

Horites

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Ho'rite (Heb. *Chori'*, חֹרִי or חֹרִי, prop. the same word as *Hori*; but, according to First, *noble*; often with the art. הַחֹרִי), a designation (both singly and collectively) of the people who anciently inhabited Mount Seir, before their supersedure by the Edomites; rendered "Horites" in [Ge 14:6](#) (Sept. Χορρῆιοι, Vulg. *Corrhaei*),; 36:21 (Χορρῆιος, *Horrcaus*), 29 (Χορρῆι, *fHorrcei*); "Horite," [Ge 36:20](#) (Χορρῆαῖος, *Horrneus*), "Horims," [De 2:12](#) (Χορρῆαῖος, *Horrhaeus*), 22 (Χορρῆαῖος, *Horrheai*), and "Hori," [Ge 36:30](#) (Χορρῆι, *Horrcei*). [SEE IDUMAEA](#). There are indications of Canaanitish affinity between the Horites and the Hittites or Hivites (Michaelis, *Spicileg.* 1, 169, and *De Troglodytis Seir*, in his *Syntagma Comment.* 1759, p. 194; Faber, *Archaeol.* p. 41; Hamelsveld, 3, 29; but see contra Bertheau, *Gesch. der Isr.* p. 150). [SEE HITTITE](#). "Their excavated dwellings are still found by hundreds in the sandstone cliffs and mountains of Edom, and especially in Petra. [SEE EDOM](#) and [SEE EDOMITE](#). It may, perhaps, be to the Horites Job refers in [Job 30:6-7](#). They are only three times mentioned in Scripture: first, when they were smitten by the kings of the East ([Ge 14:6](#)); then when their genealogy is given in [Ge 36:20-30](#), and [1Ch 1:38-42](#); and, lastly, when they were exterminated by the Edomites ([De 2:12,22](#)). It appears probable that they were not Canaanites, but an earlier race, who inhabited Mount Seir before the posterity of Canaan took possession of Palestine (Ewald, *Geschichte*, 1, 304, 5)" (Smith). Knobel (*Volkertafel d.*

Généralé, p. 195, 206) holds that they formed part of the great race of the Ludim, to which also the Rephaim, the Emim, and the Amorites belonged (comp. Hitzig, *Gesch. d. V. Israel*, Lpz. 1869, 1, 29-36). In this case the Amorites were of Shemitic descent. According to the account in [Ge 36:20](#) sq., they were divided into seven tribes. *SEE CANAAN*.