

## Jezreel Valley

A triangle shaped valley 20 miles long and 14 miles wide on the east end. The International Highway from Egypt to Mesopotamia passed through this Valley and intersected the main road that ran from the Jordan Valley through Beth Shean to the Mediterranean Sea. Many important cities, mountains and events are located here: Mount Carmel, Mount



Gilboa, Mount Tabor, Mount Moreh, Jezreel, Megiddo, Beth Shan, Nain, Nazareth and more. See a list of the great battles of history fought in the Jezreel Valley on page 157 of this book.

**In the Bible Jos.17:16**, allotted to the tribe of Manasseh, but the inhabitants had iron chariots; **Jud.6:33-37; 7:1-25**, Gideon defeats the Midianites here after camping on Mount Gilboa while the Midianites camped on the Hill of Moreh; **1 Sam.29:1; 31:1-8**, Saul was killed on the SE end of the Valley on Mount Gilboa; **1 Kings 4:12**, Solomon places three cities of the Jezreel Valley (Beth Shean, Megiddo and Jezreel) under the leadership of Baana; **1 Kings 18:45-19:2**, Elijah outruns Ahab's chariot to Jezreel by running across the Jezreel Valley; **2 Kings 4:8-37**, Elisha raises the Shunammite's son back to life in Shunem in the Jezreel Valley; **2 Kings 9:14-37**, Jehu kills Joram, Ahaziah and Jezebel in Jezreel in the Valley; **2 Kings 23:29-30**, King Josiah is fatally wounded here trying to stop Pharaoh Neco from assisting the Assyrian army versus the Babylonians; **Zech.12:11**, weeping will be great like the weeping of Hadad Rimmon in the plain of Megiddo; **Luke 7:11-17**, Jesus raises the son of a woman from Nain back to life in the Jezreel Valley on the north edge of the Hill of Moreh; **Revelation 16:13-14**, 16, the location of a future battle known as Armageddon (Har Megiddo, "Hill of Megiddo")

