

~EKRON (115) (Ek'ron)

- A leading Philistine city, apparently the northernmost seat of one of their five axis lords.
- From the branch of the Nile that is in front of Egypt and up to the border of **Ekron** to the north, it used to be reckoned as belonging to the Canaanites, five axis lords of the Philistines, the Gazites and the Ashdodites, the Ashkelonites, the Gittites and the Ekronites, and the Avvim. (**Joshua 13:3**)
- Its exact position is uncertain, but it is generally identified with **Khirbet el-Muqanna`**, **Tel Miqne**, about 18 kilometers (11 miles) East of Ashdod. Recent excavation there has unearthed the largest city of its period and gives it current preference as the site of **Ekron**.
- **Ekron's** history is one of constantly changing domination. Joshua's conquest did not include **Ekron**. It was not until later that the Judeans captured it.
- This is the land yet remaining, all the regions of the Philistines and all the Geshurites (**Joshua 13:2**)
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- After that Judah captured Gaza and its territory and Ashkelon and its territory and **Ekron** and its territory. (**Judges 1:18**)
- In the initial division of the Promised Land, **Ekron** was on the border between Judah and Dan but within the tribe of Judah.
- And the lot of the tribe of the sons of Judah by their families came to be to the boundary of Edom, the wilderness of Zin, to the Negeb at its southern end. (**Joshua 15:1**)
- And the boundary went out to the slope of **Ekron** to the north, and the boundary was marked out to Shikkeron and passed over

to Mount Baalah and went out to Jabneel, and the boundary's termination proved to be at the sea. ([Joshua 15:11](#))

- **Ekron** and its dependent towns and its settlements. ([Joshua 15:45](#))
- From **Ekron** westward all that is alongside Ashdod and their settlements. ([Joshua 15:46](#))
- It was for the tribe of the sons of Dan by their families that the seventh lot came out. ([Joshua 19:40](#))
- And the border of their inheritance came to be Zorah and Eshtaol and Ir-shemesh. ([Joshua 19:41](#))
- And Shaalabbin and Aijalon and Ithlah. ([Joshua 19:42](#))
- And Elon and Timnah and **Ekron**. ([Joshua 19:43](#))
- By the time the Philistines captured the ark of the covenant, **Ekron** was back in their possession. The presence of the Ark caused a death-dealing confusion to break out in this city, and it was from **Ekron** that the Ark was finally sent back to the Jews.
- Hence they sent the ark of the true God to **Ekron**. And it came about that as soon as the ark of the true God came to **Ekron**, the **Ekronites** began to cry out, saying; They have brought the ark of the God of Israel around to me to put me and my people to death! ([1 Samuel 5:10](#))
- Consequently they sent and gathered all the axis lords of the Philistines and said; Send the ark of the God of Israel away that it may return to its place and may not put me and my people to death. For a death-dealing confusion had occurred in the whole city, the hand of the true God had been very heavy there. ([1 Samuel 5:11](#))
- And the men that did not die had been struck with piles. And the cry of the city for help kept ascending to the heavens. ([1 Samuel 5:12](#))
- And the five axis lords of the Philistines themselves saw it and went their way back to **Ekron** on that day. ([1 Samuel 6:16](#))

- Now these are the golden piles that the Philistines returned as a guilt offering to Yehowah, for Ashdod one, for Gaza one, for Ashkelon one, for Gath one, for **Ekron** one. (**1 Samuel 6:17**)
- After another period under Israelite control, the Philistines apparently again had **Ekron** at the time David slew Goliath.
- And the cities that the Philistines had taken from Israel kept coming back to Israel from **Ekron** to Gath, and the territory of them Israel delivered from the hand of the Philistines. And there came to be peace between Israel and the Amorites. (**1 Samuel 7:14**)
- At that the men of Israel and of Judah rose and broke into shouting and went in pursuit of the Philistines clear to the valley and as far as the gates of **Ekron**, and the fatally wounded of the Philistines kept falling on the way from Shaaraim, both as far as Gath and as far as Ekron. (**1 Samuel 17:52**)
- It was in the early **Tenth Century B.C.E.** that Pharaoh Shishak of Egypt claimed to have taken **Ekron**. Some two centuries later, according to Sennacherib's annals, **Ekron's** King Padi was loyal to the Assyrians.