

~HELAM (37)
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- The site where David's army defeated the military forces of Syrian King Hadadezer under his army chief Shobach.
- When the Syrians saw that they had been defeated before Israel, they proceeded to gather themselves together. (2 Samuel 10:15)
- So Hadadezer sent and brought out the Syrians that were in the region of the River, and then they came to **Helam**, with Shobach the chief of the army of Hadadezer before them. (2 Samuel 10:16)
- When the report was made to David, he immediately gathered all Israel and crossed the Jordan and came to **Helam**. The Syrians now drew up in formation to meet David and began to fight against him. (2 Samuel 10:17)
- And the Syrians took to flight from before Israel, and David got to kill of the Syrians seven hundred charioteers and forty thousand horsemen, and Shobach the chief of their army he struck down so that he died there. (2 Samuel 10:18)
- When all the kings, the servants of Hadadezer, saw that they had been defeated before Israel, they promptly made peace with Israel and began to serve them, and the Syrians were afraid to try saving the sons of Ammon anymore. (2 Samuel 10:19)
- Some scholars link it with Alema mentioned in the Apocryphal book of [First Maccabees 5:26, JB]. It may thus be the same as modern **`Alma**, about 55 kilometers (34 miles) due East of the Sea of Galilee.