

~BEZEK 2 (37)
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- The location where Saul assembled the sons of Israel and Judah to fight against the Ammonites who were camped against Jabesh in Gilead.
- Then he took the sum of them in **Bezek**, and the sons of Israel amounted to three hundred thousand, and the men of Judah thirty thousand. (**1 Samuel 11:8**)
- They now said to the messengers that had come; This is what you will say to the men of Jabesh in Gilead, Tomorrow salvation will take place for you when the sun gets hot. With that the messengers came and told the men of Jabesh, and they gave way to rejoicing. (**1 Samuel 11:9**)
- Accordingly the men of Jabesh said; Tomorrow we shall come out to you people, and you must do to us in harmony with all that is good in your eyes. (**1 Samuel 11:10**)
- And it came about on the next day that Saul proceeded to put the people into three bands, and they made their way into the middle of the camp during the morning watch and went striking down the Ammonites till the day grew hot. When there proved to be some that were left over, then they were sent scattering and there were not left over among them two together. (**1 Samuel 11:11**)
- The fact that this place was no more than a nights march from Jabesh substantiates the view that it was located at the modern site of Khirbet Ibziq, 21 kilometers (13 miles) Northeast of Shechem. A mountain West of **Khirbet Ibziq** rises 713 meters (2,339 feet) above sea level and may have provided a suitable place for Saul to gather his forces.