CHAPTER ELEVEN

WADI EL-FAR‘AH

LANDSCAPE UNIT 19

A deep wadi in the Samaria area, by W. H. Bartlett
Site 150: 18 – 18/28/1

**Burj el-Far‘ah (on SWP map: Burj el Farah)**

Israel grid: 1829 1883  
UTM grid: 7206 5750  
Elevation: 195 m a.s.l., 50 m a.s.a.  
Name type: on map as ancient site  
Site type: tell and fortress  
Area: 8 dunams (2 acres)  
Topography: ridge  
Rock type: Judah formation  
Soil type: terra rossa and alluvium; quality: 6  
Cultivation: field crops  
Cisterns: 3  
Nearest water source: spring (‘Ain el-Far‘ah, no. 85), 0.5 km distant  
Nearest road: Far‘ah – Qabatiyeh junction (B5), 0.5 km distant  
Visibility: 3  
Dec. 10, 1982; 41 shards

**A tell and a fortress at the edge of a narrow ridge, whose steep slopes descend into Wadi el-Far‘ah. The site is located about 1 km east of Tel el-Far‘ah.**

The fortress stands on a small tell whose terraces have been preserved until today. Only the northern part of the ridge is attached to its environs. On the southern edge there is a relatively well-preserved medieval fortress, 25x30 m in size and

334. The tell and fortress at Burj el-Far‘ah, looking northwest. Note the prominent wall, the fortified place, and the moat. 1993.