~KIRIATHAIM 1 (37)

(Kir-i-a-tha'im) [Double Town]

- A city East of the Jordan, built or rebuilt by the Reubenites.
- And the sons of Reuben built Heshbon and Elealeh and Kiriathaim. (Numbers 32:37)
- Then Moses made a gift to the tribe of the sons of Reuben by their families. (Joshua 13:15)
- And Kiriathaim and Sibmah and Zereth-shahar in the mountain of the low plain. (Joshua 13:19)
- At a later period the city came under Moabite control. It is mentioned in the prophecies of,
- For Moab this is what Yehowah of armies, the God of Israel, has said; Woe to Nebo, for she has been despoiled! Kiriathaim has been put to shame, has been captured. The secure height has been put to shame and been put in terror. (Jeremiah 48:1)
- Therefore here I am opening the slope of Moab at the cities, at his cities to his frontier, the decoration of the land, Beth-jeshimoth, Baal-meon, even to Kiriathaim. (Ezekiel 25:9)
- As a city of Moab that would experience calamity. Earlier, Moabite King Mesha of the Tenth Century B.C.E. boasted about building Qaryaten, apparently Kiriathaim.
- Scholars usually situate it in the area near Quraiyat, about 10 kilometers (6 miles) West-Northwest of Dibon. The remains found there, however, do not date prior to the First Century B.C.E, so the exact location is uncertain.