

~ANTIPATRIS (34)

(An-tip'a-tris) [Of or Belonging to Antipater]

- A city rebuilt by Herod the Great in 9 B.C.E. and named after his father **Antipater (II)**. It is identified with **Ras el-`Ain, Tel Afeq**, in a well-watered and fertile section of the Plain of Sharon. **Antipatris** is believed to have been the location of the earlier city of **Aphek**, mentioned at;
- And the word of Samuel continued to come to all Israel. Then Israel went out to meet the Philistines in battle, and they took up camping alongside Ebenezer, and the Philistines themselves encamped in **Aphek**. (1 Samuel 4:1)
- Excavations conducted there in 1946, 1961, and 1974 C.E. appear to confirm this.

See Also APHEK 3

- It was to here that the main body of the Roman army escort conducted Paul, traveling some 50 kilometers (30 miles) down the mountains from Jerusalem by night.
- Therefore these soldiers took Paul according to their orders and brought him by night to **Antipatris**. (Acts of Apostles 23:31)
- The place lay at the junction of the Roman military roads leading from Jerusalem and Lydda respectively to the Roman capital of Caesarea. From **Antipatris** the 70 cavalrymen took Paul the remaining distance of some 40 kilometers (25 miles) across the plain to Caesarea.