

ETHIOPIA IN THE BIBLE

We are stimulated to put together all the verses, from the Holy Bible, which talk about Ethiopia, as we thought it is very important to know how Ethiopia is blessed and recognized by God. At the same time we need to explain how some of the Bibles avoid the name Ethiopia and replaced it by Sudan and Cush.

The name Ethiopia is mentioned in the Bible **Forty-three times** in different **Forty Bible verses**; however, there are more verses and stories narrate about Ethiopia without mentioning the name Ethiopia. Since the inception of ancient time Ethiopia is known as the Land of Sheba.

According to the stories of the Bible, **1 king 10:1-13 and 2 Chronicles 9:1-12**, Queen of Sheba went to Jerusalem to see the wisdom of King Solomon and to praise God who gave King Solomon an extraordinary knowledge and wisdom. At the same time the stories tell us how King Solomon bestowed her tremendous gifts, which include all what she had asked.

The existence of the Ark of Zion and some places where sacrifices were sacrificed during the Old Testament epoch in Ethiopia is evidence that Queen of Sheba is an Ethiopian. We advise the readers who are interested to know about Ethiopia should read other additional books that are written about Ethiopia based on the above-mentioned verses and the entire Bible as well as to visit the country to see such places where historical events were performed.

The Ethiopian Orthodox Tewahedo Churches are the prominent sources and resources to find out the facts of Ethiopia, as they do have historical, traditional and Biblical evidences.

All the below-mentioned underlined verses narrate about Ethiopia. So much so, we have written the entire verses from both King James Version and Holy Bible with the APOCRYPHAL/DEUTEROCANONICAL BOOKS. The books of **1Esdras, Judith and additional Esther** are found in Apocryphal Deuterocanonical Books. We encourage the readers again and again to read these sections of the Bible to know more about the facts of the Bible.

We would like to inform all the readers that the entire messages of some of the chapters should be read completely to get the concept of the underlined verses, as some of the verses don't clarify the idea very well unless their full messages are examined thoroughly.

THE VERSES IN THE BIBLE

- 1- And the name of the second river is Gihon: the same is it that compasseth the whole land of Ethiopia. Gen. 2:13
- 2- And Miriam and Aaron spake against Moses because of the Ethiopian woman whom he had married: for he had married an Ethiopian woman. Num. 12:1
- 3- And when he heard say of Tirhakah king of Ethiopia, Behold, he is come out to fight against thee: he sent messengers again unto Hezekiah, saying ... 2 Kings 19:9
- 4- With 1200 chariots and threescore thousand horsemen: and the people were without number that came with him out of Egypt; the Lubims, the Sukkiims, and the Ethiopians. 2 Chro. 12:3
- 5- And there came out against them Zerah the Ethiopian with a host of a thousand, and three hundred chariots; and came unto Mareshah. 2 Chro. 14:9
- 6- So the LORD smote the Ethiopians before Asa, and before Judah; and the Ethiopians fled. 2 Chro. 14:12
- 7- And Asa and the people that were with him pursued them unto Gerar: and the Ethiopians were overthrown, that they could not recover themselves; for they were destroyed before the LORD, and before his host; and they carried away very much spoil. 2 Chro. 14:13
- 8- Were not the Ethiopians and the Lubims a huge host, with very many chariots and horsemen? Yet, because thou didst rely on the LORD, he delivered them into thine hand. Chro. 16:8
- 9- Moreover the LORD stirred up against Jehoram the spirit of the Philistines, and of the Arabians, that were near the Ethiopians: 2 Chro. 21:16

- 10- Now it came to pass in the days of Ahasuerus, (this is Ahasuerus which reigned, from India even unto [Ethiopia](#), over an hundred and seven and twenty provinces :) Esth. 1:1
- 11- Then were the king's scribes called at that time in the third month, that is, the month Sivan, on the three and twentieth day thereof; and it was written according to all that Mordecai commanded unto the Jews, and to the lieutenants, and the deputies and rulers of the provinces which are from India unto [Ethiopia](#), an hundred twenty and seven provinces, unto every province according to the writing thereof, and unto every people after their language, and to the Jews according to their writing, and according to their language. Esth. 8:9
- 12- The topaz of [Ethiopia](#) shall not equal it; neither shall it be valued with pure gold. Job. 28:19
- 13- Princes shall come out of Egypt; [Ethiopia](#) shall soon stretch out her hands unto God. Ps. 68:31
- 14- I will make mention of Rahab and Babylon to them that know me: behold Philistia, and Tyre, with [Ethiopia](#); this man was born there. Ps. 87:4
- 15- Woe to the land shadowing with wings, which is beyond the rivers of [Ethiopia](#): Isa. 18:1
- 16- And the LORD said, Like as my servant Isaiah hath walked naked and barefoot three years for a sign and wonder upon Egypt and upon [Ethiopia](#); Isa. 20:3
- 17- So shall the king of Assyria lead away the Egyptians prisoners, and the [Ethiopians](#) captives, young and old, naked and barefoot, even with their buttocks uncovered, to the shame of Egypt. Isa. 20:4
- 18- And they shall be afraid and ashamed of [Ethiopia](#) their expectation, and of Egypt their glory. Isa. 20:5
- 19- And he heard say concerning Tirhakah king of [Ethiopia](#), He is come forth to make war with thee. And when he heard it, he sent messengers to Hezekiah, saying, Isa. 37:9

- 20- For I am the LORD thy God, the Holy One of Israel, thy Savior: I gave Egypt for thy ransom, Ethiopia and Seba for thee. Isa. 43:3
- 21- Thus saith the LORD, The labour of Egypt, and merchandise of Ethiopia and of the Sabeans, men of stature, shall come over unto thee, and they shall be thine: they shall come after thee; in chains they shall come over, and they shall fall down unto thee, they shall make supplication unto thee, saying, Surely God is in thee; and there is none else, there is no God. Isa. 45:14
- 22- Can the Ethiopian change his skin or the leopard his spots? Then may ye also do good, that are accustomed to do evil. Jer. 13:23
- 23- Now when Ebedmelech the Ethiopian, one of the eunuchs which was in the king's house, heard that they had put Jeremiah in the dungeon; the king then sitting in the gate of Benjamin; Jer. 38:7
- 24- Then the king commanded Ebedmelech the Ethiopian, saying, Take from hence thirty men with thee, and take up Jeremiah the prophet out of the dungeon, before he die. Jer. 38:10
- 25- And Ebedmelech the Ethiopian said unto Jeremiah Put now these old cast clouts and rotten rags under thine armholes under the cords. And Jeremiah did so. Jer. 38:12
- 26- Go and speak to Ebedmelech the Ethiopian, saying, Thus saith the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel; Behold, I will bring my words upon this city for evil, and not for good; and they shall be accomplished in that day before thee. Jer. 39:16
- 27- Behold, therefore I am against thee, and against thy rivers, and I will make the land of Egypt utterly waste and desolate, from the tower of Syene even unto the border of Ethiopia. Ez. 29:10
- 28- And the sword shall come upon Egypt, and great pain shall be in Ethiopia, when the slain shall fall in Egypt, and they shall take away her multitude, and her foundations shall be broken down. Ez. 30:4
- 29- Ethiopia, and Libya, and Lydia, and all the mingled people, and Chub, and the men of the land that is in league, shall fall with them by the sword. Ez. 30:5

- 30- In that day shall messengers go forth from me in ships to make the careless Ethiopians afraid, and great pain shall come upon them, as in the day of Egypt: for, lo, it cometh. Ez. 30:9
- 31- Persia, Ethiopia, and Libya with them; all of them with shield and helmet: Ez. 38:5
- 32- But he shall have power over the treasures of gold and of silver, and over all the precious things of Egypt: and the Libyans and the Ethiopians shall be at his steps. Dan. 11:43
- 33- Are ye not as children of the Ethiopians unto me, O children of Israel? saith the LORD. Have not I brought up Israel out of the land of Egypt? and the Philistines from Caphtor, and the Syrians from Kir? Amos 9:7
- 34- Ethiopia and Egypt were her strength, and it was infinite; Put and Lubim were thy helpers. Nahum 3:9
- 35- Ye Ethiopians also, ye shall be slain by my sword. Zep. 2:12
- 36- From beyond the rivers of Ethiopia my suppliants, even the daughter of my dispersed, shall bring mine offering. Zep. 3:10
- 37- And all the satraps and generals and governors that were under him in the hundred and twenty seven satrapies from India to Ethiopia. 1 Esdras 3:2
- 38- Even beyond Tanis and Memphis, and who lived in Egypt as far as the border of Ethiopia. Judith 1:10
- 39- The great king Artaxerxes writes the following to the princes and governors of the hundred twenty-seven provinces from India to Ethiopia and to the officials under them. Esth. 13:1
- 40- ..., a man of Ethiopia, an eunuch of great authority under Candace queen of the Ethiopians, who had the charge of all her treasure, and had come to Jerusalem for to worship, Acts: 8:27

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