

~MAON 2 (96)
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- **A city in the mountainous region of Judah.**
- **This was the inheritance of the tribe of the sons of Judah by their families. (Joshua 15:20)**
- **And in the mountainous region Shamir and Jattir and Socoh. (Joshua 15:48)**
- **Maon, Carmel and Ziph and Juttah. (Joshua 15:55)**
- **Israel's King Saul pursued David and his men into the wilderness area surrounding Maon. But news of a Philistine raid forced Saul to abandon the chase.**
- **So they rose up and went to Ziph ahead of Saul, while David and his men were in the wilderness of Maon in the Arabah to the south of Jeshimon. (1 Samuel 23:24)**
- **Later Saul came with his men to look for him. When they told David, he at once went down to the crag and continued dwelling in the wilderness of Maon. When Saul got to hear of it, he went chasing after David into the wilderness of Maon. (1 Samuel 23:25)**
- **Eventually Saul came to this side of the mountain, and David and his men were on that side of the mountain. So David became hurried to go away because of Saul, all the while Saul and his men were closing in on David and his men to grab hold of them. (1 Samuel 23:26)**
- **But there was a messenger that came to Saul, saying; Do hasten and go, for the Philistines have made a raid on the land! (1 Samuel 23:27)**
- **At that Saul turned back from chasing after David and went to meet the Philistines. That is why they have called that place the Crag of the Divisions. (1 Samuel 23:28)**

- **Later, David's men were treated inhospitably by Nabal, a rich landowner apparently residing at **Maon**.**
- **Now there was a man in **Maon**, and his work was in Carmel. And the man was very great, and he had three thousand sheep and a thousand goats, and he came to be engaged in shearing his sheep at Carmel. (1 Samuel 25:2)**
- **And the man's name was Nabal, and his wife's name was Abigail. And the wife was good in discretion and beautiful in form, but the husband was harsh and bad in his practices, and he was a Calebite. (1 Samuel 25:3)**
- **And David got to hear in the wilderness that Nabal was shearing his sheep. (1 Samuel 25:4)**
- **So David sent ten young men and David said to the young men: Go up to Carmel, and you must come to Nabal and ask him in my name about his welfare. (1 Samuel 25:5)**
- **And this is what you must say to my brother; May you be well and also your household be well and all that you have be well. (1 Samuel 25:6)**
- **And now I have heard that you have shearers. Now the shepherds that belong to you happened themselves to be with us. We did not molest them, and nothing at all showed up missing of theirs all the days they happened to be in Carmel. (1 Samuel 25:7)**
- **Ask your own young men, and they will tell you, that my young men may find favor in your eyes, because it was upon a good day that we came. Just give, please, whatever your hand may find to your servants and to your son David. (1 Samuel 25:8)**
- **Accordingly David's young men came and spoke to Nabal in accord with all these words in the name of David and then waited. (1 Samuel 25:9)**
- **At this Nabal answered David's servants and said; Who is David, and who is the son of Jesse? Nowadays the servants that are breaking away, each one from before his master, have become many. (1 Samuel 25:10)**

- **And do I have to take my bread and my water and my slaughtered meat that I have butchered for my shearers and give it to men of whom I do not even know from where they are? (1 Samuel 25:11)**
- **This city is identified with Tell Ma`in, Horvat Ma`on Bi-Yehuda atop a high hill about 13 kilometers (8 miles) South-Southeast of Hebron.**