

~BATH-RABBIM (35)

(Bath-rab'bim) [Daughter of the Many]

- In The Song of Solomon, the Shulammite maiden's eyes are likened to the pools in Heshbon, by the gate of **Bath-rabbim**.
- Your neck is like an ivory tower. Your eyes are like the pools in Heshbon, by the gate of **Bath-rabbim**. Your nose is like the tower of Lebanon, which is looking out toward Damascus. (**Song of Solomon 7:4**)
- Heshbon was a city in the territory of Gad but was assigned to the Levites.
- And out of the tribe of Gad, the city of refuge for the manslayer, namely, Ramoth in Gilead, and its pasture ground, and Mahanaim and its pasture ground. (**Joshua 21:38**)
- Heshbon and its pasture ground, Jazer and its pasture ground, all the cities being four. (**Joshua 21:39**)
- While some believe the name **Bath-rabbim** is the name of a gate of Heshbon facing toward the city of Rabbah, modern **Amman**, to the Northeast, others suggest that **Bath-rabbim**, meaning Daughter of the Many, is used figuratively to mean the populous city of Heshbon itself and that the gate is so called because many people passed in and out of the city or gathered at the gate for assembly.
- Around the present ruins of the city, evidence remains of ancient pools as well as of a large reservoir. The poetic description gives an apt picture of limpid, serene beauty seen in the shining eyes of the Shulammite, the city gate perhaps representing the forehead.