

KISHI

A prominent Mesopotamian town of the time of Hammurabi (c. 1750 B.C.). Evidently the names Kish and Alshi are derived from the same name, which appears in 1 Ch. 8 [10]. We need not correct Alshi into h̄-Alshi; the Chronicler may already have found the corrupt form Alshu, whence Alshi, in his document (see above). T. K. C.

KISHI (קִשִּׁ), 1 Ch. 6:11 [9], see KISH, 2. **KUSHAH**.

KISHION (קִשְׂיָן), cp. קִשְׂרָה, and see KISHON, end. **KECION** [B.], **KECION**; **KICION** [A.], **KECION** [L.], a Levitical city in the territory of Issachar (Josh. 19:21; 21:22 [where AV 'Kishion']). The parallel passage 1 Ch. 6:27 [72] has **KEDENIT** (קֵדֶן), which most critics (e.g., Kittel) treat as a corruption of Kishion.

The true reading, however, in Josh. and Ch. must surely be קִשְׂרָה. Whether this Kedem is an echo of Gadara, which is the name of a principality mentioned in Am. Tab. 267, and therefore of the Kitsum of the Palestinian name-list of Thutmose III, may be left open.

Mühlen identifies Kishion (Kidsum) with Tell Kersus, 6 m. SE. of Acre. Kishion being in Issachar, we shall do better to adopt Conder's identification of Kedesh (Kidsum) with Tell Abu Kudüs (see KEDESH, 2).

KISHON (קִשְׂנָה, **ke[ti]jewn** [BARTLE]), a torrent famous as the scene of the overthrow of the Canaanite coalition under Sisera (Judg. 4:7-21);² (cp. Ps. 83:8 [10], AV **KISON**; **KICCOW** [A.]), and also of the destruction of the prophets of Baal by Elijah (1 K. 18:4). It is also called the 'waters of Megiddo' (Judg. 5:19).

The Kishon (mod. *el Mukatta'*, 'ent') flows through the plain of Jezreel, nearly due NW. between Samaria and Galilee, and enters the Mediterranean in the lower extremity of the bay of Akka, on the E. of Jaffa. It is fed by the waters coming from Carmel, Gilbon, Hermon, and Tabor. Its exact source is uncertain; according to some it rises on the W. side of Mt. Tabor (cp. Jer. OS²⁰ 110:22, who speaks of its being near Tabor), whilst others prefer to place it near Jenin (see ENGANNA).

The battle in which Sisera was defeated must have taken place in the winter. In summer the Kishon is a diminutive and insignificant stream, but in winter it overflows, and floods the surrounding country, turning it into a morass. The fate of Sisera's army finds a parallel in the battle between the French and Turks near Tabor on April 16th, 1799, when many of the latter were drowned while attempting to pass the morass in their flight (cp. Burck, *Narr.* 339).

The district of the Kishon in olden times enjoyed an especial reputation for sanctity. North of it flowed the rivers Ac (i.e.,ahr Ibrahim) and Belus (Nahr Nāmān), both famous for their sacred character; and Mt. Carmel itself was a sacred mountain. Hence, just as the above-mentioned rivers are named after gods, it is very probable that the Kishon may derive its name, not from its

¹ These two names are identified by W. M. Müller, Sayce, and Flinders Petrie (*Hist. of Eg.* 2:23).

² In Judg. 4:21 the phrase 'the torrent Kishon' is followed immediately by the difficult words בְּצַרְפָּהָה. According to an improbable, but well-supported, ancient view, it was the name of a torrent distinct from the Kishon (אֲקִישָׁנָה אֲקִישָׁתָה) [A. Theod.], perhaps thinking of Kedesh in Issachar, cp. 'waters of Megiddo,' v. 19; so Kh. *Gesch.* 123, adopts בְּצַרְפָּהָה, i.e., the planet-gods viewed as givers of rain]; קָדְשָׁה [L.]; *torens Cadumim* [Vg.], cp. Pesh. and Ar.; קָדְשָׁוֹת [M.], see Field, *ad loc.* Among modern explanations may be mentioned (1) 'Stream of antiquity' (E.V., Bachmann, cp. ḥ' x' ἀρχαῖον, and the paraphrase of Targ.); (2) 'Onward-rushing stream' (G. A. Cooke, *Hist. and Song of Deborah*, 42; Ew., 'stream of boldness in attack'; a primitive personification); (3) 'stream of encounters' (Briggs, Köhler, after Ahlweil); (4) 'stream of the holy (i.e., divine ones)' (Klost., Mart., cp. Symm. ἅγιον πόρον). For a fifth view, for which בְּצַרְפָּהָה may also be referred to, see KADEFON, 2. Of these (1), (2), and (5) may be classed as historical, the plain of the Kishon having been a great battlefield, from the time of Thutmose III onwards, whilst (3) and (4) have such appropriateness as is involved in a reference to the circumstances of *this* battle, in the one case to the swollen condition of the torrent, in the other to the bloodshed which dyed the waters.

KNIFE

bending course (Ar. *khat*), but from the old god (i.e., Kish!) Ar. *Kata*. So WRS *Reb Sem* 29:170, n. 6, see KISH, 2.

a. (Josh. 21:29; RV *Kishion* q.v.), s. V. C.

KISS (קִשׁ), φίλεσθαι καταφίλεσθαι φίλημα σε συνάντησης.

KITE (קִשְׂרָה), perhaps homomorphous with *Lev. 11:14; ad loc.* (Isaac, yoh), Lev. 11:14; 14:12; 14:28; where AV renders by *VULTURE*, RV always *FALCON*.

a. (Gen. 1:20; Isr. 14:1; yoh; Lev. 11:14), AV *VULTURE*. The Red Kite, *Milvus leucopterus*, is common in Palestine in winter, but during the summer mainly gives place to the Black Kite, *M. migrans* (Linnæus), which returns from the S., this species is less harmful to poultry, etc., lives more on carrion and fish, and is a welcome guest. *M. migrans*, the Egyptian kite, is curious, but less abundant; as does *Elanus caeruleus*, the black-winged kite, a singularly beautiful bird which strays from Africa.

b. (Ex. 27:2, *dareykh*; Gen. 14:13; Is. 31:15), AV *VULTURES*, *VULTURES*. See above (a). A. E. S.

KITHLISH, RV **CHITHLISH** (קִתְלִישׁ), **ΜΑΔΙΧΟ** [B.], **ΚΑΘΛΙΣΙ** [L.], apparently a place in the land of Judah (Josh. 15:45).

Probably the name is a corruption of **ΕΝΩΣ**, **ΕΛΑΜΙΑΣ** (q.v. which precedes). The geographical lists of P. are sometimes expanded by the insertion of variants or corruptions.

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KITRON (קִטְרָה), **κεδρών** [BL.], **χεβ.** [A.], unidentified place in the nominal territory of Zebulun tributary to Israel (Judg. 1:31). From a comparison with Josh. 15:13, it appears that **KATHLYTH** (rather perhaps Kathrath) was the same place as Kitron. See KARTATH.

A Talmudic doctor (Gag. 6:2) identifies Kitron with Zippori (i.e., Sepphoris the modern Safed), and the etymology *Mitrah* attached to the latter name gives no adequate reason for rejecting this view, which may be correct. At any rate there is no finer site than Sepphoris in the neighbourhood marked out by the context (See Rob. *BK* 3:201; Baed. 26:27).

KITTIM (קִטִּים), AV except; in Gen. and Chron.; incorrectly Ch. 1:11; סִטִּים, so usually, but סִטְמָה in Jer. 2:10; Bab. MSS and Ke. Palest. of Is. 23:12, and in Bab. MSS Ezek. 27:6, in which last the Palestinian reading is סִטְמָה; reads *terram*, Euseb. 27:6 [10]; but *terram*, ib. [10Q], cp. Jer. 2: [B. Agg. 1 Ch. 17:1], 1 Mac. 1:1 [ARV1]; or, Jer. 2: [K.], *κύπρος*, Gen. 10:4 [M.], 1 Ch. 1:2 [A. ed. 1], *κύπρος*, Gen. 2:12 [C.], 1 B.A. 4, cp. [for στήματα, with various terminations] 2:1:2 [πορπόρα, M. Dan. II, 10] Theod. BAQ², Q² prefixes *κύπρια*, for 87 see below], Num. 2:4 [1 Mac. 8:5]. The Phoenician is *πότα* or *πότη*.

One of the sons of Javan (Gen. 10:1; Ch. 17). Also in six other passages—none of them very early (but 2:31:12 see GEOGRAPHY, § 14). In Ezek. 27:6 we find סִטִּים, i.e., Cyprus and other islands of the Mediterranean, among the traders of Tyre. The identification with Cyprus in all these is satisfactory (see CYPRUS). The name Kittim is usually derived from the Phoenician city **Kition** (Larnakai), on the SE. shore of the island. According to Max Müller, however (As. u. Eur. 345), it is a loan-word, originally = *Ghattites*, *Khattites* = *Hittites*. From this the city Kittithion is supposed to have derived its name; this implies that Kittithion was not a Phoenician city.

There is a strange reference to Kittim in Nu. 24:24 (not very early; see BALAAM, § 6). In Jer. 2:10 סִטִּים 'is' is used for the western regions in general (opposed to Kedar the East), and סִטִּים in Dan. II, 10 (see Bevan) has a specific reference to Cyprus (Θα καὶ γῆνος ψυχῶν [87]), as in 1 Mac. 1:1 (Cypriani, RV *Cyprini*) 8:5 (AV *Cyprus*) it is explicitly used of the Macedonians.

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KNEADING-TROUGH (תְּמִימָה), *mit'sbreth*; סִתְמָה, 'pan'?: Ex. 8:3 [7:28] 12:34, also Dt. 28:5 [17] RV; οὐράνια in Ex. 10:8 [7:28] [see Field], ἐγκατάσθιμα [B.], καταστάσθι [L. in Dt.]. See BREAD, § 1; COOKING UTENSILS, § 3.

KNEELING (תְּמִימָה; τόνυπτετω). See SALUTATIONS.

KNIFE. Five words are rendered 'knife' in EV: 1. תְּמִימָה, *ma'akeleth* (מַחְאָה) [B.], *ρουφία* [B.], but in Pro-