

~SEPHARAD (25)
(Se-phar'ad)

- **A place from which Jerusalem's exiles were due to return.**
- **And as for the exiles of this rampart, to the sons of Israel will belong what the Canaanites possessed as far as Zarephath. And the exiles of Jerusalem, who were in **Sepharad**, will take possession of the cities of the Negeb. (**Obadiah 1:20**)**
- **Its exact location is unknown, but of several suggestions a likely possibility is **Saparda**, mentioned in certain Assyrian annals as a territory of Media. The Assyrians once exiled people of Israel's northern kingdom to cities of the Medes.**
- **And the king of Assyria proceeded to come up against all the land and to come up to Samaria and lay siege against it for three years. (**2 Kings 17:5**)**
- **In the ninth year of Hoshea, the king of Assyria captured Samaria and then led Israel into exile in Assyria and kept them dwelling in Halah and in Habor at the river Gozan and in the cities of the Medes. (**2 Kings 17:6**)**