## ~BEER 2 (34) (Be'er) [Well]

- A place to which Jotham, Gideon's or Jerubbaal's son, fled after exposing Abimelech's treachery.
- So the brothers of his mother began speaking all these words about him in the hearing of all the landowners of Shechem so that their heart inclined toward Abimelech, for they said; He is our own brother. (Judges 9:3)
- Then they gave him seventy pieces of silver from the house of Baal-berith, and with them Abimelech proceeded to hire idle and insolent men, that they might accompany him. (Judges 9:4)
- After that he went to the house of his father at Ophrah and killed his brothers, the sons of Jerubbaal, seventy men, upon one stone, but Jotham the youngest son of Jerubbaal was left over, because he had hid. (Judges 9:5)
- Then Jotham took to flight and went running off and made his way to Beer, and he took up dwelling there because of Abimelech his brother. (Judges 9:21)
- Al-Bira, about 12 kilometers (7.5 miles) North of Beth-shan and Southeast of Mount Tabor, is suggested by some as the probable location, others connect it with Beeroth. In view of the absence of any indication of the direction of Jotham's flight from Mount Gerizim, however, the identification is uncertain.

**See Also BEEROTH**