

~GATH-HEPHER (30)

(Gath-he'pher) [Winepress of Hephher, Digging]

- A border city 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 from there it passed over eastward toward the sunrise to **Gath-hepher**, to Eth-kazin, and went out to Rimmon and was marked out to Neah. (Joshua 19:13)
- And home of the prophet Jonah.
- He it was that restored the boundary of Israel from the entering in of Hamath clear to the sea of the Arabah, according to the word of Yehowah the God of Israel who spoke by means of his servant Jonah the son of Amittai, the prophet that was from **Gath-hepher**. (2 Kings 14:25)
- It is usually identified with **Khirbet ez-Zurra`**, **Tel Gat Hefer**, about 4 kilometers (2.5 miles) North-Northeast of Nazareth and just West of **Meshhed** or **Mash-had**, the traditional site of Jonah's tomb.
- Surface explorations at **Khirbet ez-Zurra`** appear to corroborate the Biblical statements that the site was occupied at both time periods in the aforementioned accounts.