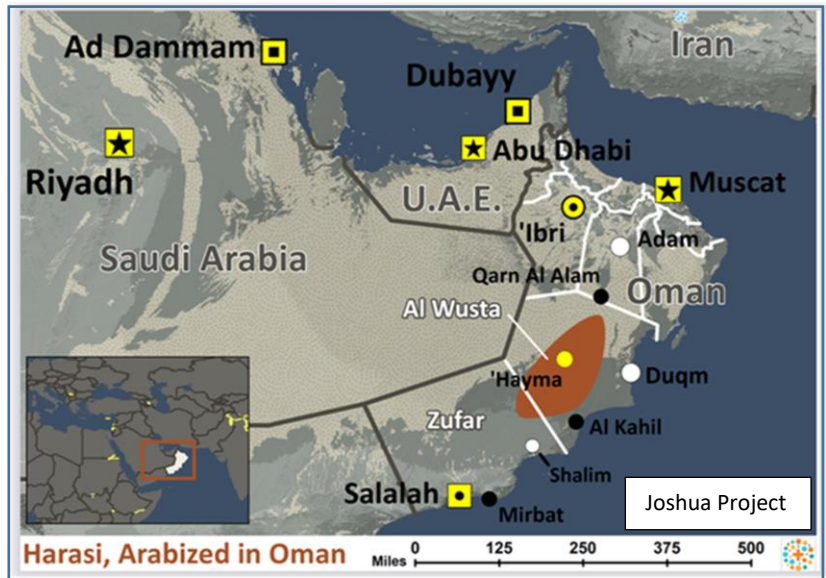


# Pray for the Harasi People

The Harasi tribe is an isolated, Bedouin tribe living in the central desert of Oman. There are thought to be perhaps 5000 Harasis living in Oman today. They live in a large gravel desert plain that is extremely dry and hot during the summer months. This inhospitable area was not permanently inhabited until the Harasis arrived in the 19<sup>th</sup> century. Some Harasis have settled in small desert towns, particularly in the central town of Haima (Hayma).

The Harasi tribe speak their own language of Harsusi, an endangered Semitic language that is not understood by Arabic speakers. They are the most isolated tribe in Oman and pride themselves in their independence. Modern technology has significantly impacted in Harasis life. Most families now use trucks and SUVs to move across the desert. Some men now hold skilled jobs in urban areas and speak Arabic. These men will work in the cities until the holiday season and then return to their central desert homes. Education is limited, although there is a boarding school for boys and a day school for girls in the central desert town of Haima.



**The Harasi tribe follows the tradition of most Bedouin tribes and adheres to the religion of Islam. Little is known about their daily religious practices or beliefs. It is common for Bedouin tribes to follow Sunni Islam, although Sufism and animistic beliefs are also prominent among the Bedouin. There are no known Harasi believers in the Lord Jesus Christ. (Joshua Project)**



- *Pray for God to send laborers to the Harasis in Oman.*
- *Pray that God would send believing nurses, doctors, midwives to Haima hospital who will clearly proclaim the gospel to the Harasis.*
- *Ask God to mobilize prayer and intercession for the Harasi.*
- *Pray that those who have heard the gospel would repent and believe.*
- *Pray that the Lord Jesus will be worshiped and glorified among the Harasi.*

***May desert tribes bow down before him, and his enemies lick the dust! ... May all kings fall down before him, all nations serve him! (Psalm 72:9, 11 ESV)***