

## ~EN-DOR (138)

[possibly, Fountain or Spring of the Generation]

- A plains city located in the territory of Issachar but assigned to Manasseh. The Canaanites there were not entirely dispossessed, but came under forced labor.
- And there came to belong to Manasseh in Issachar and in Asher Beth-shean and its dependent towns and Ibleam and its dependent towns and the inhabitants of Dor and its dependent towns and the inhabitants of **En-dor** and its dependent towns and the inhabitants of Taanach and its dependent towns and the inhabitants of Megiddo and its dependent towns, three of the heights. (**Joshua 17:11**)
- And the sons of Manasseh did not prove able to take possession of these cities, but the Canaanites persisted in dwelling in this land. (**Joshua 17:12**)
- And it turned out that when the sons of Israel had grown strong, they went putting the Canaanites at forced labor, and they did not dispossess them entirely. (**Joshua 17:13**)
- **En-dor** is usually identified with **Khirbet Safsafeh**, **Horvat Zafzafot**, about 11 kilometers (7 miles) Southeast of Nazareth.
- Do to them as to Midian, as to Sisera, as to Jabin at the torrent valley of Kishon. (**Psalms 83:9**)
- They were annihilated at **En-dor**, they became manure for the ground. (**Psalms 83:10**)
- **En-dor** is connected with Yehowah's victory over Sisera. While not mentioned in the battle account at (**Judges Chapters 4-5**), it evidently lay only a few miles South of Mount Tabor, from which Barak's army descended.
- And she proceeded to send and call Barak the son of Abinoam out of Kedesh-naphtali and to say to him; Has not Yehowah the God of Israel given the command? Go and you must spread yourself out on **Mount Tabor**, and you must take with you ten thousand men out of the sons of Naphtali and out of the sons of Zebulun.

**(Judges 4:6)**

- Then they reported to Sisera that Barak the son of Abinoam had gone up to **Mount Tabor**. (**Judges 4:12**)
- It was also in the general region of Taanach and Megiddo and the torrent valley of Kishon, where Sisera's forces were miraculously disrupted.
- And there came to belong to Manasseh in Issachar and in Asher Beth-shean and its dependent towns and Ibleam and its dependent towns and the inhabitants of Dor and its dependent towns and the inhabitants of **En-dor** and its dependent towns and the inhabitants of Taanach and its dependent towns and the inhabitants of Megiddo and its dependent towns, three of the heights. (**Joshua 17:11**)
- Kings came, they fought; It was then that the kings of Canaan fought in Taanach by the waters of Megiddo. No gain of silver did they take. (**Judges 5:19**)
- So, some feature of the battle evidently extended as far as **En-dor**, and the psalmist, well acquainted with the historical and geographic details, could speak of **En-dor** as the place where many of the fleeing Canaanites were annihilated.
- **En-dor** is best known as the place where King Saul went to consult a **mistress of spirit mediumship** shortly before Israel's defeat at the hands of the Philistines.
- Finally Saul said to his servants; Seek for me a woman who is a mistress of spirit mediumship, and I will go to her and consult her. Then his servants said to him; Look! There is a woman who is a **mistress of spirit mediumship in En-dor**. (**1 Samuel 28:7**)
- Now the Philistines were fighting against Israel, and the men of Israel took to flight from before the Philistines, and they kept falling down slain in Mount Gilboa. (**1 Samuel 31:1**)
- And the Philistines kept in close range of Saul and his sons, and the Philistines at last struck down Jonathan and Abinadab and Malchi-shua, Saul's sons. (**1 Samuel 31:2**)
- And the fighting became heavy against Saul, and the shooters,

the bowmen, finally found him, and he got severely wounded by the shooters. (1 Samuel 31:3)

- Then Saul said to his armor-bearer; Draw your sword and run me through with it, that these uncircumcised men may not come and certainly run me through and deal abusively with me. And his armor-bearer was unwilling, because he was very much afraid. So Saul took the sword and fell upon it. (1 Samuel 31:4)
- When his armor-bearer saw that Saul had died, then he too fell upon his own sword and died with him. (1 Samuel 31:5)
- Thus Saul and his three sons and his armor-bearer, even all his men, came to die together on that day. (1 Samuel 31:6)
- When the men of Israel that were in the region of the low plain and that were in the region of the Jordan saw that the men of Israel had fled, and that Saul and his sons had died, then they began to leave the cities and flee, after which the Philistines came on in and took up dwelling in them. (1 Samuel 31:7)
- And it came about the next day that, when the Philistines came to strip the slain, they got to find Saul and his three sons fallen upon Mount Gilboa. (1 Samuel 31:8)
- And they proceeded to cut off his head and strip off his armor and send into the land of the Philistines all around to inform the houses of their idols and the people. (1 Samuel 31:9)
- Finally they put his armor in the house of the Ashtoreth images, and his corpse they fastened on the wall of Beth-shan. (1 Samuel 31:10)
- And as regards him, the inhabitants of Jabesh-gilead got to hear what the Philistines had done to Saul. (1 Samuel 31:11)
- Immediately all the valiant men rose up and went all night long and took the corpse of Saul and the corpses of his sons off the wall of Beth-shan and came to Jabesh and burned them there. (1 Samuel 31:12)
- Then they took their bones and buried them under the tamarisk tree in Jabesh, and they went fasting for seven days. (1 Samuel 31:13)

