

Joshua 18:25

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Gibeon, and Ramah, and Beeroth,

Analysis

Gibeon, and Ramah, and Beeroth—The second city group begins with Gibeon, famous for the deceptive treaty (Joshua 9) and the sun-standing-still miracle (Joshua 10:12-14). Ramah ('height') became Samuel's hometown (1 Samuel 7:17). Beeroth ('wells') was one of the four Gibeonite cities (Joshua 9:17).

Each city carries story. Gibeon reminds of deception redeemed—Joshua honored the treaty despite trickery, showing covenant faithfulness. Ramah recalls Samuel's prophetic ministry. Geography and history interweave in God's kingdom. Places aren't neutral—they bear witness to divine acts and human responses.

Historical Context

Gibeon was a major Hivite city whose inhabitants saved themselves through cunning diplomacy. Archaeological excavations reveal a sophisticated water system at Gibeon. Ramah lay 5 miles north of Jerusalem on the main highway, making it strategically and commercially important.

Related Passages

James 2:17 — Faith and works

Hebrews 11:1 — Definition of faith

Study Questions

1. How has God redeemed deceptive or difficult situations in your past for His glory?
2. What stories do the 'places' in your spiritual journey tell about God's faithfulness?

Interlinear Text

וּבְאֵירוֹת: וְקִרְיַת הַגִּבְעֹן וְרָמָה
Gibeon **and Ramah** **and Beeroth**
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Additional Cross-References

Joshua 9:17 (Parallel theme): And the children of Israel journeyed, and came unto their cities on the third day. Now their cities were Gibeon, and Chephirah, and Beeroth, and Kirjath-jearim.

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