

~KEDESH 2 (76)
(Ke'desh) [Holy Place]

- **A city of Naphtali given to the Gershonites and set aside as a city of refuge.**
- **Accordingly they gave a sacred status to **Kedesh** in Galilee in the mountainous region of Naphtali, and Shechem in the mountainous region of Ephraim, and Kiriath-arba, that is to say; Hebron, in the mountainous region of Judah. (Joshua 20:7)**
- **And out of the tribe of Naphtali, the city of refuge for the manslayer, namely, **Kedesh** in Galilee, and its pasture ground, and Hammoth-dor and its pasture ground, and Kartan and its pasture ground, three cities. (Joshua 21:32)**
- **All the cities of the Gershonites by their families were thirteen cities and their pasture grounds. (Joshua 21:33)**
- **And to the sons of Gershom they gave from the family of the half tribe of Manasseh Golan in Bashan with its pasture grounds and Ashtaroth with its pasture grounds. (1 Chronicles 6:71)**
- **And from the tribe of Naphtali, **Kedesh** in Galilee with its pasture grounds and Hammon with its pasture grounds and Kiriathaim with its pasture grounds. (1 Chronicles 6:76)**
- **Because of its location it was also called, **Kedesh-naphtali**.**
- **And she proceeded to send and call Barak the son of Abinoam out of **Kedesh-naphtali** and to say to him; Has not Yehowah the God of Israel given the command? Go and you must spread yourself out on Mount Tabor, and you must take with you ten thousand men out of the sons of Naphtali and out of the sons of Zebulun. (Judges 4:6)**
- **And **Kedesh** in Galilee.**
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- Apparently the residence of Judge Barak, **Kedesh** served as the rallying point for his 10,000 men from Naphtali and Zebulun prior to their victory over the Canaanite army under Sisera.
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- And Barak began to call Zebulun and Naphtali together to **Kedesh**, and ten thousand men went on up following his steps, and Deborah went on up with him. (**Judges 4:10**)
- Centuries later the city was conquered by Assyrian King Tiglath-pileser III during the rule of Israel's King Pekah, circa **778-759 B.C.E.**
- In the days of Pekah the king of Israel, Tiglath-pileser the king of Assyria came in and proceeded to take Ijon and Abel-beth-maacah and Janoah and **Kedesh** and Hazor and Gilead and Galilee, all the land of Naphtali, and to carry them into exile in Assyria. (**2 Kings 15:29**)
- **Kedesh** has been identified with **Tell Qades**, **Tel Qedesh**, a mound overlooking a small, fertile plain about 20 kilometers (12 miles) Southwest of Dan.