~HAZAR-SHUAL (43)

(Ha'zar-shu'al) [Courtyard or Settlement of the Fox]

- An enclave city of Simeon in the South of Judah.
- And the cities at the extremity of the tribe of the sons of Judah toward the boundary of Edom in the south came to be Kabzeel and Eder and Jagur. (Joshua 15:21)
- And Hazar-shual and Beer-sheba and Biziothiah. (Joshua 15:28)
- 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 they continued to dwell in Beer-sheba and Moladah and Hazar-shual. (1 Chronicles 4:28)
- It was reoccupied after the Babylonian exile.
- And as regards the settlements in their fields, there were some of the sons of Judah that dwelt in Kiriath-arba and its dependent towns and in Dibon and its dependent towns and in Jekabzeel and its settlements. (Nehemiah 11:25)
- And in Jeshua and in Moladah and in Beth-pelet. (Nehemiah 11:26)
- And in Hazar-shual and in Beer-sheba and its dependent towns. (Nehemiah 11:27)
- The location is uncertain, some scholars suggest an identification with Khirbet el-Watan, about 3 kilometers (2 miles) East-Southeast of Beer-sheba.