

## ~PAHATH-MOAB (69)

(Pa'hath-mo'ab) [Governor of Moab]

- Founder of a family in Israel. If he was an official over Moab, as his name might imply, it was probably during the time when Moab was under Judah's domination. His holding such a position remains uncertain, however, as nothing is said of him personally in the Scripture record.
- **Pahath-Moab's** descendants noted in Ezra and Nehemiah are all postexilic. Some of them comprised the second most numerous family to return with Zerubbabel in **537 B.C.E.**
- And these were the sons of the jurisdictional district that went up out of the captivity of the exiled people whom Nebuchadnezzar the king of Babylon had taken into exile at Babylon and who later returned to Jerusalem and Judah, each one to his own city. (**Ezra 2:1**)
- Those who came with Zerubbabel, Jeshua, Nehemiah, Seraiah, Reelaiah, Mordecai, Bilshan, Mispar, Bigvai, Rehum, Baanah. The number of the men of the people of Israel. (**Ezra 2:2**)
- The sons of **Pahath-moab**, of the sons of Jeshua and Joab, two thousand eight hundred and twelve. (**Ezra 2:6**)
- The sons of **Pahath-moab**, of the sons of Jeshua and Joab, two thousand eight hundred and eighteen. (**Nehemiah 7:11**)
- By the time of Ezra's return in **468 B.C.E.**, with more descendants of **Pahath-moab** accompanying him, some of the first group, or their offspring, had taken foreign wives, but they responded to Ezra's admonition to dismiss them.
- Now these were the heads of their paternal houses and the genealogical enrollment of those going up with me during the reign of Artaxerxes the king out of Babylon. (**Ezra 8:1**)
- Of the sons of **Pahath-moab**, Elieho-enai the son of Zerahiah, and with him two hundred males. (**Ezra 8:4**)
- And of the sons of **Pahath-moab**, Adna and Chelal, Benaiah,

**Maaseiah, Mattaniah, Bezalel and Binnui and Manasseh. (Ezra 10:30)**

- **These all had accepted foreign wives, and they proceeded to send away wives along with sons. (Ezra 10:44)**
- **Another of this family, Hasshub, helped Nehemiah to repair Jerusalem's wall, and a descendant or representative of theirs also attested by seal the agreement of faithfulness that was put forward shortly thereafter.**
- **Another measured section was what Malchijah the son of Harim and Hasshub the son of **Pahath-moab** repaired, and also the Tower of the Bake Ovens. (Nehemiah 3:11)**
- **So in view of all this we are contracting a trustworthy arrangement, both in writing and attested by the seal of our princes, our Levites and our priests. (Nehemiah 9:38)**
- **Now attesting it by seal there were, Nehemiah the Tirshatha, the son of Hacaliah, and Zedekiah. (Nehemiah 10:1)**
- **The heads of the people: Parosh, **Pahath-moab**, Elam, Zattu, Bani. (Nehemiah 10:14)**