

~ETHER (84)
(E'ther)

- **A city of the Shephelah in the territory of Judah, but allotted to Simeon.**
- **In the Shephelah there were Eshtaol and Zorah and Ashnah. (Joshua 15:33)**
- **Libnah and Ether and Ashan. (Joshua 15:42)**
- **Then the second lot came out for Simeon, for the tribe of the sons of Simeon by their families. And their inheritance came to be in the midst of the inheritance of the sons of Judah. (Joshua 19:1)**
- **And they came to have in their inheritance Beer-sheba with Sheba, and Moladah. (Joshua 19:2)**
- **And Hazar-shual and Balah and Ezem. (Joshua 19:3)**
- **And Eltolad and Bethul and Hormah. (Joshua 19:4)**
- **And Ziklag and Beth-marcaboth and Hazar-susah. (Joshua 19:5)**
- **And Beth-lebaoth and Sharuhem, thirteen cities and their settlements. (Joshua 19:6)**
- **Ain, Rimmon and Ether and Ashan, four cities and their settlements. (Joshua 19:7)**
- **And all the settlements that were all around these cities as far as Baalath-beer, Ramah of the south. This was the inheritance of the tribe of the sons of Simeon by their families. (Joshua 19:8)**
- **The inheritance of the sons of Simeon was out of the allotment of the sons of Judah, because the share of the sons of Judah proved to be too large for them. So the sons of Simeon got a possession in the midst of their inheritance. (Joshua 19:9)**

- Today it is generally identified with **Khirbet el-`Ater**, **Tel `Eter**, about 1.5 kilometers (1 miles) Northwest of **Beit Jibrin**, **Eleutheropolis**, **Bet Guvrin**. The account at;
- Ain, Rimmon and Ether and Ashan, four cities and their settlements. (**Joshua 19:7**)
- Is nearly parallel with that of;
- And their settlements were Etam and Ain, Rimmon and Tochen and Ashan, five cities. (**1 Chronicles 4:32**)
- And in this latter text **Ether** appears to be referred to as Tochen.
- Some reference works consider that there were two **Ethers**, that at;
- Libnah and **Ether** and Ashan. (**Joshua 15:42**)
- Being located between Libnah and Mareshah, at **Khirbet el-`Ater**, above mentioned, and the other, referred to at;
- Ain, Rimmon and **Ether** and Ashan, four cities and their settlements. (**Joshua 19:7**)
- Being situated near Ziklag to the South. While the other towns referred to in,
- Ain, Rimmon and Ether and Ashan, four cities and their settlements. (**Joshua 19:7**)
- Are all in the South and many of those at;
- Libnah and **Ether** and Ashan. (**Joshua 15:42**)
- Are more to the North, it may be noted, nevertheless, that in both texts the town of Ashan is mentioned, so that any clear division becomes difficult