

~APHEK 3 (34)
(A'phek) [Streambed]

- A city that, on the basis of the cities mentioned with it, was evidently in the Plain of Sharon. Its king was among those slain by Joshua.
- The king of **Aphek**, one. The king of Lass Sharon, one. (**Joshua 12:18**)
- Centuries later, but prior to Saul's kingship, the Philistines encamped here before their victory over Israel, drawn up at nearby Ebenezer.
- 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**)
- Its location is considered to be at **Ras el-`Ain, Tel Afeq**, different from **No. 2** above at the source of the Yarkon River. **Aphek** is mentioned in Egyptian and Assyrian texts. It is believed that the town of **Antipatris**, mentioned at;
- Therefore these soldiers took Paul according to their orders and brought him by night to **Antipatris**. (**Acts of Apostles 23:31**)
- Was built at the site of ancient **Aphek**. Josephus mentions a tower called **Apheku** in connection with **Antipatris**. [**The Jewish War, II, 513, xix, 1**] Shiloh, from which the Israelites brought the ark of the covenant, is about 35 kilometers (22 miles) to the East.