

## ~KEDEMOTH (52)

(Ked'e-moth) [from a root meaning, east]

- The name applied to a city **East** of the Jordan and apparently also to the wilderness surrounding it. From the Wilderness of **Kedemoth**, Moses sent messengers to Amorite King Sihon, requesting permission to pass through his land.
- Then I sent messengers from the wilderness of **Kedemoth** to Sihon the king of Heshbon with words of peace, saying; (**Deuteronomy 2:26**)
- Let me pass through your land. Only on the road I shall walk. I shall not turn to the right or to the left. (**Deuteronomy 2:27**)
- Originally given to the Reubenites, **Kedemoth** was later assigned to the Merarite Levites.
- Then Moses made a gift to the tribe of the sons of Reuben by their families. (**Joshua 13:15**)
- And Jahaz and **Kedemoth** and Mephaath. (**Joshua 13:18**)
- And the families of the sons of Merari, the Levites who were left over, had out of the tribe of Zebulun Jokneam and its pasture ground, Kartah and its pasture ground. (**Joshua 21:34**)
- And out of the tribe of Reuben, Bezer and its pasture ground, and Jahaz and its pasture ground. (**Joshua 21:36**)
- **Kedemoth** and its pasture ground, and Mephaath and its pasture ground, four cities. (**Joshua 21:37**)
- To the sons of Merari that were left over they gave from the tribe of Zebulun Rimmono with its pasture grounds, Tabor with its pasture grounds. (**1 Chronicles 6:77**)
- And in the region of the Jordan at Jericho to the east of the Jordan, from the tribe of Reuben, Bezer in the wilderness with its pasture grounds and Jahaz with its pasture grounds. (**1 Chronicles 6:78**)

- And **Kedemoth** with its pasture grounds and Mephaath with its pasture grounds. (**1 Chronicles 6:79**)
- Scholars generally favor as a possible identification one of the tells near where the torrent valley of Arnon begins, such as **Qasr ez-Za`faran**, situated about 16 kilometers (10 miles) Northeast of what is thought to be the site of ancient Dibon.