

Tarshish was a city located in what is now known as Lebanon. In ancient times, the nation of Lebanon was renowned for producing cedar wood (to understand more about cedar trees, see: CEDAR).

The capital city of ancient Lebanon was Tarshish. It was the leading commercial center of its time a hub for merchants and international trade. This is why the prophet Jonah fled toward Tarshish; it was a prosperous city full of opportunities.

(For a deeper spiritual meaning of the city of Tarshish and its trade, see: Tarshish).

The origin of the city of Tarshish can be traced back to Tarshish, the son of Javan, who was himself a descendant of Japheth, one of Noah's sons.

Genesis 10:1-4

This is the account of Noah's sons Shem, Ham and Japheth, who themselves had sons after the flood.

The sons of Japheth: Gomer, Magog, Madai, Javan, Tubal,

Meshek and Tiras.

The sons of Gomer: Ashkenaz, Riphath and Togarmah.

The sons of Javan: Elishah, Tarshish, the Kittites and the Rodanites.

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