

# Beth-Shean



- A city of western Manasseh (**1 Chronicles 17:11**), though lying in within Issachar (**Joshua 17:11**), from which the Canaanites were not driven out (**Judges 1:27**).
- Located some fourteen miles south of the Sea of Galilee near the plain of Esdraelon but within the depression of Jordan.
- Here the Philistines fastened the corpses of Saul and his sons to the wall.
- **1 Samuel 31:10-12**
- During New Testament times it was a Roman city, one of the cities of the Decapolis (ten).
- Known as Scythopolis in the Decapolis.
- Only one of the ten cities of the Decapolis located west of the Jordan River.
- Modern excavations have revealed that the city has a long history from 3500 B.C. to Christian times.
- The name was well-known in Hebrews, Egyptian, and Akkadian texts from the fifteenth century onward.

