

**~ZEBOIIM (126)**  
**(Ze-boi'im)**

- A site named in connection with the boundary of Canaanite territory.
- So the boundary of the Canaanite came to be from Sidon as far as Gerar, near Gaza, as far as Sodom and Gomorrah and Admah and **Zeboiim**, near Lasha. (**Genesis 10:19**)
- **Zeboiim** was one of the five city-states of the District that rebelled after 12 years of domination by Chedorlaomer.
- Its King Shemeber joined forces with the rulers of Sodom, Gomorrah, Admah, and Bela or Zoar, and apparently was vanquished with them in the Low Plain of Siddim by Chedorlaomer and his three confederates.
- This defeat resulted in the capture of Lot and in Abraham's subsequent victory over the invaders.
- Now it came about in the days of Amraphel king of Shinar, Arioch king of Ellasar, Chedorlaomer king of Elam, and Tidal king of Goiim. (**Genesis 14:1**)
- That these made war with Bera king of Sodom, and with Birsha king of Gomorrah, Shinab king of Admah, and Shemeber king of **Zeboiim**, and the king of Bela, that is to say, Zoar. (**Genesis 14:2**)
- All these marched as allies to the Low Plain of Siddim, that is, the Salt Sea. (**Genesis 14:3**)
- Twelve years they had served Chedorlaomer, but the thirteenth year they rebelled. (**Genesis 14:4**)
- And in the fourteenth year Chedorlaomer came, and also the kings who were with him, and they inflicted defeats on the Rephaim in Ashterothkarnaim, and the Zuzim in Ham, and the Emim in Shavehkiriathaim. (**Genesis 14:5**)
- And the Horites in their mountain of Seir, down to Elparan, which is at the wilderness. (**Genesis 14:6**)

- Then they turned about and came to Enmishpat, that is, Kadesh, and defeated the whole field of the Amalekites and also the Amorites who were dwelling in Hazazontamar. ([Genesis 14:7](#))
- At this point the king of Sodom went on the march, and also the king of Gomorrah and the king of Admah and the king of **Zeboiim** and the king of Bela, that is to say, Zoar, and they drew up in battle order against them in the Low Plain of Siddim. ([Genesis 14:8](#))
- Against Chedorlaomer king of Elam and Tidal king of Goiim and Amraphel king of Shinar and Arioch king of Ellasar, four kings against the five. ([Genesis 14:9](#))
- Now the Low Plain of Siddim was pits upon pits of bitumen, and the kings of Sodom and Gomorrah took to flight and went falling into them, and those who remained fled to the mountainous region. ([Genesis 14:10](#))
- Then the victors took all the goods of Sodom and Gomorrah and all their food and went on their way. ([Genesis 14:11](#))
- They also took Lot the son of Abram's brother and his goods and continued on their way. He was then dwelling in Sodom. ([Genesis 14:12](#))
- After that a man who had escaped came and told Abram the Hebrew. He was then tabernacling among the big trees of Mamre the Amorite, the brother of Eshcol and brother of Aner, and they were confederates of Abram. ([Genesis 14:13](#))
- Thus Abram got to hear that his brother had been taken captive. With that he mustered his trained men, three hundred and eighteen slaves born in his household, and went in pursuit up to Dan. ([Genesis 14:14](#))
- And by night he resorted to dividing his forces, he and his slaves, against them, and thus he defeated them and kept in pursuit of them up to Hobah, which is north of Damascus. ([Genesis 14:15](#))
- And he proceeded to recover all the goods, and he recovered also Lot his brother and his goods and also the women and the people. ([Genesis 14:16](#))

- Later, **Zeboiim** was one of the wicked cities of the District destroyed by Yehowah along with Sodom and Gomorrah.
- Then Yehowah made it rain sulphur and fire from Yehowah, from the heavens, upon Sodom and upon Gomorrah. (**Genesis 19:24**)
- So he went ahead overthrowing these cities, even the entire District and all the inhabitants of the cities and the plants of the ground. (**Genesis 19:25**)
- And the future generation, your sons who will rise up after you, will be bound to say, also the foreigner who will come from a distant land, even when they have seen the plagues of that land and its maladies with which Yehowah has sickened it. (**Deuteronomy 29:22**)
- Sulphur and salt and burning, so that its whole land will not be sown, nor sprout, nor will any vegetation spring up in it, like the overthrow of Sodom and Gomorrah, Admah and **Zeboiim**, which Yehowah overthrew in his anger and in his wrath. (**Deuteronomy 29:23**)
- How can I give you up, O Ephraim? How can I deliver you up, O Israel? How can I set you as Admah? How can I place you like **Zeboiim**? My heart has changed within me, at the same time my compassions have grown hot. (**Hosea 11:8**)
- Its exact site is unknown. Many scholars believe that the original site now lies beneath the waters of the Dead Sea, though some others have recently claimed that the ruins of the city may be identified with a site along one of the wadis to the Southeast of the Dead Sea.