**Rechabites** /ˈriːkəbaɪts/ are a biblical clan, the descendants of Rechab through Jonadab or Jehonadab. Jehonadab appears at an earlier point in the Bible as the companion of King Jehu when he slaughtered the prophets of Baal (comp. II Kings x. 15, 23). Jehonadab was apparently a champion of the worship of Yhwh as against that of Baal. They belonged to the Kenites, who accompanied the children of Israel into the holy land, and dwelt among them. Moses married a Kenite wife, and Jael was the wife of "Heber the Kenite." WARRIORS FOR YHWH. Chosen as a foolish people reasons unknown by man but known by YHWH.

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The Talmud identifies "ha-yoẓerim" ("the potters"; I Chron. 4. 23) as the Rechabites, because they observed ("she-naẓeru") the commandment of their father (B. B. 91b). Evidently the Talmud had the reading "ha-noẓerim" (="diligent observers") instead of "ha-yoẓerim." This would explain the term "Migdal Noẓerim," the habitation of the Rechabites, in contrast with a "fenced city" (II Kings xvii. 9, xviii. 8). The appellation of "Noẓerim" or "Noẓerites" is perhaps changed from "Nazarites" as indicative of the temperate life of the Rechabites. Hmm… Nazarenes were chosen by everlasting covenant without any conditions, as they followed and were related to Moses! Sound familiar?