

~BETH-REHOB (60)

(Beth-re'hob) [House of the Public Square, or Broad Place]

- Evidently the name of a small Aramaean kingdom, perhaps applied primarily to its principal city. In the account of the attack on Laish by 600 Danites, Laish is described as in the low plain that belonged to **Beth-rehob**.
- Accordingly the five men went on and came to Laish and saw how the people that were within it were dwelling in self-reliance according to the custom of the Sidonians, quiet and unsuspecting, and there was no oppressive conqueror that was molesting a thing in the land, while they were far off from the Sidonians and they had nothing to do with mankind. (**Judges 18:7**)
- And there was no deliverer, for it was far away from Sidon, and they had nothing at all to do with mankind, and it was in the low plain that belonged to **Beth-rehob**. Then they built the city and took up dwelling in it. (**Judges 18:28**)
- Later, in David's time, the Ammonites hired Syrian mercenaries from **Beth-rehob** in a vain attempt to defend themselves against the Israelite forces.
- In time the sons of Ammon saw that they had become foul-smelling to David, and the sons of Ammon proceeded to send and hire Syrians of **Beth-rehob** and Syrians of Zobah, twenty thousand men on foot, and the king of Maacah, a thousand men, and Ishtob, twelve thousand men. (**2 Samuel 10:6**)
- It was also called simply **Rehob**.
- And the sons of Ammon began to go out and draw up in battle formation at the entrance of the gate, also the Syrians of Zobah and of **Rehob**, and Ishtob and Maacah by themselves in the open field. (**2 Samuel 10:8**)
- And is, therefore, thought to be the same place mentioned among the points reached by the 12 Israelite spies in their preliminary investigation of the land of Canaan.

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- So they went up and spied out the land from the wilderness of Zin to **Rehob** to the entering in of Hamath. (**Numbers 13:21**)
- That **Rehob** was in the direction of the entering in of Hamath, likely point to a location in the southern part of the Beqa` Valley, which lies between the Lebanon and the Anti-Lebanon mountains. The exact location is uncertain.