

~JESHANAH (28)
(Jesh'a-nah) [Old [Town]]

- A place mentioned along with Mizpah as indicating the location of the stone that Samuel set up and called, Ebenezer.
- Then Samuel took a stone and set it between Mizpah and **Jeshanah** and began to call its name Ebenezer. Accordingly he said; Till now Yehowah has helped us. (**1 Samuel 7:12**)
- **Jeshanah** was one of the cities captured by Judean King Abijah, **980-978 B.C.E.**, from Jeroboam the king of Israel.
- And Abijah kept chasing after Jeroboam and got to capture cities from him, Bethel and its dependent towns, and **Jeshanah** and its dependent towns, and Ephraim and its dependent towns. (**2 Chronicles 13:19**)
- It is considered to be identical with the **Isana** referred to by Josephus as the site of Herod the Great's victory over General Pappus. [*Jewish Antiquities*, XIV, 458, xv, 12]
- The name **Isana** seems to be preserved in **Burj el-Isaneh**, about 8 kilometers (5 miles) North-Northeast of Bethel. This place has therefore been suggested as a possible identification for ancient **Jeshanah**.