

~DAN-JAAN (69)
(Dan-ja'an)

- **A place mentioned only once, on the route followed by Joab when taking the census ordered by David.**
- **And again the anger of Yehowah came to be hot against Israel, when one incited David against them, saying; Go, take a count of Israel and Judah. (2 Samuel 24:1)**
- **O the king said to Joab the chief of the military forces who was with him: Move about, please, through all the tribes of Israel, from Dan to Beer-sheba, and you men register the people, and I shall certainly know the number of the people. (2 Samuel 24:2)**
- **But Joab said to the king; May Yehowah your God even add to the people a hundred times as many as they are while the very eyes of my lord the king are seeing it. But as for my lord the king, why has he found delight in this thing? (2 Samuel 24:3)**
- **Finally the kings word prevailed upon Joab and the chiefs of the military forces. So Joab and the chiefs of the military forces went out from before the king to register the people Israel. (2 Samuel 24:4)**
- **Then they crossed the Jordan and took up camping at Aroer to the right of the city that is in the middle of the torrent valley, toward the Gadites, and to Jazer. (2 Samuel 24:5)**
- **After that they came on to Gilead and the land of Tahtim-hodshi and continued on to **Dan-jaan** and went around to Sidon. (2 Samuel 24:6)**
- **The description seems to place its location in the extreme North of Israel, since it is stated that they went on to **Dan-jaan** and went around to Sidon. The fact that Beer-sheba is mentioned in the following verse;**
- **Then they came to the fortress of Tyre and all the cities of the Hivites and of the Canaanites and came to the terminating point in the Negeb of Judah at Beer-sheba. (2 Samuel 24:7)**

- Calls to mind the common expression from Beer-sheba to Dan, used by David in instructing Joab about the census.
- So David said to Joab and the chiefs of the people: Go, count Israel **from Beer-sheba to Dan** and bring it to me that I may know their number. (**1 Chronicles 21:2**)
- **Dan-jaan** may therefore refer to the city of **Dan** or possibly a suburb of that northern city.
- 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**)
- Furthermore, they called the name of the city **Dan** by the name of their father, **Dan**, who had been born to Israel. Nevertheless, Laish was the city's name at first. (**Judges 18:29**)
- Where Dan and Sidon are also mentioned jointly;

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