

## ~BETHLEHEM 2 (32)

(Beth'le-hem) [House of Bread]

- A town in the territory of Zebulun.
- Next the third lot came up for the sons of Zebulun by their families, and the boundary of their inheritance came to be as far as Sarid. ([Joshua 19:10](#))
- And Kattath and Nahalal and Shimron and Idalah and **Bethlehem**, twelve cities and their settlements. ([Joshua 19:15](#))
- It was probably from this **Bethlehem** that Judge Ibzan proceeded, and it was in this town that he was buried, since no mention is made of Ephrath or of Judah in the account.
- And Ibzan from **Bethlehem** began to judge Israel after him. ([Judges 12:8](#))
- And he came to have thirty sons and thirty daughters. He sent outside and brought in thirty daughters for his sons from outside. And he continued to judge Israel for seven years. ([Judges 12:9](#))
- Then Ibzan died and was buried in **Bethlehem**. ([Judges 12:10](#))
- **Bethlehem** of Zebulun has been identified with **Beit Lahm**, **Bet Lehem Ha-Gelilit**, about 11 kilometers (7 miles) West-Northwest of Nazareth.