~PHICOL (30) (Phi'col)

- Army chief of Philistine King Abimelech. Phicol accompanied Abimelech when covenants were concluded with both Abraham and Isaac.
- Now it came about at that time that Abimelech together with Phicol the chief of his army said to Abraham; God is with you in everything you are doing. (Genesis 21:22)
- So they concluded a covenant at Beersheba, after which Abimelech got up together with Phicol the chief of his army and they returned to the land of the Philistines. (Genesis 21:32)
- Later on Abimelech came to him from Gerar with Ahuzzath his confidential friend and Phicol the chief of his army. (Genesis 26:26)
- Next morning they were early in rising and they made sworn statements one to the other. After that Isaac sent them away and they went from him in peace. (Genesis 26:31)
- As these two meetings were more than 75 years apart, Phicol might well be a title or name used for whoever held this office rather than the name of one man in the position for so long. For similar reasons his kings name may also have been a title.