

Mizpah

Mizpah is located between Gibeon to the SW and Bethel to the NE. Mizpah means “watch-tower” or “look-out.”

Today the it is Tell en-Hasbeh 8 miles north of Jerusalem (some consider it to be Nabi Samwil at Gibeon of God, 4 miles NW of Jerusalem.) Tell en-Hasbeh (ancient Mizpah) sets on an ancient road running from Jerusalem into the north hill country of Benjamin.



Excavation took place from 1926-1935 where 5,800 objects were collected.

In the Bible: **Judges 18:26**, allotted to Benjamin; **Judges 20-21**, Israelites met to make war against Benjamin due to their immoral crimes against the Levite’s concubine; **1 Samuel 7; 10:17**, a worship center during Samuel’s time; **1 Kings 15:22** and **2 Chron. 16:6**, King Asa took the building material out of Ramah, King Baasha’s city Israel and built Gaba and Mizpah; **2 Kings 25:23**, Nebuchadnezer of Babylon appointed Gedaliah to serve him as governor of Israel. Gedaliah resided in Mizpah where the captains and their troops reported to him;

2 Kings 25:25 and **Jeremiah 41:1, 3, 6, 10, 14, 16**, Ishmael came to Mizpah with 10 men and killed Gedaliah; **Hosea 5:1**, the priests and people of Israel are warned by God because they were a snare on Mizpah;

Jeremiah 40:10, 12, 13, Gedaliah promise to dwell in Mizpah; **Nehemiah 3:15**, Jerusalem’s Fountaiun Gate was repaired by Shallun the son of the one of the rulers of Mizpah; **Nehemiah 3:19** Ezer the son of the ruler of Mizpah repaired part of Jerusalem’s wall; **Nehemiah 3:7**, men from Mizpah helped repair Jerusalem. **Judas Maccabeus** gathered his troops at Mizpah before he met the Seleucids. Hellenistic pottery and coins matching this account have been found at Mizpah.