

## 21. Ishmael, a Wild Man

Then Abraham breathed his last and died at a good old age, an old man and full of years; and he was gathered to his people. His sons Isaac and Ishmael buried him in the cave of Machpelah near Mamre, in the field of Ephron son of Zohar the Hittite, the field Abraham had bought from the Hittites. There Abraham was buried with his wife Sarah. After Abraham's death, God blessed his son Isaac, who then lived near Beer Lahai Roi. (Genesis 25:8-11 NIV)

This is the history of the descendants of Ishmael, the son of Abraham through Hagar, Sarah's Egyptian servant. Here is a list, by their names and clans, of Ishmael's descendants: The oldest was Nebaioth, followed by Kedar, Adbeel, Mibsam, Mishma, Dumah, Massa, Hadad, Tema, Jetur, Naphish, and Kedemah. These twelve sons of Ishmael became the founders of twelve tribes that bore their names, listed according to the places they settled and camped. Ishmael finally died at the age of 137 and joined his ancestors in death. Ishmael's descendants were scattered across the country from Havilah to Shur, which is east of Egypt in the direction of Asshur. The clans descended from Ishmael camped close to one another. (Genesis 25:12-18 NLT)



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ABDEEL	HAGAR	MAMRE
ASSHUR	HAVILAH	MASSA
BEER	HITTITE	MIBSAM
BORE	ISAAC	MISHMA
BURIED	ISHMAEL	NAPHISH
CAMPED	JETUR	NEBAIOTH
DUMAH	KEDAR	ROI
EGYPTIAN	KEDEMAH	SHUR
EPHRON	LAHAI	TEMA
HADAD	MACHPELAH	ZOHAR