~GATH-RIMMON 1 (77)

(Gath-rim'mon) [Winepress by the Pomegranate Tree]

- A city of Dan.
- It was for the tribe of the sons of Dan by their families that the seventh lot came out. (Joshua 19:40)
- And the border of their inheritance came to be Zorah and Eshtaol and Ir-shemesh. (Joshua 19:41)
- And Jehud and Bene-berak and Gath-rimmon. (Joshua 19:45)
- Assigned to the Kohathite Levites.
- And for the families of the sons of Kohath, the Levites who were left over of the sons of Kohath, there came to be by their lot cities out of the tribe of Ephraim. (Joshua 21:20)
- And from the tribe of Dan, Elteke and its pasture ground, Gibbethon and its pasture ground. (Joshua 21:23)
- Aijalon and its pasture ground, Gath-rimmon and its pasture ground, four cities. (Joshua 21:24)
- And some of the families of the sons of Kohath came to have the cities of their territory from the tribe of Ephraim. (1 Chronicles 6:66)
- Accordingly they gave them the cities of refuge, Shechem with its pasture grounds in the mountainous region of Ephraim, and Gezer with its pasture grounds. (1 Chronicles 6:67)
- And Jokmeam with its pasture grounds and Beth-horon with its pasture grounds. (1 Chronicles 6:68)
- And Aijalon with its pasture grounds and Gath-rimmon with its pasture grounds. (1 Chronicles 6:69)
- And from half of the tribe of Manasseh, Aner with its pasture grounds and Bileam with its pasture grounds, to the family of the sons of Kohath that were left over. (1 Chronicles 6:70)

- Appears to make Gath-rimmon an Ephraimite city. However, on the basis of the parallel account at;
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- Aijalon and its pasture ground, Gath-rimmon and its pasture ground, four cities. (Joshua 21:24)
- Hebrew scholars believe that, because of scribal error, a portion of the text has accidentally dropped out and been lost. So, they suggest inserting the following;
- And from the tribe of Dan, Elteke and its pasture ground, Gibbethon and its pasture ground. (Joshua 21:23)
- · Before
- And Aijalon with its pasture grounds and Gath-rimmon with its pasture grounds. (1 Chronicles 6:69)
- And from the tribe of Dan, Elteke and its pasture ground, Gibbethon and its pasture ground. This could have been the original reading. However, not to be overlooked is the possibility that Gathrimmon was a Danite enclave city located within Ephraim's territory.
- Gath-rimmon is usually identified with Tell Jerisheh, Tel Gerisa, about 8 kilometers (5 miles) Northeast of modern Tel Aviv-Yafo.