~TORRENT VALLEY (170)

[Hebrew, na'chal]

- The Hebrew word *na'chal* may denote either the valley through which a stream flows.
- And the servants of Isaac went on digging in the torrent valley and so they found there a well of fresh water. (Genesis 26:19)
- And he went on to say; This is what Yehowah has said; Let there be a making of this torrent valley full of ditches. (2 Kings 3:16)
- They have to reside on the very slope of torrent valleys, in holes of the dust and in rocks. (Job 30:6)
- To the garden of nut trees I had gone down, to see the buds in the torrent valley, to see whether the vine had sprouted, whether the pomegranate trees had blossomed. (Song of Solomon 6:11)
- Or the stream itself.
- And it must occur that from the torrent valley you should drink, and the ravens I shall certainly command to supply you food there. (1 Kings 17:4)
- From the torrent valley in the way he will drink. That is why he will raise high his head. (Psalms 110:7)
- Regarding the word *na'chal*, A. P. Stanley, in his book Sinai and Palestine [1885, p. 590], observes: No English word is exactly equivalent, but perhaps torrent-bed most nearly expresses it.
- A Hebrew and Aramaic lexicon by Koehler and Baumgartner lists torrentvalley as one of its definitions. [Lexicon in Veteris Testamenti Libros, Leiden, 1958, p. 607]
- The term, *wadi*, Arabic is also used to designate a torrent valley.
- So he took them and brought them over the torrent valley, and he brought over what he had. (Genesis 32:23) Footnote

- The Promised Land is described as a land of torrent valleys of water, springs and watery deeps issuing forth in the valley plain and in the mountainous region.
- For Yehowah your God is bringing you into a good land, a land of torrent valleys of water, springs and watery deeps issuing forth in the valley plain and in the mountainous region. (Deuteronomy 8:7)
- Some of the streams are fed by springs and are therefore perennial, whereas others are torrents during the rainy season but dry up completely during the rainless season.
- But it came about at the end of some days that the torrent valley became dry, because there had occurred no downpour upon the earth. (1 Kings 17:7)
- And Ahab went on to say to Obadiah; Go through the land to all the springs of water and to all the torrent valleys. Perhaps we may find green grass, that we may preserve the horses and mules alive and may not have any more of the beasts cut off. (1 Kings 18:5)
- Faithful Job compared the treacherous dealings of his brothers toward him to a winter torrent that dries up in the summer.
- My own brothers have dealt treacherously, like a winter torrent, like the channel of winter torrents that keep passing away. (Job 6:15)
- Among the torrent valleys mentioned in the Bible are those of the Arabah.
- Look! I am raising up against you, O house of Israel, is the utterance of Yehowah the God of the armies, a nation, and they must oppress you people from the entering in of Hamath down to the torrent valley of the Arabah. (Amos 6:14)
- · Arnon
- From Aroer, which is by the bank of the torrent valley of Arnon, and the city that is in the torrent valley, as far as Gilead, there proved to be no town that was too high up for us. Yehowah our God abandoned them all to us. (Deuteronomy 2:36)

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· Cherith

Go away from here, and you must turn your way eastward and conceal yourself at the torrent valley of Cherith that is east of the Jordan. (1 Kings 17:3)

Egypt

And it passed on to Azmon and went out to the torrent valley of Egypt, and the boundarys termination proved to be at the sea. This came to be their southern boundary. (Joshua 15:4)

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· Gerar

So Isaac moved from there and encamped in the torrent valley of Gerar and took up dwelling there. (Genesis 26:17)

· Jabbok

Only you did not go near the land of the sons of Ammon, the whole bank of the torrent valley of Jabbok, nor the cities of the mountainous region, nor anything about which Yehowah our God had given command. (Deuteronomy 2:37)

· Kanah

representation From Tappuah the boundary moved on westward to the torrent valley of Kanah, and its termination proved to be at the sea. This is the inheritance of the tribe of the sons of Ephraim by their families. (Joshua 16:8)

· Kidron

And all the people of the land were weeping with a loud voice, and all the people were crossing over, and the king was standing by the torrent valley of Kidron, and all the people were crossing over upon the open road to the wilderness. (2 Samuel 15:23)

· Kishon

And I shall certainly draw to you at the torrent valley of Kishon, Sisera the chief of Jabin's army and his war chariots and his crowd, and I shall indeed give him into your hand. (Judges 4:7)

· Sorek

And it came about after that that he fell in love with a woman in the torrent valley of Sorek, and her name was Delilah. (Judges 16:4)

And Zered

- At this time rise and make your way across the torrent valley of Zered. Accordingly we went crossing the torrent valley of Zered. (Deuteronomy 2:13)
- See the TORRENT VALLEYS under their respective names. Other torrent valleys that are not mentioned but are principal tributaries of the Jordan are the Yarmuk and the Far`ah.