~TIMNAH 1 (91) (Tim'nah)

- A location at the boundary of Judah and Dan.
- And the lot of the tribe of the sons of Judah by their families came to be to the boundary of Edom, the wilderness of Zin, to the Negeb at its southern end. (Joshua 15:1)
- And the boundary went around from Baalah westward to Mount Seir and passed over to the slope of Mount Jearim at the north, that is to say, Chesalon, and it went down to Beth-shemesh and passed over to Timnah. (Joshua 15:10)
- It was for the tribe of the sons of Dan by their families that the seventh lot came out. (Joshua 19:40)
- And the border of their inheritance came to be Zorah and Eshtaol and Ir-shemesh. (Joshua 19:41)
- And Shaalabbin and Aijalon and Ithlah. (Joshua 19:42)
- And Elon and Timnah and Ekron. (Joshua 19:43)
- Some have identified it with a place preserving some similarity to the ancient name, Khirbet Tibnah, about 6 kilometers (3.5 miles) West of Beth-shemesh, but no archaeological remains earlier than Roman times have been found on the site.
- Many favor Tell el-Batashi, Tel Batash, about 7 kilometers (4.5 miles) West-Northwest of Beth-shemesh, situated on the South bank of the torrent valley of Sorek.
- Samson selected a Philistine woman of Timnah for marriage when looking for an opportunity against the Philistines, who then ruled over Israel. En route to the city, he killed a lion bare-handed at the vineyards of Timnah.
- Then Samson went down to Timnah and saw a woman in Timnah of the daughters of the Philistines. (Judges 14:1)
- So he went up and told his father and his mother and said; There

is a woman that I have seen in **Timnah** of the daughters of the Philistines, and now get her for me as a wife. (Judges 14:2)

- But his father and his mother said to him; Is there not among the daughters of your brothers and among all my people a woman, so that you are going to take a wife from the uncircumcised Philistines? Still Samson said to his father; Get just her for me, because she is the one just right in my eyes. (Judges 14:3)
- As for his father and his mother, they did not know that that was from Yehowah, that he was looking for an opportunity against the Philistines, as at that particular time the Philistines were ruling over Israel. (Judges 14:4)
- Accordingly Samson went on down with his father and his mother to Timnah. When he got as far as the vineyards of Timnah, why, look! A maned young lion roaring upon meeting him. (Judges 14:5)
- Then Yehowah's spirit became operative upon him, so that he tore it in two, just as someone tears a male kid in two, and there was nothing at all in his hand. And he did not tell his father or his mother what he had done. (Judges 14:6)
- In the time of King Ahaz, the Philistines captured Timnah and its dependent towns.
- At that time King Ahaz sent to the kings of Assyria for them to help him. (2 Chronicles 28:16)
- And once again the Edomites themselves came in and went striking down Judah and carrying off captives. (2 Chronicles 28:17)
- As for the Philistines, they made a raid upon the cities of the Shephelah and the Negeb of Judah and got to capture Bethshemesh and Aijalon and Gederoth and Soco and its dependent towns and Timnah and its dependent towns and Gimzo and its dependent towns, and they took up dwelling there. (2 Chronicles 28:18)
- For Yehowah humbled Judah on account of Ahaz the king of Israel, because he let unrestraint grow in Judah, and there was

an acting with great unfaithfulness toward Yehowah. (2 Chronicles 28:19)