

~HEPHER (39)

(He'pher)[Digging, that is, a waterpit]

- Apparently both a city and a district West of the Jordan. The king of the Canaanite city of **Hepher** was among those defeated by Joshua.
- And these are the kings of the land whom Joshua and the sons of Israel defeated on the side of the Jordan toward the west, from Baal-gad in the valley plain of Lebanon and as far as Mount Halak, which goes up to Seir, after which Joshua gave it to the tribes of Israel as a holding by their shares. (**Joshua 12:7**)
- In the mountainous region and in the Shephelah and in the Arabah and on the slopes and in the wilderness and in the Negeb, the Hittites, the Amorites and the Canaanites, the Perizzites, the Hivites and the Jebusites. (**Joshua 12:8**)
- The king of Tappuah, one, the king of **Hepher**, one. (**Joshua 12:17**)
- In the time of Solomon, the district of **Hepher**, as well as Socoh, were under the jurisdiction of an appointed deputy.
- And Solomon had twelve deputies over all Israel, and they provided the king and his household with food. It would devolve upon each one to provide the food one month in the year. (**1 Kings 4:7**)
- The son of Hsed, in Arubboth, he had Socoh and all the land of Hepher. (**1 Kings 4:10**)
- The exact location of ancient **Hepher** is not definitely known. Some suggest identifying it with **Tell el-Ifshar**, **Tel Hefer**, about 40 kilometers (25 miles) North-Northeast of Tel Aviv-Yafo.