

~TEMANITE (50)

(Te'man-ite) [Of, or belonging to, Teman]

- A term generally understood to refer to a native of **Teman** in Edom. An early Edomite king, Husham, came from **the land of the Temanites**, and Eliphaz, one of Job's three companions, was a **Temanite**.
- Now these are the kings who reigned in the land of Edom before any king reigned over the sons of Israel. (**Genesis 36:31**)
- And Bela son of Beor proceeded to reign in Edom, and the name of his city was Dinhabah. (**Genesis 36:32**)
- When Bela died, Jobab son of Zerah from Bozrah began to reign instead of him. (**Genesis 36:33**)
- When Jobab died, Husham from the land of the **Temanites** began to reign instead of him. (**Genesis 36:34**)
- And three companions of Job got to hear of all this calamity that had come upon him, and they proceeded to come, each one from his own place, Eliphaz the **Temanite** and Bildad the Shuhite and Zophar the Naamathite. So they met together by appointment to come and sympathize with him and comfort him. (**Job 2:11**)
- And Eliphaz the **Temanite** proceeded to reply and say; (**Job 4:1**)
- And it came about after Yehowah had spoken these words to Job, that Yehowah proceeded to say to Eliphaz the **Temanite**; My anger has grown hot against you and your two companions, for you men have not spoken concerning me what is truthful as has my servant Job. (**Job 42:7**)
- That **Eliphaz** came from **Teman** in Edom is suggested by the understanding that the land of Uz, where Job lived, was near Edom.
- Some scholars, however, believe that there is a possibility that the Eliphaz named in the book of Job was, not from **Teman**, but from **Tema**, a place identified with an oasis on the Arabian Peninsula about 400 kilometers (250 miles) Southeast of Ezion-geber.

- The caravans of **Tema** have looked, the traveling company of Sabeans have waited for them. (**Job 6:19**)