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Jaare-Oregim

Jaare-Oregim (MT *Ya'ré 'Örègim*, “forests of weavers”; LXX Αρωργγιμ) is the father of Elhanan who slayed Goliath the Gittite at Gob (2 Sam 21 : 19). At times Elhanan is thought to be a *bn Y'ry* “Jearite” from (Kirjat)-Jearim, living now at Bethlehem since his father is the Bethlehemite Dodo (2 Sam 23 : 24), whereas Oregim could be a dittography to the participle used at the end of the verse. However, Jaare is apparently a scribal variant to Jair since Jaare results from transposition of the last consonants. The chronic version has the correct form Jair (1 Chr 20 : 5), but harmonizes two contradictory claims raised by different traditions about the killing of Goliath: Elhanan (2 Sam 21 : 19) and David (1 Sam 17 : 50). According to the author of Chronicles Elhanan, son of Jair, slays Lachmi, brother of Goliath (1 Chr 20 : 5). Thus, Bethlehemite is transformed to the personal name Lachmi and the following 't is changed to 'hy (“brother of”). The rendering Ιαδδειν (LXX¹) could be related to Y'ry given the ready interchange of consonants *Dalet* and *Reš* and must not derive from

Dodo, father of Elhanan. Sometimes Elhanan is speculatively identified with David and Jaare changed to Jesse (Yíy). Jerome translates Jaare correctly with *saltus* “wooded valley” (*Nom. hebr.* 39.7).

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