

~TEKOA (201) (Te-ko'a)

- A town in the territory of Judah that is commonly identified with **Khirbet 'et-Tuqu`**, some 16 kilometers (10 miles) South of Jerusalem and lying at an elevation of about 820 meters (2,700 feet).
- To the East stretches the Wilderness of Judah, of which the **wilderness of Tekoa**, where the Ammonites, Moabites, and the forces from Mount Seir suffered a crushing defeat during Jehoshaphat's reign, was apparently a part.
- And they proceeded to rise early in the morning and go out to the wilderness of **Tekoa**. And as they went out, Jehoshaphat stood up and then said; Hear me, O Judah and you inhabitants of Jerusalem! Put faith in Yehowah your God that you may prove yourselves of long duration. Put faith in his prophets and so prove successful. (**2 Chronicles 20:20**)
- But as for Judah, it came to the watchtower of the wilderness. When they turned their faces toward the crowd, why, there they were, their carcasses fallen to the earth without anyone escaping. (**2 Chronicles 20:24**)
- King Rehoboam, David's grandson, rebuilt and fortified **Tekoa**, and for centuries thereafter the city evidently served as an outpost in the Judean defense system.
- And Rehoboam continued to dwell in Jerusalem and proceeded to build fortified cities in Judah. (**2 Chronicles 11:5**)
- Thus he rebuilt Bethlehem and Etam and **Tekoa**. (**2 Chronicles 11:6**)
- Take shelter, O you sons of Benjamin, from the midst of Jerusalem, and in **Tekoa** blow the horn. And over Beth-haccherem raise a fire signal, because calamity itself has looked down out of the north, even a great crash. (**Jeremiah 6:1**)
- It was the home of Ikkesh, the father of Ira, one of David's mighty men.

- As for the mighty men of the military forces, there were Asahel the brother of Joab, Elhanan the son of Dodo of Bethlehem. (**1 Chronicles 11:26**)
- Ira the son of Ikkesh the **Tekoite**, Abi-ezer the Anathothite. (**1 Chronicles 11:28**)
- From there came the wise woman who, at the direction of Joab, appealed to King David in behalf of Absalom.
- Now Joab the son of Zeruiah came to know that the king's heart was toward Absalom. (**2 Samuel 14:1**)
- Accordingly Joab sent to Tekoa and took from there a wise woman and said to her; Go in mourning, please, and dress yourself, please, with garments of mourning, and do not rub yourself with oil, and you must become like a woman here who has been mourning many days over someone dead. (**2 Samuel 14:2**)
- And you must come in to the king and speak to him a word like this. With that Joab put the words in her mouth. (**2 Samuel 14:3**)
- And the Tekoite woman proceeded to come in to the king and fall upon her face to the earth and prostrate herself and say; Do save, O king! (**2 Samuel 14:4**)
- To this the king said to her; What is the matter with you? To this she said; For a fact I am a widowed woman, now that my husband is dead. (**2 Samuel 14:5**)
- And your maidservant had two sons, and the two of them began to struggle with each other in the field while there was no deliverer to part them. Finally the one struck the other down and put him to death. (**2 Samuel 14:6**)
- And here all the family have risen up against your maidservant and keep saying; Give over the striker of his brother, that we may put him to death for the soul of his brother whom he killed, and let us even annihilate the heir! And they will certainly extinguish the glow of my charcoals that has remained, so as to assign to my husband neither a name nor a remnant on the surface of the ground. (**2 Samuel 14:7**)

- **Then the king said to the woman; Go to your house, and I myself shall give command regarding you. (2 Samuel 14:8)**
- **At this the Tekoite woman said to the king; Upon me, O my lord the king, be the error, and also upon the house of my father, while the king and his throne are innocent. (2 Samuel 14:9)**
- **And the king went on to say; If there is anyone speaking to you, you must also bring him to me, and he will never hurt you again. (2 Samuel 14:10)**
- **But she said; Let the king, please, remember Yehowah your God, that the avenger of blood may not be continually causing ruin and that they may not annihilate my son. To this he said; As Yehowah is living, not a single hair of your son will fall to the earth. (2 Samuel 14:11)**
- **The woman now said; Let your maidservant, please, speak a word to my lord the king. So he said; Speak! (2 Samuel 14:12)**
- **And the woman went on to say; Why, then, have you reasoned like this against the people of God? As the king is speaking this word he is like one that is guilty, in that the king does not bring back his own banished one. (2 Samuel 14:13)**
- **For we shall die without fail and be like waters that are being poured down to the earth, which cannot be gathered. But God will not take away a soul, and he has thought out reasons why the one banished should not be banished from him. (2 Samuel 14:14)**
- **And now that I have come in to speak this word to the king my lord, it is because the people made me afraid. So your maidservant said; Let me speak, please, to the king. Perhaps the king will act on the word of his slave girl. (2 Samuel 14:15)**
- **Because the king proceeded to listen so as to deliver his slave girl out of the palm of the man seeking to annihilate me and my lone son from the inheritance given by God. (2 Samuel 14:16)**
- **Then your maidservant said; Let the word of my lord the king serve, please, to give rest. For just like an angel of the true God is the way my lord the king is, to distinguish what is good and what is bad, and may Yehowah your God himself prove to be with**

you. (2 Samuel 14:17)

- The king now answered and said to the woman; Do not, please, hide from me a thing about which I am asking you. To this the woman said; Let my lord the king speak, please. (2 Samuel 14:18)
- And the king went on to say; Is the hand of Joab with you in all this? Then the woman answered and said; As your soul is living, O my lord the king, no man can go to the right or go to the left from all that my lord the king has spoken, for it was your servant Joab that commanded me, and he it was that put in the mouth of your maidservant all these words. (2 Samuel 14:19)
- For the sake of altering the face of the matter your servant Joab has done this thing, but my lord is wise as with the wisdom of the angel of the true God so as to know all that is in the earth. (2 Samuel 14:20)
- Subsequently the king said to Joab; Here, now, I shall certainly do this thing. So go, bring the young man Absalom back. (2 Samuel 14:21)
- And there, in the Ninth Century B.C.E, the prophet Amos raised sheep.
- The words of Amos, who happened to be among the sheep raisers from Tekoa, which he visioned concerning Israel in the days of Uzziah the king of Judah and in the days of Jeroboam the son of Joash, the king of Israel, two years before the earthquake. (Amos 1:1)
- Some may conclude that the Tekoa mentioned in the Judean genealogical records.
- The sons of Judah were Er and Onan and Shelah. The three were born to him from Shuas daughter, the Canaanitess. And Er the firstborn of Judah came to be bad in the eyes of Yehowah, so that he put him to death. (1 Chronicles 2:3)
- And after the death of Hezron in Caleb-ephraiah, with Abijah being the wife of Hezron, she then bore him Ashhur the father of Tekoa. (1 Chronicles 2:24)

- And Ashhur the father of **Tekoa** came to have two wives, Helah and Naarah. (**1 Chronicles 4:5**)
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- And Ashhur the father of **Tekoa** came to have two wives, Helah and Naarah. (**1 Chronicles 4:5**)
- In time Naarah bore to him Ahuzzam and Hephher and Temeni and Haahashtari. These were the sons of Naarah. (**1 Chronicles 4:6**)
- And the sons of Helah were Zereth, Izhar and Ethnan. (**1 Chronicles 4:7**)
- Among the seven sons of Ashhurs two wives, suggesting that Ashhur, rather than being the father of a son named **Tekoa**, may have been the founder of the town or of its population.