

~IBLEAM (79)

(Ib'le-am) [possibly from a root meaning swallow down]

- A city in the territory of Issachar but assigned with its dependent towns to Manasseh. The Manassites, however, failed to dispossess the Canaanites from **Ibleam**.

- And there came to belong to Manasseh in Issachar and in Asher Beth-shean and its dependent towns and **Ibleam** and its dependent towns and the inhabitants of Dor and its dependent towns and the inhabitants of En-dor and its dependent towns and the inhabitants of Taanach and its dependent towns and the inhabitants of Megiddo and its dependent towns, three of the heights. (**Joshua 17:11**)

- And the sons of Manasseh did not prove able to take possession of these cities, but the Canaanites persisted in dwelling in this land. (**Joshua 17:12**)

- And it turned out that when the sons of Israel had grown strong, they went putting the Canaanites at forced labor, and they did not dispossess them entirely. (**Joshua 17:13**)

- And Manasseh did not take possession of Beth-shean and its dependent towns and Taanach and its dependent towns and the inhabitants of Dor and its dependent towns and the inhabitants of **Ibleam** and its dependent towns and the inhabitants of Megiddo and its dependent towns, but the Canaanites persisted in dwelling in this land. (**Judges 1:27**)

- **Ibleam** appears to be the same as the **Bileam** in Manasseh given to the Kohathite Levites.

- 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**)

- But the parallel passage mentioning Levite cities in the territory of the half tribe of Manasseh.

- And from the half tribe of Manasseh, Taanach and its pasture ground, and Gath-rimmon and its pasture ground, two cities.

(Joshua 21:25)

- Reads Gath-rimmon instead of **Bileam** or **Ibleam**. Generally this is attributed to **scribal error**, Gath-rimmon, the name of a city in Dan, probably having been inadvertently repeated from **verse 24**.
- **Ibleam** has been identified with **Khirbet Bel`ameh**, about 18 kilometers (11 miles) South-Southeast of Megiddo.
- Near **Ibleam**, King Ahaziah of Judah was fatally struck down at the command of Jehu.
- And Ahaziah the king of Judah himself saw it and took to flight by the way of the garden house. Later Jehu went in pursuit of him and said; Him also! Strike him down! So they struck him down while in the chariot on the way up to Gur, which is by **Ibleam**. And he continued his flight to Megiddo and got to die there. (2 Kings 9:27)
- Later, Jehu's dynasty ended with the assassination of Zechariah at **Ibleam**. [according to the Lagardian edition of the LXX, JB, NW, RS]
- Then Shallum the son of Jabesh conspired against him and struck him down at **Ibleam** and put him to death and began to reign in place of him. (2 Kings 15:10)
- As for the rest of the affairs of Zechariah, there they are written in the book of the affairs of the days of the kings of Israel. (2 Kings 15:11)
- That was Yehowah's word that he had spoken to Jehu, saying; Sons themselves to the fourth generation will sit for you upon the throne of Israel. And it came to be that way. (2 Kings 15:12)