

~NAPHISH (80)

(Na'phish) [possibly from a root meaning soul]

- **The 11th listed of Ishmael's 12 sons.**
- **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](#))**
- **Hadad and Tema, Jetur, **Naphish** and Kedemah. ([Genesis 25:15](#))**
- **These are the sons of Ishmael, and these are their names by their courtyards and by their walled camps, twelve chieftains according to their clans. ([Genesis 25:16](#))**
- **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](#))**
- **Jetur, **Naphish** and Kedemah. These were the sons of Ishmael. ([1 Chronicles 1:31](#))**
- **As chieftain, he also headed an Ishmaelite tribe that took his name and presumably resided in territory bordering on the East or Northeast frontier of the Promised Land.**
- **In the days of Saul, the Israelite tribes of Reuben, Gad, and the half tribe of Manasseh living East of the Jordan successfully made war on the Hagrites and their confederates, including the tribe of **Naphish**, and captured a great quantity of livestock and people.**
- **And in the days of Saul they made war upon the Hagrites, who came to fall by their hand, and so they dwelt in their tents throughout all the country east of Gilead. ([1 Chronicles 5:10](#))**
- **As for the sons of Reuben and the Gadites and the half tribe of Manasseh, of those who were valiant fellows, men carrying shield and sword and bending the bow and trained in war, there were forty-four thousand seven hundred and sixty going out to**

the army. (**1 Chronicles 5:18**)

- And they began to make war upon the Hagrites, and Jetur and **Naphish** and Nodab. (**1 Chronicles 5:19**)
- And they came to be helped against them, so that the Hagrites and all those who were with them were given into their hand, for it was to God that they called for aid in the war, and he let himself be entreated in their favor because they trusted in him. (**1 Chronicles 5:20**)
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- It is possible, as some scholars suggest, that these **Naphish** captives were put to work as Nethinim slaves of the sanctuary and that after the return from Babylonian exile their descendants were called the sons of Nephushesim, or Nephusim.
- The Nethinim, the sons of Ziha, the sons of Hasupha, the sons of Tabbaoth. (**Nehemiah 7:46**)
- The sons of Besai, the sons of Meunim, the sons of Nephushesim. (**Nehemiah 7:52**)
- The Nethinim, the sons of Ziha, the sons of Hasupha, the sons of Tabbaoth. (**Ezra 2:43**)
- The sons of Asnah, the sons of Meunim, the sons of Nephusim. (**Ezra 2:50**)