

~**BETH-AVEN 1 (37)**

**(Beth-a'ven) [House of Hurtfulness, Something Hurtful]**

- **A town in the territory of the tribe of Benjamin, close by the ancient city of Ai.**
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- **And their boundary came to be at the northern corner from the Jordan, and the boundary went up to the slope of Jericho on the north and went up on the mountain westward, and its termination proved to be at the wilderness of **Beth-aven**. (Joshua 18:12)**
- **It was in the wilderness, located East of Bethel and West of Michmash, and became involved in an outstanding battle when Saul and Jonathan routed the Philistines from this latter city.**
- **And the Philistines, for their part, collected themselves together to fight against Israel, thirty thousand war chariots and six thousand horsemen and people like the grains of sand that are upon the seashore for multitude, and they went their way up and began camping in Michmash to the east of **Beth-aven**. (1 Samuel 13:5)**
- **And Yehowah proceeded on that day to save Israel, and the battle itself passed over to **Beth-aven**. (1 Samuel 14:23)**