

~BETH-ARABAH (34)

(Beth-ar'a-bah) [House of the Desert Plain]

- One of the six cities within Judah's territory described as in the wilderness.
- In the wilderness **Beth-arabah**, Middin and Secacah. (**Joshua 15:61**)
- It is used in describing the mutual boundaries of the tribes of Benjamin and Judah.
- And the boundary went up to Beth-hoglah and passed over at the north of **Beth-arabah**, and the boundary went up to the stone of Bohan the son of Reuben. (**Joshua 15:6**)
- Though listed as within the tribal assignment of Judah, it is thereafter spoken of as pertaining to Benjamin, perhaps indicating the site as an enclave city of the Benjamites.
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- Remaining evidence of the name may be seen in `Ain el-Gharabah, a spring on the North side of the **Wadi el Qilt** about 6 kilometers (3.5 miles) East-Southeast of Jericho. This location would place it in the desert region at the North end of the Dead Sea.