

~BEZER 2 (46)

(Be'zer) [Unapproachable Place]

- A Levite city of refuge, one of the three on the East side of the Jordan, designated primarily for the tribe of Reuben.
- At that time Moses proceeded to set apart three cities on the side of the Jordan toward the rising of the sun. (**Deuteronomy 4:41**)
- For the manslayer to flee there who slays his fellow without knowing it, while he was not hating him formerly, and he must flee to one of these cities and live. (**Deuteronomy 4:42**)
- Namely, **Bezer** in the wilderness on the tableland for the Reubenites, and Ramoth in Gilead for the Gadites, and Golan in Bashan for the Manassites. (**Deuteronomy 4:43**)
- And in the region of the Jordan, at Jericho, toward the east they gave **Bezer** in the wilderness on the tableland out of the tribe of Reuben, and Ramoth in Gilead out of the tribe of Gad, and Golan in Bashan out of the tribe of Manasseh. (**Joshua 20:8**)
- And out of the tribe of Reuben, **Bezer** and its pasture ground, and Jahaz and its pasture ground. (**Joshua 21:36**)
- And in the region of the Jordan at Jericho to the east of the Jordan, from the tribe of Reuben, **Bezer** in the wilderness with its pasture grounds and Jahaz with its pasture grounds. (**1 Chronicles 6:78**)
- It is spoken of as on the tableland and at Jericho to the east of the Jordan, in the wilderness. **Bezer** is generally identified with modern **Umm el-`Amad**, located on the plateau region, 19 kilometers (12 miles) South of Rabbah in Ammon.
- It is mentioned in the Moabite Stone as being one of the cities captured and fortified by King Mesha of Moab in his revolt against Israel after the death of King Ahab in about **920 B.C.E.**
- And it came about that as soon as Ahab died, the king of Moab began to revolt against the king of Israel. (**2 Kings 3:5**)

