

~BETH-SHITTAH (31)

(Beth-shit'tah) [House of the Acacia Tree]

- A town mentioned in describing the line of flight followed by the Midianites after their rout in the Low Plain of Jezreel by Judge Gideon.
- And the three hundred continued to blow the horns, and Yehowah proceeded to set the sword of each one against the other in all the camp, and the camp kept up their flight as far as **Beth-shittah**, on to Zererah, as far as the outskirts of Abel-meholah by Tabbath. (**Judges 7:22**)
- Since the Midianites were heading for the region of the Jordan, **Beth-shittah** must be located somewhere to the East or Southeast of the hill of Moreh and the well of Harod, in which vicinity the battle took place.
- Then Jerubbaal, that is to say; Gideon, and all the people who were with him, rose early and took up camping at the well of Harod, and the camp of Midian happened to be on the north of him, at the hill of Moreh, in the low plain. (**Judges 7:1**)
- **Shattah**, **Bet Ha-Shitta**, about 4.5 kilometers (3 miles) East-southeast of modern **`En Harod**, is suggested by some as the likely location and one giving evidence of the original name. Others consider it too near to the scene of the battle and recommend a location more to the Southeast, though offering no definite identification.