



# Glossary

of Proper Names for Key People and Places  
Definition and “Meaning”

Abbah [AH-bah]: title of honor for fathers; what Aby calls Shmuel; “father”.

Abyga’el [ab-ee-guy-EL] / Aby [AB-ee]: daughter to Shmuel and Zella; sister to Yo’el and Abiyah; fourth wife to Nabal; “my father’s joy”. (See Revi’i.)

Ahinoam [ah-HEN-no-am]: third wife of Nabal; “my brother is pleasantness activity without discord”. (See Shlishi.)

Akhi [AH-kee]: title of honor toward men; “my brother”.

Alke-bulan [ahl-KUH-boo-lan]: name of the continent currently called Africa; “mother of mankind”.

Allah [al-LAH]: title of honor given to the deity worshipped by Moh; “God”.

Ash [ASH]: star in the constellation of the Great Bear; Aby’s nickname for Dawit; “fortunate”.

Ayish [EY-ah-sh]: constellation of the Great Bear; Dawit’s nickname for Aby; “living-well”.

Basaka [ba-SAK-ka]: servant and shepherd to Nabal in Kalebtu; friend to Aby; “a pedestal”.

Bentah [ben-TAH]: handmaid to Aby in Kalebtu; “the one who brings blessings”.

Bet Tsur [BAYT tsoor]: name of Aby’s sanctuary for abused children; “house of cleft in the rock”.

Dawit [dah-WHE-eat]: celebrated Eber Y’israelite warrior; love interest of Aby; “beloved”.

Eber [IB-er] Y’israelite [YIS-rah-lite]: descendants of the patriarch Yaakov, the grandson of Ab-Raham; “passer over”.

Ein Gedi [ayn-GEH-dee]: thriving settlement on the northwestern shore of Yam ha-Melah; “fountain of the kid”.

Eliyahu [eh-lee-YAH-hoo]: one of Dawit’s lieutenants; “my god is Yahu”.

Emah [EE-mah]: title of honor for mothers; what Aby calls Zella; “mother”.

Emer shel Darar [ay-mer shel DAH-rah]: name of decree that freed slave workers in Kalebtu; “words of freedom”.

Feiwei [FAY-well]: servant to Moh who stays with Aby in Ramah after Abbah’s funeral; “pure”.

Gan Aby [gan AB-ee]: private garden of Abyga’el; “Aby’s garden”.

Gebirah [ghee-BEE-raw]: title of honor for women; “great lady”.

Gullah [GUL-uh]: sister of Zella and Ifrah; aunt to Aby; witch of Endor; “fountain”.

Ibo [ee-BOW]: servant and a chief shepherd to Nabal in Kalebtu; friend to Moh and Aby; “my people”.

Ifrah [ELF-rah]: sister of Zella and Gula; aunt to Aby; wife to Lami-Yah; mother to Seth and Nimtsa; “to make happy”.

Kalebtu [KAY-leb-too]: Nabal’s estate in Ma’on; “place invaded by dogs”.

Kanaan [KAY-nun]: land of milk and honey promised to the Eber Y’israelites by their god; “humble”.

Karmil [kar-MEL]: Eber Y’israelite settlement in Kanaan where Nabal lives; “orchard”.

Kurib [kur-REB]: counsel to Dawit and member of his crew; “grace” or “favor”.

Lami-Yaj [LAM-ee-yage]: Nabal's indentured servant and engineer who helps Aby construct the child sanctuary; husband to Ifrah; "radiant sage".

Har Mihamon [har-ME-hah-mun]: Nabal's estate in Karmil; "hill from accumulation".

Meira [meh-ER-ra]: Gullah's self-identification during a ritual; "illuminates".

Misra'yim [MITS-rah-eem]: name for land in north Alke-bulan/African now known as Egypt; "two mounds" or "fortresses".

Mohinder Charkravarti Mahawar / Moh [MO-oh]: Nabal's indentured servant and asset manager; friend and protector to Aby; "love".

Nabal [NAY-ball] / Massa [MAS-sah]: legal husband to Aby; "fool" and "burden".

Noach [no-WAK]: serving as the deputy to Shmuel at Ramah; "repose".

Nimtsa [nee-EM-sah]: girl who Aby, Moh, and Ifrah found on their way to Kalebtu; daughter to Ifrah; "located".

Ozem [oh-SEM]: brother of Dawit and member of his crew; "strong".

Ons [ONZ] / Tabbaha [TA-bah-hah]: chief cook in Kalebtu; "gladness" and "female cook".

Pai [pa-EYE]: second wife of Nabal; "screaming". (See Sheni.)

Qasheh [kaw-SHEH]: name of the land given by Nabal to Aby as the bride price; "severe".

Raddai [ra-da'-AH]: brother of Dawit; "coming down".

Revi'i [reh-vee-EE]: fourth wife of Nabal; "forth". (See Abyga'el.)

Rishon [REE-shawn]: first wife of Nabal; "first". (See Salome.)

Shaul [shaw-OOL]: first king of the Eber Y'israelites; "prayed for".

Sheni [shay-nee]: second wife of Nabal; "second". (See Pai.)

Shlishi [sh-LEE-shee]: third wife of Nabal; "third". (See Ahinoam.)

Shmuel [SH-mu-el]: father to Yo'el, Abiyah, and Abyga'el; husband to

Zellah; high priest of the Eber Y'israelites; "God has heard".

Tafari [tuh-FAH-eye] Seth [sey-eth]: lad who Aby, Moh, and Ahi rescue near Qasheh; son to Ifrah; "placed".

Tiye [TEE-yuh]: Chief cook at Ramah; "deity of light".

Tuviyahu [TUH-vi-ya-hoo]: a member of Dawit's crew; "God is good".

Ubu [oo-BOO]: one of Dawit's lieutenants; "many".

Uziyah [oo-zee-YAH]/Uzi [oo-zee]: Aby's hinny; "Yahu is my power and strength".

Yahu [ya-HOO]: deity of the Eber Y'israelites; "to breath".

Yam ha-Melah [ya-AM-ha-may-lah]: the salt sea, better known as the Dead Sea; "sea of salt".

Yo'el [yo-EL]: First-born son of Shmuel and Zellah; brother of Abiyah and Abyga'el; "Yahu is god".

Zahra [ZAR-rah] Salome [SAL-oh-may]: first wife of Nabal; "beautiful, bright peace"; also called Rishon, being the first wife. (See Rishon.)

Zellah [ZEL-lah]: mother to Yo'el, Abiyah, and Abyga'el; wife of Shmuel; "wise and peaceful".