

~AENON (21)
(Ae'non)

A place having a great quantity of water available, where John the Baptizer performed immersions after the Passover of 30 C.E.

- But John also was baptizing in **Aenon** near Salim, because there was a great quantity of water there, and people kept coming and being baptized. (**John 3:23**)
- It was near the apparently better known place named Salim. The exact locations of these places are uncertain, however, Eusebius, bishop of Caesarea in the **Third and Fourth Centuries C.E.**, indicates a location in the Jordan Valley about 8 Roman miles (12 kilometers)(7.5 miles) South of Beth-shean.
- In this area is **Tell Ridgha**, **Tel Shalem**, tentatively identified with Salim. Nearby are several springs that might fit Eusebius description of the place called **Aenon**.