

### ~ZIPH 3 (58)

- 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)
- Kain, Gibeah and Timnah, ten cities and their settlements. (Joshua 15:57)
- It is apparently the Ziph fathered by Mesha.
- And the sons of Caleb the brother of Jerahmeel were Mesha his firstborn, who was the father of Ziph, and the sons of Mareshah the father of Hebron. (1 Chronicles 2:42) [Psalms 54:Sup.]
- Geographers generally connect it with Tell Zif, some 6 kilometers (3.5 miles) Southeast of Hebron. David sought refuge from King Saul in the wilderness surrounding Ziph, and the men of the city twice revealed his whereabouts to the king.
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- Later the men of Ziph went up to Saul at Gibeah, saying; Is not David concealing himself close by us in the places difficult to approach at Horesh, on the hill of Hachilah, which is to the right side of Jeshimon? (1 Samuel 23:19)
- This Ziph apparently was the one later fortified by Rehoboam.

- **And Rehoboam continued to dwell in Jerusalem and proceeded to build fortified cities in Judah. (2 Chronicles 11:5)**
- **Thus he rebuilt Bethlehem and Etam and Tekoa. (2 Chronicles 11:6)**
- **And Beth-zur and Soco and Adullam. (2 Chronicles 11:7)**
- **And Gath and Mareshah and **Ziph**. (2 Chronicles 11:8)**