

**~EGLON 2 (88)**  
**(Eg'lon) [Little Calf]**

- A royal Canaanite city whose king joined a confederacy against Gibeon when that city made peace with Joshua and Israel. Joshua slew the five kings involved, hung them on stakes, and later conquered **Eglon**, devoting its inhabitants to destruction.
- And it came about that as soon as Adonizedek the king of Jerusalem heard that Joshua had captured Ai and then devoted it to destruction, that just as he had done to Jericho and its king, so he had done to Ai and its king, and that the inhabitants of Gibeon had made peace with Israel and were continuing in their midst. (**Joshua 10:1**)
- He became very much afraid, because Gibeon was a great city, like one of the royal cities, and because it was greater than Ai, and all its men were mighty ones. (**Joshua 10:2**)
- Consequently Adoni-zedek the king of Jerusalem sent to Hoham the king of Hebron and to Piram the king of Jarmuth and to Japhia the king of Lachish and to Debir the king of **Eglon**, saying; (**Joshua 10:3**)
- Come up to me and help me and let us strike Gibeon, because it has made peace with Joshua and the sons of Israel. (**Joshua 10:4**)
- At this they gathered together and went on up, five kings of the Amorites, the king of Jerusalem, the king of Hebron, the king of Jarmuth, the king of Lachish, the king of **Eglon**, these and all their camps, and they proceeded to camp against Gibeon and to war against it. (**Joshua 10:5**)
- Then Joshua said; Open the mouth of the cave and bring out these five kings from the cave to me. (**Joshua 10:22**)
- At that they did so and brought out to him from the cave these five kings, the king of Jerusalem, the king of Hebron, the king of Jarmuth, the king of Lachish, the king of **Eglon**. (**Joshua 10:23**)
- And it came about that as soon as they had brought out these

- kings to Joshua, Joshua proceeded to call all the men of Israel and to say to the commanders of the men of war that had gone with him; Come forward. Place your feet on the back of the necks of these kings. So they came forward and placed their feet on the back of their necks. (Joshua 10:24)
- And Joshua went on to say to them; Do not be afraid or be terrified. Be courageous and strong, for it is like this that Yehowah will do to all your enemies against whom you are warring. (Joshua 10:25)
  - And after that Joshua proceeded to strike them and put them to death and hang them upon five stakes, and they continued hanging upon the stakes until the evening. (Joshua 10:26)
  - And it came about that at the time of the setting of the sun Joshua commanded, and they went taking them down off the stakes and throwing them into the cave where they had hid themselves. Then they placed big stones at the mouth of the cave, until this very day. (Joshua 10:27)
  - Then Joshua and all Israel with him passed on from Lachish to **Eglon** and went camping against it and warring against it. (Joshua 10:34)
  - And they got to capture it on that day and began to smite it with the edge of the sword, and they devoted every soul that was in it to destruction on that day, according to all that they had done to Lachish. (Joshua 10:35)
  - The king of **Eglon**, one. The king of Gezer, one. (Joshua 12:12)
  - It was thereafter included in the territory of the tribe of Judah.
  - Lachish and Bozkath and **Eglon**. (Joshua 15:39)
  - The original site is believed to be found at **Tell el-Hesi**, about 25 kilometers (16 miles) East-northeast of Gaza, and about 11 kilometers (7 miles) West of the site of Lachish, and thus near the edge of the Plains of Philistia. The ancient name, however, is preserved at the ruins of **Khirbet `Ajlan**, a few miles distant.