

**Event 10: Ben-hadad's New Markets**

1 Kings 15:16-24 provides the background for event 10 - Ben-hadad's invasion from Damascus into the heart of Israel's territory in Galilee. Ben-hadad of Damascus invaded the Hazor Highway. This gave Damascus control of a major north-south imperial highway and its junctions for east-west routes from Transjordan to ports in Phoenicia. This invasion of Damascus into northern Israel during the early ninth century B.C. illustrates the importance of the Hazor Highway as a gateway into the Land Between. In our day the struggle between Syria and Israel follows the same pattern except that various wars have been fought in the regions of Upper and Lower Golan.