

~HELKATH (62)

(Hel'kath) [Smooth Place]

- A city listed among the boundary sites of the tribe of Asher
- Then the fifth lot came out for the tribe of the sons of Asher by their families. (Joshua 19:24)
- And their boundary came to be **Helkath** and Hali and Beten and Achshaph. (Joshua 19:25)
- This was the inheritance of the tribe of the sons of Asher by their families. These were the cities and their settlements. (Joshua 19:31)
- Later assigned to the Gershonites as a Levite city.
- And for the sons of Gershon, of the families of the Levites, there was out of the half tribe of Manasseh the city of refuge for the manslayer, namely, Golan, in Bashan, and its pasture ground, and Beeshterah and its pasture ground, two cities. (Joshua 21:27)
- And out of the tribe of Asher, Mishal and its pasture ground, Abdon and its pasture ground. (Joshua 21:30)
- **Helkath** and its pasture ground, and Rehob and its pasture ground, four cities. (Joshua 21:31)
- It appears at;
- And **Hukok** with its pasture grounds and Rehob with its pasture grounds. (1 Chronicles 6:75)
- With the variant spelling of **Hukok**. Its location is conjectural. Some have identified it with **Khirbet el-Harbaj**, **Tel Regev**, 18 kilometers (11 miles) South of Acco and near the base of the Carmel mountain range.
- The Illustrated Bible Dictionary edited by J. D. Douglas [1980, Vol. 2, p. 634] considers as **perhaps even better**, **Tell el-Qasis**, about 9 kilometers (5.5 miles) South of **Khirbet el-Harbaj**, lying at the entrance to the Valley of

Jezreel. Since the towns of Hali and Beten, mentioned after **Helkath in the list at;**

- **Then the fifth lot came out for the tribe of the sons of Asher by their families. (**Joshua 19:24**)**
- **And their boundary came to be **Helkath** and Hali and Beten and Achshaph. (**Joshua 19:25**)**
- **And Allammelech and Amad and Mishal. And it reached westward to Carmel and to Shihor-libnath. (**Joshua 19:26**)**
- **Are generally considered to have been in the southern part of the Plain of Acco, such identification with **Tell el-Qasis**, **Tel Qashish** would indicate a boundary description beginning in the extreme Southeast corner of the Plain of Acco, rather than one beginning in the north and running south. Further identification of other towns is needed, however, to determine this.**