

~PIRATHON (35)

(Pir'a-thon)[Pirathonite, Pir'a-thon-ite, Of, or belonging to, Pirathon]

- **Pirathon** was a town of Ephraim in the mountain of the Amalekite. Evidently an inhabitant of Pirathon was known as a **Pirathonite**, as were Hillel and, later, Benaiah, one of David's mighty men. Hillel's son Judge Abdon was buried there.
- And after him Abdon the son of Hillel the **Pirathonite** began to judge Israel. (**Judges 12:13**)
- Then Abdon the son of Hillel the **Pirathonite** died and was buried in Pirathon in the land of Ephraim in the mountain of the Amalekite. (**Judges 12:15**)
- These are the names of the mighty men that belonged to David; Josheb-basshebeth a Tahchemonite, the head of the three. He was brandishing his spear over eight hundred slain at one time. (**2 Samuel 23:8**)
- Benaiah a **Pirathonite**, Hiddai of the torrent valleys of Gaash. (**2 Samuel 23:30**)
- Ithai the son of Ribai of Gibeah of the sons of Benjamin, Benaiah the **Pirathonite**. (**1 Chronicles 11:31**)
- The eleventh for the eleventh month was Benaiah the **Pirathonite** of the sons of Ephraim, and in his division there were twenty-four thousand. (**1 Chronicles 27:14**)
- **Far`ata**, about 10 kilometers (6 miles) West of the suggested location for Shechem, has been suggested as a possible identification.