

~NORTH (195)

[Hebrew, *tsa-phohn*]

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- In addition to the usual term *tsa-phohn'*, north was also indicated by the direction left, since the orientation was facing toward the rising sun in the east.
- And by night he resorted to dividing his forces, he and his slaves, against them, and thus he defeated them and kept in pursuit of them up to Hobah, which is **north** of Damascus. (**Genesis 14:15**)
Footnote
- In Scriptural usage, **north** may denote a section of the earth.
- And whom he has collected together even from the lands, from the sunrise and from the sunset, from the **north** and from the south. (**Psalms 107:3**)
- I shall say to the **north**; Give up! And to the south; Do not keep back. Bring my sons from far off, and my daughters from the extremity of the earth. (**Isaiah 43:6**)
- Furthermore, people will come from eastern parts and western, and from **north** and south, and will recline at the table in the kingdom of God. (**Luke 13:29**)
- A **northerly** direction
- And for the other side of the tabernacle, the **northern** side, twenty panel frames. (**Exodus 26:20**)
- It was standing upon twelve bulls, three facing **north**, and three facing west, and three facing south, and three facing east, and the sea was above upon them, and all their hind parts were toward the center. (**1 Kings 7:25**)
- On the east were three gates, and on the **north** three gates, and on the south three gates, and on the west three gates. (**Revelation 21:13**)

- The **northern** sky.
- He is stretching out the **north** over the empty place, hanging the earth upon nothing. (**Job 26:7**)
- And various lands or kingdoms, including Assyria.
- And he will stretch out his hand toward the **north**, and he will destroy Assyria. And he will make Nineveh a desolate waste, a waterless region like the wilderness. (**Zephaniah 2:13**)
- And Babylon.
- And that day belongs to the Sovereign Lord, Yehowah of armies, the day of vengeance for avenging himself upon his adversaries. And the sword will certainly devour and satisfy itself and take its fill of their blood, for the Sovereign Lord, Yehowah of armies, has a sacrifice in the land of the **north** by the river Euphrates. (**Jeremiah 46:10**)
- That were situated somewhat North and East of the land inhabited by the Israelites. Though Babylon on the Euphrates River actually lay East of Tyre.
- For this is what the Sovereign Lord Yehowah has said; Here I am bringing against Tyre Nebuchadrezzar the king of Babylon from the **north**, a king of kings, with horses and war chariots and cavalrymen and a congregation, even a multitudinous people. (**Ezekiel 26:7**)
- Speaks of the king of Babylon as coming against Tyre from the **north**. Likewise, the calamity that Judah and Jerusalem were to experience from the Babylonians is referred to as coming out of the north.
- At this Yehowah said to me; Out of the **north** the calamity will be loosened against all the inhabitants of the land. (**Jeremiah 1:14**)
- For here I am calling for all the families of the kingdoms of the **north**, is the utterance of Yehowah, and they will certainly come and place each one his throne at the entrance of the gates of Jerusalem, and against all her walls round about and against all the cities of Judah. (**Jeremiah 1:15**)

- The reason for this appears to be that, when marching westward, the Babylonian armies took a **northerly** route and thus avoided passing through the desert. This was, in fact, the customary way, as Babylonian records show.
- Since various lands and kingdoms are assigned a **northern** location, the context and other related scriptures are often helpful in determining what is meant by **north or land of the north**. For example,
- There is a hard vision that has been told to me. The treacherous dealer is dealing treacherously, and the despoiler is despoiling. Go up, O Elam! Lay siege, O Media! All sighing due to her I have caused to cease. (**Isaiah 21:2**)
- And here, now, there is coming a war chariot of men, with a span of steeds! And he began to speak up and say; She has fallen! Babylon has fallen, and all the graven images of her gods he has broken to the earth! (**Isaiah 21:9**)
- Peres, your kingdom has been divided and given to the Medes and the Persians. (**Daniel 5:28**)
- Show that the nations from **the land of the north** mentioned at;
- For here I am arousing and bringing up against Babylon a congregation of great nations from the land of the **north**, and they will certainly array themselves against her. From there she will be captured. Her arrows are like those of a mighty man causing bereavement of children, who does not come back without results. (**Jeremiah 50:9**)
- Include the Medes, Persians, and Elamites. Apparently the nations attacking Babylon are viewed as a united army or common foe of Babylon, a congregation. Many of the nations involved were far **North** of Babylon
- Lift up a signal in the land, O men. Blow a horn among the nations. Sanctify against her the nations. Summon against her the kingdoms of Ararat, Minni and Ashkenaz. Commission against her a recruiting officer. Make the horses come up like bristly locusts. (**Jeremiah 51:27**)
- Sanctify against her the nations, the kings of Media, its governor's and all its deputy rulers and all the land of each ones

dominion. (**Jeremiah 51:28**)

- And much of Media was at least Northeast of Babylon. The attack, too, evidently came from a **northern** direction, since Cyrus stopped the flow of the river **North** of the city.

• The King Of The North

- Facts of history provide still another basis for determining how **north** is to be understood in some texts. A case in point is the king of the **north** mentioned in (**Daniel Chapter 11**). Historical evidence indicates that the mighty king of;
- And a **mighty king** will certainly stand up and rule with extensive dominion and do according to his will. (**Daniel 11:3**)
- Was **Alexander the Great**. After Alexander's death, the empire was eventually divided among his four generals. One of these generals, Seleucus Nicator, took Mesopotamia and Syria, this making him the ruler of territory situated North of Palestine.
- Another general, Ptolemy Lagus, gained control of Egypt, to the Southwest of Palestine. Therefore, with Seleucus Nicator and Ptolemy Lagus the long struggle between, the king of the **north** and the king of the south began.
- However, the prophecy concerning, the king of the **north** extends from the time of Seleucus Nicator down to the time of the end.
- And in the time of the end the king of the south will engage with him in a pushing, and against him the king of the **north** will storm with chariots and with horsemen and with many ships, and he will certainly enter into the lands and flood over and pass through. (**Daniel 11:40**)
- Logically, then, the national and political identity of the king of the **north** would change in the course of history. But it would still be possible to determine his identity on the basis of what the prophecy said the king of the **north** would do. [See the book *Your Will Be Done on Earth*, 1958, pp. 220-307]

• Yehowah's Residence

- **North** also appears in the Scriptures with reference to the place where Yehowah resided representatively with the Israelites.
- Yehowah is great and much to be praised in the city of our God, in his holy mountain. (**Psalms 48:1**)
- Pretty for loftiness, the exultation of the whole earth, is Mount Zion on the remote sides of the **north**, the town of the grand King. (**Psalms 48:2**)
- As for you, you have said in your heart; To the heavens I shall go up. Above the stars of God I shall lift up my throne, and I shall sit down upon the mountain of meeting, in the remotest parts of the **north**. (**Isaiah 14:13**)
- I shall go up above the high places of the clouds. I shall make myself resemble the Most High. (**Isaiah 14:14**)

See Also MOUNTAIN OF MEETING