

~NEBAIOTH (63)
(Ne-ba'ioth)

- The firstborn of Ishmael's 12 sons and founder of one of the prominent Arabian tribes.
- 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**)
- **Nebaioth's** sister Mahalath, or possibly Basemath, married their cousin Esau.
- Hence Esau went to Ishmael and took as wife Mahalath the daughter of Ishmael the son of Abraham, the sister of **Nebaioth**, besides his other wives. (**Genesis 28:9**)
- Esau took his wives from the daughters of Canaan: Adah the daughter of Elon the Hittite and Oholibamah the daughter of Anah, the granddaughter of Zibeon the Hivite. (**Genesis 36:2**)
- And Basemath, Ishmael's daughter, the sister of **Nebaioth**. (**Genesis 36:3**)

- The descendants of **Nebaioth** are not identified as living in any definite locality, they were probably nomads, moving about as Bedouin with their flocks.
- In the time of Isaiah, **the flocks of Kedar**, Kedar was Nebaioth's brother, **and the rams of Nebaioth** were associated together in a prophecy foretelling how such animals would serve as approved sacrifices on Yehowah's altar.
- All the flocks of Kedar, they will be collected together to you. **The rams of Nebaioth**, they will minister to you. With approval they will come up upon my altar, and I shall beautify my own house of beauty. (**Isaiah 60:7**)
- Some scholars have attempted to equate the descendants of **Nebaioth** with the **Nabataeans** of later times, but the evidence in support of such a suggestion is inconclusive.