

NOTES ON THE FALLAHEEN LOWER QUARTER (EL HARAH ET-TEHTAH):



Fig.4.45: Location of the lower quarter

- Lower quarter houses
- Courtyards of houses
- Sacred tombs
- Communal oil press
- Communal cemetery

The fallaheen areas included two major quarters: the shu'aibi quarter and the fallaheen lower quarter, in addition to the two small Misshel and Halabieh quarters (see page 85). Having so far compared at length the built-space of the Barghouthi and Shu'aibi (fallaheen) clans, I will now only summarize the most prominent spatial features that characterized the fallaheen lower quarter:

1. Unlike both the Barghouthi and the Shu'aibi quarters which were inhabited by members of two clans of a homogenous origin, the lower quarter was inhabited descendents of three different descent groups (if we except the small and marginal al-Khatib family): the Rabi group (which was the biggest and the most prominent), the Nasir, the 'Adi. These three clans (particularly the Rabi and the 'Adi) intermarried from one another, and from the rest of the fallaheen clans. Despite distinctions of descent those families were