

**~ZORAH (80)**  
**(Zo'rah)**

- **A city in the Shephelah allotted to the tribe of Judah.**
- **This was the inheritance of the tribe of the sons of Judah by their families. (Joshua 15:20)**
- **In the Shephelah there were Eshtaol and Zorah and Ashnah. (Joshua 15:33)**
- **Situated on the boundary between Dan and Judah, it was inhabited by people of Dan.**
- **And the border of their inheritance came to be Zorah and Eshtaol and Ir-shemesh. (Joshua 19:41)**
- **This was the inheritance of the tribe of the sons of Dan by their families. These were the cities and their settlements. (Joshua 19:48)**
- **Eventually the sons of Dan sent five men of their family, men from among them, men who were valiant fellows, out from Zorah and Eshtaol, to spy out the land and to explore it. So they said to them; Go, explore the land. In time they came into the mountainous region of Ephraim as far as the house of Micah and got to spend the night there. (Judges 18:2)**
- **At length they came to their brothers at Zorah and Eshtaol, and their brothers began to say to them; How was it with you? (Judges 18:8)**
- **Then six hundred men girded with weapons of war, out of the family of the Danites, departed from there, that is, from Zorah and Eshtaol. (Judges 18:11)**
- **The Danite Samson was born at Zorah and was buried nearby.**
- **Meanwhile there happened to be a certain man of Zorah of the family of the Danites, and his name was Manoah. And his wife was barren and had borne no child. (Judges 13:2)**

- Later the woman gave birth to a son and called his name Samson, and the boy kept getting bigger, and Yehowah continued to bless him. (**Judges 13:24**)
- In time Yehowah's spirit started to impel him in Mahaneh-dan between **Zorah** and Eshtaol. (**Judges 13:25**)
- Later his brothers and all the household of his father came on down and lifted him up and brought him up and buried him between **Zorah** and Eshtaol in the burial place of Manoah his father. As for him, he had judged Israel twenty years. (**Judges 16:31**)
- The city was fortified by King Rehoboam, perhaps because of its strategic location about 25 kilometers (16 miles) West of Jerusalem.
- And Rehoboam continued to dwell in Jerusalem and proceeded to build fortified cities in Judah. (**2 Chronicles 11:5**)
- And **Zorah** and Aijalon and Hebron, fortified cities, which were in Judah and Benjamin. (**2 Chronicles 11:10**)
- **Zorah** was repopulated by some sons of Judah who returned from Babylonian exile.
- And as regards the settlements in their fields, there were some of the sons of Judah that dwelt in Kiriath-arba and its dependent towns and in Dibon and its dependent towns and in Jekabzeel and its settlements. (**Nehemiah 11:25**)
- And in En-rimmon and in **Zorah** and in Jarmuth. (**Nehemiah 11:29**)
- It is identified with present-day **Sar`ah**, **Tel Zor`a**, on the North side of what is suggested to be the Valley of Sorek.