

## ~ACHSHAPH (39)

### (Ach'shaph) [Place of Practicing Sorcery]

- A royal city of Canaan whose king responded to the call of Jabin, king of Hazor, and joined the encampment of kings at the waters of Merom to fight against Israel.
- And it came about that as soon as Jabin the king of Hazor heard of it, he went sending to Jobab the king of Madon and to the king of Shimron and the king of **Achshaph**. (**Joshua 11:1**)
- Then all these kings met together by appointment and came and encamped together at the waters of Merom to fight against Israel. (**Joshua 11:5**)
- He was killed in the battle that followed.
- And these are the kings of the land whom Joshua and the sons of Israel defeated on the side of the Jordan toward the west, from Baal-gad in the valley plain of Lebanon and as far as Mount Halak, which goes up to Seir, after which Joshua gave it to the tribes of Israel as a holding by their shares. (**Joshua 12:7**)
- The king of Shimron-meron, one, the king of **Achshaph**, one. (**Joshua 12:20**)
- The city of **Achshaph** was later included in the territory assigned as an inheritance to the tribe of Asher.
- And their boundary came to be Helkath and Hali and Beten and **Achshaph**. (**Joshua 19:25**)
- Some scholars propose identifying **Achshaph** with **Tell Kisan**, **Tel Kison**, a site about 10 kilometers (6 miles) Southeast of Acco or **Acre**. However, others favor **Khirbet el-Harbaj**, **Tel Regev**, about 11 kilometers (7 miles) Southeast of Haifa.