

**~EPHES-DAMMIM (57)**  
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- **The camping site of the Philistines between Socoh and Azekah, from which point Goliath strode out to mock the battle lines of Israel.**
- **And the Philistines went collecting their camps together for war. When they were collected together at Socoh, which belongs to Judah, then they took up camping between Socoh and Azekah, in Ephes-dammim. (1 Samuel 17:1)**
- **And a champion began to go out from the camps of the Philistines, his name being Goliath, from Gath, his height being six cubits and a span. (1 Samuel 17:4)**
- **And there was a helmet of copper on his head, and he was clad with a coat of mail, of overlapping scales, and the weight of the coat of mail was five thousand shekels of copper. (1 Samuel 17:5)**
- **And there were greaves of copper above his feet and a javelin of copper between his shoulders. (1 Samuel 17:6)**
- **And the wooden shaft of his spear was like the beam of loom workers, and the blade of his spear was six hundred shekels of iron, and the bearer of the large shield was marching ahead of him. (1 Samuel 17:7)**
- **Then he stood still and began to call to the battle lines of Israel and say to them; Why do you come out to draw up in battle formation? Am I not the Philistine and you servants belonging to Saul? Choose a man for yourselves, and let him come down to me. (1 Samuel 17:8)**
- **If he is able to fight with me and he does strike me down, we must then become servants to you. But if I myself am a match for him and I do strike him down, you must also become servants to us, and you must serve us. (1 Samuel 17:9)**
- **And the Philistine went on to say; I myself do taunt the battle lines of Israel this day. Give me a man, and let us fight together! (1 Samuel 17:10)**

- **Ephes-dammim** is apparently the same as **Pas-dammim**, mentioned at;
- He it was that happened to be with David at **Pas-dammim**, where the Philistines had gathered themselves together for war. Now there happened to be a tract of the field full of barley, and the people, for their part, had fled because of the Philistines. (**1 Chronicles 11:13**)
- Its location today is uncertain.