of Jeshimon. (**Numbers 21:20**)
- Israel now sent messengers to Sihon the king of the Amorites, saying; (**Numbers 21:21**)
- Let me pass through your land. We shall not turn off into a field or a vineyard. We shall drink water of no well. On the kings road we shall march until we pass through your territory. (**Numbers 21:22**)
- And Sihon did not allow Israel to pass through his territory, but Sihon gathered all his people and went out to meet Israel in the wilderness, and came to Jahaz and began fighting with Israel. (**Numbers 21:23**)
- At that Israel struck him with the edge of the sword and took possession of his land from the Arnon to the Jabbok, near the sons of Ammon, because Jazer is the border of the sons of Ammon. (**Numbers 21:24**)
- **Eusebius Onomasticon** locates it near the Arnon. **Nahaliel** is therefore commonly linked with one of two wadis, the **Wala**, a tributary of the Arnon, and the **Zarqa Ma`** in about 19 kilometers (12 miles) North of the Arnon.
- A location on either of these wadis would fit the suggested identifications for Mattanah and Bamoth, the two Israelite encampments between which Nahaliel apparently lay.