

~ZEPHATHAH (31)
(Zeph'a-thah)

- A valley near Mareshah where Yehowah enabled the forces of Judah's King Asa to defeat those of Zerah the Ethiopian **967 B.C.E.**
- Later Zerah the Ethiopian went out against them with a military force of a million men and three hundred chariots, and came as far as Mareshah. (**2 Chronicles 14:9**)
- Then Asa went out against him and they drew up in battle formation in the valley of **Zephathah** at Mareshah. (**2 Chronicles 14:10**)
- And Asa began to call to Yehowah his God and say; O Yehowah, as to helping, it does not matter with you whether there are many or those with no power. Help us, O Yehowah our God, for upon you we do lean, and in your name we have come against this crowd. O Yehowah, you are our God. Do not let mortal man retain strength against you. (**2 Chronicles 14:11**)
- At that Yehowah defeated the Ethiopians before Asa and before Judah, and the Ethiopians took to flight. (**2 Chronicles 14:12**)
- **Zephathah** is apparently one of the valleys North of Mareshah. The **Greek Septuagint** has been translated to read, in the valley north of Maresa [**Bagster**], but **Zephathah** appears in the **Hebrew Masoretic** text.