

## Moreh (Hill of Moreh)

Moreh sets in the middle of the eastern end of the Jezreel Valley. It is 1,700 ft. high, so it is not a mountain, but its height makes it a strategic position to view from the east any activity in the Valley towards the west and the International Highway that crosses. Four cities with biblical references set on the Hill or near it: Ophrah, Shunem, Endor, Nain.



Since the 'N' in Hebrew can be transferred to an 'L' in Arabic the ancient site of Shunem is today the modern city of Sulam. "Moreh" means "teacher" and some associate the name with the teaching ministries of Elijah and Elisha. So this could be called "the Hill of the Teacher." Mount Gilboa is 7 miles south.

**In the Bible:** **Jud.6:11, 24**, Gideon lived on the SW side of the Hill of Moreh in Ophrah, a city in the Jezreel Valley; **Jud.7:1**, the Midianites camped near the Hill of Moreh in the Jezreel Valley; **1 Sam.28:4-8**, the Philistines camped at the village of Shunem on the southern slope of the Hill of Moreh; **1Kg.1:3-4**, Abishag was from the village of Shunem and she was chosen take care of the aged King David in his final days; **2Kg.4:8-37**, Elisha often stayed with a wealthy woman and her husband in Shunem on the southern slope of Moreh. The woman provided a room for Elisha. Elisha promised the couple they would have a son. Late when that boy died, Elisha raised him back to life; **Luke 7:11-17**, Nain was on the northern slope of the Hill of Moreh. This is where Jesus raised a woman's son back to life.