

~PUL 1 (44)

- The name given a king of Assyria at;
- **Pul** the king of Assyria came into the land. Consequently Menahem gave Pul a thousand talents of silver, that his hands might prove to be with him to strengthen the kingdom in his own hand. (**2 Kings 15:19**)
- Consequently the God of Israel stirred up the spirit of **Pul** the king of Assyria even the spirit of Tilgath-pilneser the king of Assyria, so that he took into exile those of the Reubenites and of the Gadites and of the half tribe of Manasseh and brought them to Halah and Habor and Hara and the river Gozan to continue until this day. (**1 Chronicles 5:26**)
- During the reign of Menahem, king of Israel, **Pul** entered Palestine and received tribute from Menahem. The identity of **Pul** was long an open question. However, most scholars now conclude that **Pul** and Tiglath-pileser III of Assyria were the same, since the name PuLuke or Pul, is found in the dynastic tablet known as the Babylonian King List A, whereas in the corresponding location in the Synchronistic Chronicle the name Tukultiapilesharra or Tiglath-pileser is listed. [Ancient Near Eastern Texts, edited by J. Pritchard, 1974, pp. 272,273]
- Perhaps **Pul** was his personal name or the name he was known by in Babylon, while Tiglath-pileser or Tiglath-pilneser was the name he assumed when he became king of Assyria. With this understanding,
- Consequently the God of Israel stirred up the spirit of **Pul** the king of Assyria even the spirit of Tilgath-pilneser the king of Assyria, so that he took into exile those of the Reubenites and of the Gadites and of the half tribe of Manasseh and brought them to Halah and Habor and Hara and the river Gozan to continue until this day. (**1 Chronicles 5:26**)
- May be read to refer to the same individual in saying; **Pul** the king of Assyria even Tilgath-pilneser the king of Assyria.

See Also TIGLATH-PILESER 3