

~MEPHAATH (49)
(Meph'a-ath)

- A city originally assigned to the Reubenites but subsequently granted 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**)
- In Jeremiah's day, about eight centuries later, **Mephaath** was under Moabite control.
- And judgment itself has come to the land of level country, to Holon and to Jahaz and against **Mephaath**. (**Jeremiah 48:21**)
- And against Keriath and against Bozrah and against all the cities of the land of Moab, those far away and those near. (**Jeremiah 48:24**)

- It is possibly identified with **Tell Jawa**, about 11 kilometers (7 miles) South of `Amman or Rabbah. Nearby **Khirbet Nefa`a**, or **Qureiyat Nafi`** may preserve the ancient name.