

## ~BETH-BARAH (39)

(Beth-bar'ah) [House of Barah]

- When Gideon's forces were pursuing the fleeing Midianites, Gideon sent word to the men of Ephraim to capture the waters as far as **Beth-barah** and the Jordan.
- And Gideon sent messengers into all the mountainous region of Ephraim, saying; Go down to meet Midian and capture ahead of them the waters as far as **Beth-barah** and the Jordan. So all the men of Ephraim were called together, and they got to capture the waters as far as **Beth-barah** and the Jordan. (**Judges 7:24**)
- Evidently to prevent the enemy from crossing the Jordan. Since the battle took place in the Low Plain of Jezreel.
- And all Midian and Amalek and the Easterners gathered together as one and proceeded to cross over and camp in the low plain of Jezreel. (**Judges 6:33**)
- This would indicate a site West of the Jordan. The identification is unknown, but a location between the **Wadi Far`ah** and the Jordan is suggested. A similar tactic was employed by Ehud in the fight against the Moabites when they got to capture the fords of the Jordan against the Moabites.
- And it came about that when he got there he began blowing the horn in the mountainous region of Ephraim, and the sons of Israel began going down with him out of the mountainous region, he being at their head. (**Judges 3:27**)
- Then he said to them; Follow me, because Yehowah has given your enemies, the Moabites, into your hand. And they went following him and got to capture the fords of the Jordan against the Moabites, and they did not allow anybody to pass over. (**Judges 3:28**)