

Event 12: Thutmose's Triumph

Thutmose III and his troops had just completed their coastal campaign, and was at Yaham. Three routes lay before them for their next move: (1) the southern Dothan Pass (which also led to Taanach),

(2) the northern Jokneam Pass (toward Zephath and Jokneam), or (3) the direct but much more dangerous Aruna-Megiddo Pass. The Canaanite forces gathered at Megiddo did not think that the Egyptian chariots would venture through the narrow Aruna-Megiddo pass. They placed their camps in the valley at the two other approaches: at Taanach to the south and somewhere north of Megiddo but south of Jokneam. Thutmose III proceeded through the Aruna-Megiddo Pass, and his forces had time to regroup on the plain before the Canaanites could rush their men and equipment back to Megiddo. The Egyptians won the battle.